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Thread: [\[Specialists\] Q&A: Need help? Curious? Ask away!](#)

Enronitis - June 23, 2014, 8:28 am

Seeing a lot more activity in this section in terms of stocks.

Tons of people seem to be interested in investing; something which I fully support.

So. This thread will serve as a mega Q&A for old and new investors alike, anyone can ask anything regarding stocks whether it be opinion of a certain stock, advice on getting started, whatever.

I'll do my best to answer every question, and I'm sure some other members here will help out as well.

Let's get this started!

kbkasey - June 23, 2014, 8:37 am

First question:

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That's one way to think of it, yes.

You're investing in something which essentially represents an existing index. (S&P500 fairly commonly.)

You can buy and sell Index funds as you do with stocks, but Index funds are generally referred to as a passive investing scheme. People for the most part will buy, and hold an index fund for years as a fairly inexpensive way of growing your wealth.

If your plan was to simply buy/sell them consistently you would ring up fairly exorbitant costs as depending on your brokerage, you may be charged a fairly high commission for each buy/sell action you take.

There's also ETFs, (Exchange-Traded fund) which are fairly similar to Index funds except they're traded more frequently, and are cheaper for the most part.

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Shvrky - June 23, 2014, 10:08 am

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Enronitis - June 23, 2014, 10:20 am

(Jun 23, 2014 10:08 AM)Shvrky Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) do you know any sites that educate trading? really interested.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4298245>

List of websites which may be useful to you

Mr. Bonsai - June 23, 2014, 10:24 am

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EDIT

If you want a full list of my investments, prior and current I can provide that for you later today

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[Source](#)

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Having a tad trouble understanding what you mean;

Basically, each year the money you invested will (generally) increase by (X) percent.

Then that money, say \$1100, will increase by the following years (X) percent.

Each year, it gains more and more until you decide to take that money out.

DragonBook - June 23, 2014, 7:14 pm

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A whole lot.

On average, I'd say I spend about 3-4 hours on week-days keeping updated on my current portfolio(Press releases, News of any sort, competitors who've come into play, chart changes, volume changes, etc.)

I also spend some of that time looking for new investments, industries, etc to get into. I'm always interested in getting into the next big thing as soon as I can.

On weekends, that 3-4 hours is easily 5-6 or more spread throughout the day as I spend a lot of time re-checking old stocks I've gotten out of for whatever reason, looking at charts, and determining my exit points for any of the stocks I'm in, or plan on getting in.

So in total, anywhere between ~25 hours to probably as much as 40.

Enronitis - June 24, 2014, 7:23 pm

Did some research regarding Graphene market, to again address an earlier question

The likes of Samsung/Intel/Etc have small portions of their companies developing/working on stuff with it, but nothing significant enough to represent a share price increase as far as I can see.

Found a few smaller companies, haven't decided whether I'm willing to pick the poison or not for this one.

For those who are interested here are some tickers large and small which might be effected by the graphene market positively/negatively

AIXG
AGTT
LMT
BASF SE (XETRA:BAS)
ENE
JCI
GTI

One or two of those I may end up springing for; still deciding. Still looking at some other tickers I didn't list as well.

Enronitis - June 30, 2014, 6:17 pm

Hopped into Graphene for those who even remotely care.

Not telling which stock though just yet!

Anyone have any questions?

Enronitis - July 9, 2014, 11:14 am

Shamelessly ing this in the event someone has a question they'd like to ask.

Buddha - July 9, 2014, 6:05 pm

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Enronitis - July 9, 2014, 6:27 pm

(Jul 9, 2014 06:05 PM)Buddha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do you watch the Q's and VXX while trading to see market direction? Do you use EMA's and VWAP etc to trade?

Can't say I do;

I'm aware of the use of those and some others, but some of the stocks I hop for don't particularly follow any given direction except their own and I prefer analyzing or focusing on a given industry+the stock(s) of my picking to determine possible direction/outcome. I do keep constant tabs on GDP/Yield Curve/As well as what the ECRI has to say in regards to our economy. I'm always interested and keeping an eye out in terms of recessionary trends, so I may fully pull out some of my longs before it hits.

Yes, I constantly utilize SM, EMA, and even Bollinger Bands when looking at/analyzing stocks. I use these technical indicators, as a final point after doing the given due diligence on any particular company and learning as much as I can about what they do/who they are/what will effect them/etc.

madara3 - July 11, 2014, 5:58 pm

How old were you when you first started investing in the stock market?

