

# Value Sources Explained

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

Value Sources will return a positive integer or a decimal number, and can also be split between **external** and **internal** sources. External sources are provided by and/or calculated by TradeSkillMaster, such as **DBRegionSaleRate** from AuctionDB or the **RequiredLevel** of an item, and internal sources are derived or calculated from other activity you have recorded in the addon, such as **NumExpires** or **NumInventory**.

## TSM Accounting

NumExpires (Expires Since Last Sale)  
SaleRate (Sale Rate)

From TSM Accounting, **NumExpires** will return an integer for the number of times an item has expired or been cancelled from the Auction House since the last time it was sold. **SaleRate** will return a decimal number that shows your personal Sale Rate of an item i.e a **saleRate** of 0.4 indicates an item has sold for you 40% of the time you have posted it.

## TSM Core

ItemLevel (Item Level)  
ItemQuality (Item Quality)  
RequiredLevel (Required Level)  
NumInventory (Total Inventory Quantity)

From TSM Core, there are three Value Sources available to reference the **ItemLevel**, **ItemQuality** and **RequiredLevel** of a particular item. **NumInventory** will return an integer indicating the number of an item you currently possess.

## TSM AuctionDB

DBRegionSaleRate (AuctionDB - Region Sale Rate (via TSM App))  
DBRegionSoldPerDay (AuctionDB - Region Sold Per Day (via TSM App))

From TSM AuctionDB, **DBRegionSaleRate** will return a decimal number that indicates the Sale Rate of a particular item averaged across all Auction Houses in your Region i.e a **DBRegionSaleRate** of 0.4 indicates an item will sell on average 40% of the times it is posted per Auction House in your Region. **DBRegionSoldPerDay** will return a decimal number indicating the volume of an item that is sold on average per Auction House per day in your Region.