

Price Sources Explained

Here we will describe some of the Price Sources referenced on the [Custom Strings](#) page in more detail.

Price Sources will return a numerical quantity in gold/silver/copper, and can be split between **external** and **internal** sources. External sources are provided by and/or calculated by TradeSkillMaster, such as **DBMarket** or **DBRegionSaleAvg** from AuctionDB, and internal sources are derived or calculated from other configurations and activity you have set or recorded in the addon, such as **crafting** or **avgbuy**.

TSM Accounting

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avgBuy (Avg Buy Price)
avgSell (Avg Sell Price)
maxBuy (Max Buy Price)
maxSell (Max Sell Price)
minBuy (Min Buy Price)
minSell (Min Sell Price)
SmartAvgBuy (Smart Avg Sell Price)
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From TSM Accounting, **avgBuy** and **avgSell** will return the average price for all purchases and sales for a particular item, respectively. In TSM 4.10, the 'Smart Averages' option has been retired in favour of a new Price Source you can reference separately and independently: **SmartAvgBuy** - This will return your average purchase price across your last x purchases of the item, where x is the quantity of the item you currently possess. If you do not possess the item then **SmartAvgBuy** will be invalid.

minBuy and **maxBuy** are the minimum and maximum price you've purchased an item for in your Accounting data. Conversely, **minSell** and **maxSell** are the minimum and maximum price you've sold an item for in your Accounting data.

TSM Crafting

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Crafting (Crafting Cost)
matPrice (Crafting Material Cost)
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From the TSM Crafting module, the **Crafting** cost of an item is the sum of the material prices (**matPrice**) of each individual item used to craft the recipe. You can change how **matPrice** is calculated by default in your Crafting options under 'Default Price Settings', you can also change the individual **matPrice** for items in the Materials tab of your Crafting page. An item can only have a **matPrice** if you have a recipe that uses the item as a material. You can not reference the **Crafting** cost of an item if you do not have the recipe.

TSM Core

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Destroy (Destroy Value)
vendorBuy (Buy from Vendor)
vendorSell (Sell to Vendor)
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A particular items **Destroy** value is the value of the items you would receive by destroying it, on average. Destroying an item can be done by milling, prospecting or disenchanting it. By default, the **Destroy** value is calculated with the **DBMarket** values of the items you would receive, you can change this in your Tooltip Options.

vendorSell is the value of a particular item when you sell it to a vendor. **vendorBuy** is the cost of a particular item you can purchase from a vendor. Note that **vendorBuy** is only populated for a particular item when you visit a vendor that can sell it.

TSM Operations

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AuctioningOpMax (First Auctioning Operation Max Price)
AuctioningOpMin (First Auctioning Operation Min Price)
AuctioningOpNormal (First Auctioning Operation Normal Price)
ShoppingOpMax (Shopping Operation Max Price)
SniperOpMax (Sniper Operation Below Price)
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Introduced in TSM 4.10, these Value Sources are generated by the Operations applied to your Groups. From the first Auctioning Operation assigned to your group, **AuctioningOpMax**, **AuctioningOpMin**, and **AuctioningOpNormal** will return a numerical quantity in gold of the Maximum, Minimum, and Normal post price, respectively. Similarly, **shoppingOpMax** and **sniperOpMax** will return a gold numerical quantity of the Maximum Shopping Price and the Maximum Sniper Price from the Shopping and Sniper operation, respectively, assigned to your group.

TSM AuctionDB has several sources that offer item values in reference to your specific realm and your region.

TSM AuctionDB - Realm

DBMinBuyout (AuctionDB - Minimum Buyout)
DBMarket (AuctionDB - Market Value)
DBHistorical (AuctionDB - Historical Price)

DBMinBuyout is the lowest priced auction on your realms Auction House, as of the last pricing update processed from Blizzard's Auction House API. This value is not 'real-time', your pricing data may be 30 minutes or older before the next pricing update. If an auction is posted between pricing updates, this value does not get updated with the new lowest priced auction until the next pricing update. If there are no auctions for a particular item on your realms Auction House, **DBMinBuyout** could be an invalid price source.

DBMarket is a weighted 14-day average of the auctions listed for a particular item on your realms Auction House, favoring the most recent 3 days of pricing data. It is explained in much more detail on the [AuctionDB Market Value](#) page. Note this value does not indicate what an item will sell for, only what the item is currently being listed for on your realms Auction House.

DBHistorical is a 60 day average of the **DBMarket** value for a particular item on your realms Auction House.

TSM AuctionDB - Region

DBRegionMinBuyoutAvg (AuctionDB - Region Minimum Buyout Average)
DBRegionMarketAvg (AuctionDB - Region Market Value Average)
DBRegionHistorical (AuctionDB - Region Historical Price)
DBRegionSaleAvg (AuctionDB - Region Sale Average)

DBRegionMinBuyoutAvg is the average of **DBMinBuyout** across all the realms in your region for a particular item, as of the last pricing update processed from Blizzard's Auction House API.

DBRegionMarketAvg is the average of **DBMarket** across all the realms in your region for a particular item.

DBRegionHistorical is a 60 day average of **DBRegionMarketAvg** for a particular item in your region.

DBRegionSaleAvg is the average sale and purchase price for a particular item in your region. This data is collected from TSM Accounting data via the TSM Desktop Application.