How much did you invest?

And how much did you make off that initial investment?

Enronitis - July 11, 2014, 7:46 pm

I first touched the stock-market when I was about 14 through a virtual exchange, and then investing real money when I was about 15.

You can start with any amount, I personally started dabbling with about \$1,000 and then added more and more overtime as I became more comfortable with the market.

Once I was really serious about it, I borrowed a bit of money from family investing about \$15,000 and building from there.

Since then through day trading of both blue chips and pink slips, I've grown that to what it is now. ~\$112k. Mind you, this is over about 2 years, closer to 3 give or take a few months.

ihackuhack - July 14, 2014, 5:50 am

Just some questions about you my friend.

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How has your portfolio performed against the S&P 500?

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I've probably read 8-10 books either directly or loosely related to investing, if not more. If you really wanted me too I could dig 'em up and give you a list.

I'm by far beating the S&P500, can't be arsed to figure out by how much though. As said earlier, starting from an initial \$15,000 I'm currently up to \$113,910.

I believe in both honestly. I think diversifying is one of the smartest things an investor can do as it can help maximize success, as well as minimize losses should a certain industry all of a sudden do poorly. Picking a small grouping can be equally beneficial however in short periods of time if you are confident in it's ability to rise.

Meh; I do think that there are certain formulas which do help investors find that right stock, but in the end the market can be very unpredictable so they won't ALWAYS win because of this.

ihackuhack - July 14, 2014, 9:28 pm

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Haha. If I had made straight profit the entire time my gains would of been a lot more. I've lost a lot of money just as I've gained it.

Mustnabs - August 2, 2014, 3:25 pm

What is the best way to get started with the stock market? Any tips for beginners?

dani5229 - August 2, 2014, 4:16 pm

Question: Do You Use any kind of analysis tool to "help" u on your way?

Enronitis - August 2, 2014, 8:08 pm

(Aug 2, 2014 04:16 PM)dani5229 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Question: Do You Use any kind of analysis tool to "help" u on your way?

I use both fundamental+technical analysis to help me decide on a stock as well as my course of action.

<http://stockcharts.com/> is my best friend and I use a lot of indicators such as the MACD to help me make decisions on where the stock is going.

tetjo - August 3, 2014, 2:59 pm

Buying TSLA shares still a good investment?

They are going to produce a new model and more cars and there are rumours about a gigafactory.

Thanks in advance!

Enronitis - August 3, 2014, 3:07 pm

(Aug 3, 2014 02:59 PM)tetjo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Buying TSLA shares still a good investment? They are going to produce a new model and more cars and there are rumours about a gigafactory. Thanks in advance!
Yes.
I think they're definitely worth investing in still.

Outsider - August 20, 2014, 2:00 pm

Is it possible for you to try and dig out some of the books you read or just recommend one I can download or purchase through amazon or ebay.

Edit: I am a complete beginner at the moment I'm browsing through Investopedia, but I find it somewhat confusing with all the information scattered through the whole site..

Enronitis - August 20, 2014, 4:40 pm

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4374546>

Scroll down till you see 'Investor resources'
I've listed a few books to read and a bunch of websites.

IF you need anything else, feel free to ask

KwikTrip - August 28, 2014, 4:00 pm

By any chance do you know a good fx broker for US client that has larger than 50:1 leverage?

Hammylein - August 28, 2014, 9:52 pm

(Aug 28, 2014 04:00 PM)KwikTrip Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) By any chance do you know a good fx broker for US client that has larger than 50:1 leverage?
I want to know the same. I'm with Forex.com right now they have 50:1 only

.Dmo - August 28, 2014, 9:55 pm

(Aug 28, 2014 04:00 PM)KwikTrip Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) By any chance do you know a good fx broker for US client that has larger than 50:1 leverage?
I'm pretty sure that the max leverage legal for a USA client is 50:1. Well at least that's what Google told me. I have seen leverages upwards of 500:1 on some sites, but I don't believe that's allowed. Once again, I'm not 100% sure about it.

Hammylein - August 28, 2014, 9:57 pm

I am looking for a nice semiconductor company they are being loved by wallstreet this month

Enronitis - August 31, 2014, 10:06 am

I'm still answering questions/helping as best I can
Feel free to post!

xcc39 - September 1, 2014, 2:21 am

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Suboptimal - September 1, 2014, 2:28 am

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Enronitis - September 1, 2014, 8:27 am

(Sep 1, 2014 02:21 AM)xcc39 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Of all the graphene stock you previously mentioned. Could you explain the process you went through when you picked your stock?

