

Macintosh Learning Center

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Do you invest in common stocks ???

As a long time investor in common stocks, and monthly LC column writer, I recently had a thought about mentioning one of the most useful online programs offered to investors... and it is available without any cost to you.

The website I have been using for years is

YAHOO! FINANCE

It is supported by the search engine **YAHOO!** and, for obvious security reasons, requires that you set up a **My Yahoo!** account. Once registered and signed on, you can arrange to have access without the need to sign on & off.

In fact, you could make **your portfolio** your opening **Home page** and see your portfolio's **Performance** whenever connecting online. This can provide **timely quotes** showing a **Gain or Loss** for your investment(s). These quotes are **delayed** about 15-20 minutes, however, a **Real-Time quote** is available (*no charge*) when you click on **Real-Time** tab.

Views: **Performance** Edit CHARTIST | Real-Time | Detailed | New View

Symbol	Trade	Change	Price Paid	Gain/Loss	Shrs	Holdings Value	Name
SCHW	17.90	↑ 0.06	16.40	↑ \$1,500.00	1,000	\$17,900.00	The Charles Schwab Corporation
WFC	20.49	↓ 0.91	19.20	↑ \$1,290.00	1,000	\$20,490.00	WELLS FARGO & CO NEW
MRVL	10.4802	↑ 0.0702	8.50	↑ \$1,980.20	1,000	\$10,480.20	Marvell Technology Group, Ltd.
Total				↑ \$4,770.20		\$48,870.20	

Also, **Real-Time quote & Summary details** are available for individual stocks when you click on **underlined** symbol... such as: **WFC**

WELLS FARGO & CO NEW (NYSE: WFC)
Real-Time: 20.47 -0.93 (-4.35%) 12:54pm ET

Last Trade:	20.56	Day's Range:	20.30 - 21.23
Trade Time:	12:39pm ET	52wk Range:	7.80 - 44.75
Change:	↓ 0.84 (3.93%)	Volume:	69,894,173
Prev Close:	21.40	Avg Vol (3m):	168,703,000
Open:	20.46	Market Cap:	87.61B
Bid:	N/A	P/E (ttm):	27.05
Ask:	N/A	EPS (ttm):	0.76
1y Target Est:	21.65	Div & Yield:	1.36 (6.40%)

Since greed and fear are probably the two main influences in a stock investor's life, I like to keep track of profits and losses on a **daily basis** and that is why I have suggested making your portfolio your Home page.

If you are visiting the **Finance** section for the first time you may find it overwhelming. It does offer a great deal of information for anyone doing investment research.

Because of this, my intent today is to simply bring the website to your attention. I have used some of these investor tools for many years... I will refer to just a few that are helpful to me, and may be to you as well.

When you ask for a quote a window will open showing you the details and a **sidebar** listing **single click access** to more info about the company.

Click **Analyst Opinion** to see what the pro's think. Click on **Key Statistics** to see info re **Dividend** amount, pay date. **Historical Prices** can also show you the **Dividends paid** over a specified time period.

You may find many other sources for investor information, possibly including your own **brokerage online**, however, most of my needs for:

- maintaining a Gain/Loss **portfolio**
- studying **charts**
- understanding a company's **Profile**
- getting timely **quote info**
- reading **news releases...**

are satisfied using **YAHOO! FINANCE**.

More On WFC

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