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Well, after tons of googling in relation to graphene, graphene production, etc I found those stocks. From there, I went through each one looking at their financials(If available), Their CEO, Company History, What specifically they're working on(+How long), Any major events they're set to present at or otherwise be involved in, Their charts and any patterns it might contain, and some other stuff. Everything, and anything you can think of can have an effect on a stock, as for it's potential it's important to look at their charts, as well as their financials and goals. If the company isnt actively trying towards something, developing, etc they may not be your best bet.

(Sep 1, 2014 02:28 AM)Suboptimal Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is it sensible to buy stocks with just \$1000 capital? If so, how would you recommend to start?

Yes, \$1,000 is sensible to invest with.

I'd recommend you getting a base understanding of what the market is/does, and upon a bit more understanding looking into industries you're knowledgeable in, and looking for smaller companies doing things in that industry that you may profit from

At most, I'd say maybe buy ~4 different stocks with that money, though only 2/1 is optimal(But requires a lot more confidence.)

Tree Hugger - September 1, 2014, 2:21 pm

What stock broker do you use? I like the layout

Enronitis - September 1, 2014, 2:28 pm

(Sep 1, 2014 02:21 PM)Ezio Auditore da Firenze Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What stock broker do you use? I like the layout

Merill Lynch;

The picture is just a portfolio manager through CNN as I like their layout.

windir - September 1, 2014, 11:03 pm

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Enronitis - September 2, 2014, 2:56 am

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Yeah man go for it, I'll do my best to answer.

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qbug - September 22, 2014, 11:02 am

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Ive got a whole list of brokers here... but you know what your doing and just wondering which one would be good / not too expensive

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Enronitis - September 22, 2014, 11:30 am

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Honestly, I don't know what broker would be best for you.

I'll do a bit of research but I'm not too familiar with who caters internationally as opposed to only in the U.S.

Will update this should I find something.

qbug - September 22, 2014, 12:03 pm

Thank you very much... would appreciate a recommendation, I was going to use HSBC (my bank).. but seen some bad reviews

'Ryan - September 22, 2014, 5:27 pm

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qbug - September 23, 2014, 4:42 am

Found the website <http://www.etoro.com> ... looks very good... and i really love it's easy layout... checked out TSLA.. see they have dropped a bit so not so good for you maybe

Gonna do some real reaserch and reviews on the website tonight after work... before I put any funds on there

EDIT -----

Ok decided not to use etoro... using Zulu instead... gonna play around with demo for a while and get used to shit

Have you ever seen shit like this?!?!?! why on earth do they deserve to not have fees

<http://www.aaafx.com/IslamicAccounts.aspx>

Edit again -----

What VSE did you practise on when you were a teen?.. before you started properly

Arizonalce - September 24, 2014, 12:19 pm

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Enronitis - September 25, 2014, 7:55 pm

(Sep 24, 2014 12:19 PM)SexBomb Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I've recently being fairly interested in the stock market, do you recommend any books/articles to read?

Yessire

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4298245>

Got a big ole list of em right here.

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Red It - September 25, 2014, 8:23 pm

(Sep 22, 2014 05:27 PM)Ryan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So I am 15 and currently in high school in the USA. I could quickly get together \$1000 to get started in stocks but I wasn't wondering how difficult it would be if I am at school most of the time the stock market is open so I don't really have access to trading till about an hour before it closes. I am interested in risky day trades by the way, none of that long term BS.

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Sounds like you're more interested in how fast you can lose \$1000 lol. No but seriously, high risk day trades are meant for people who can keep an eye on them until either they have been stopped out, a price target has been reached or until they close the position since the move they were looking for didn't happen or they got the move but noticed weakness in it before price target was reached

The stock market isn't some game where fast sustainable fortunes happen overnight, get that out of head right now or else the market is going to chew you up and spit you back out. Learn what drives the stock market(*hint: auction theory) and a few trading strategies...Then learn why that strategy works, don't just blindly follow stock alerts/signals from someone else.

Support and Resistance levels are easy to learn start with those first. Then watch price action until you understand the stocks you want to trade. Also read books!

Edit: There's a thin line between gambling and trading and it's extremely easy to cross over to the gambling side without realizing it...That's why poker and trading have so many similarities. Gambling is when you take trades knowing the odds are against you and if you know nothing about the stock market, trading and/or don't have a strategy how do you know the odds are in your favor?

WRX - September 25, 2014, 8:38 pm

Q: I used to day trade crypto currencies. Can I expect stocks to be similar in the way they worked and use it to my advantage or will I have to start from scratch and rebuild my way of thinking?

Kyrus - September 26, 2014, 3:11 pm

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Eeh;

Trading experience is trading experience.

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(Sep 26, 2014 03:11 PM)Kyrus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What should be my goal amount to save up to, before I start investing?

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Kyrus - September 26, 2014, 3:25 pm

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Wow, thats probably gonna take me a while. But thanks for answering! ?

Enronitis - October 17, 2014, 8:32 am

Bumping this as users in this section are creating threads for questions answered here.

Enronitis - December 4, 2014, 7:34 pm

Bumping this as people are creating new threads when questions can be posted here!

zSerity - December 4, 2014, 9:27 pm

Hey keep up the good work bro, nice thread. ?

mider111 - December 6, 2014, 7:19 am

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yoyoyo999 - December 6, 2014, 4:20 pm

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MJNA is beyond penny at this point.

If you're somehow confident they'll rise, go for it though.

I don't think you can actually invest with \$50 though, most brokers require a minimum deposit of ~\$200 or so.

Droid8 - December 6, 2014, 6:53 pm

I am looking for a broker in the UK that allows me to buy US stocks, pennies and UK stocks. Do you have any idea where I should go? Pennies isn't a necessity would just be nice

Enronitis - December 6, 2014, 7:19 pm

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<http://www.tddirectinvesting.co.uk/>

Is probably your best bet matey.

Droid8 - December 6, 2014, 7:26 pm

Thanks for the reply friend! Happy trading

What type of account shall I open on the site?

Enronitis - December 6, 2014, 7:41 pm

(Dec 6, 2014 08:26 PM)Droid8 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for the reply friend! Happy trading

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You'll want the TD Trading Account I believe.

This will allow you to trade UK and international markets.

Droid8 - December 6, 2014, 7:44 pm

Oki doke. Only thing that scares me is hidden fees like quarterly fees, yearly fees and account closing fees

Enronitis - December 6, 2014, 7:47 pm

(Dec 6, 2014 08:44 PM)Droid8 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Oki doke. Only thing that scares me is hidden fees like quarterly fees, yearly fees and account closing fees

Typically there shouldn't be any hidden fees.

But of course, you should read any and all agreements as they would be written there if they exist.

Droid8 - December 6, 2014, 7:48 pm

Do most brokers charge annual, quarterly fees?

Enronitis - December 6, 2014, 7:50 pm

(Dec 6, 2014 08:48 PM)Droid8 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do most brokers charge annual, quarterly fees?
Some do, some don't.

It's generally up to the broker.

You'll have to see if the particular one you're interested in signing up with does, generally a simple google search will reveal such.

Droid8 - December 6, 2014, 7:55 pm

What would you think personally about someone opening account with £100/\$160

Enronitis - December 6, 2014, 7:57 pm

(Dec 6, 2014 08:55 PM)Droid8 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What would you think personally about someone opening account with £100/\$160

Definitely not enough to safely invest, unless all you are going to invest in is sub-penny OTCs in which case...good luck.

With that kind of capital you're better off investing in a domain and working on generating traffic to make money from CPA/Adsense/PPD or whatever you can.

Droid8 - December 6, 2014, 7:59 pm

lol I wouldn't go near that stuff. I might stick to spread betting for now. Try and build some capital through that then move to trading

Enronitis - December 6, 2014, 8:00 pm

(Dec 6, 2014 08:59 PM)Droid8 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) lol I wouldn't go near that stuff. I might stick to spread betting for now. Try and build some capital through that then move to trading

Not a bad idea if that's something you're knowledgeable in.

I'd say wait until you've amassed about \$500+ until you hop in the stock market.

Good luck! ?

Droid8 - December 6, 2014, 8:01 pm

Fair enough. I am doing pretty well right now over at city index :)

yoyoyo999 - December 7, 2014, 8:24 am

Why dont you believe that mjna will rise? I only want to invest 50 dollars at the moment to max my ROI with the least amount of money put in? What would you recommend with investing 50 dollars given your experience.?

Viziano - December 7, 2014, 10:16 am

Is CPA really good?How much time do i need to spend 10-15\$? And whats the best CPA network?Do u recommend some free ebooks for CPA?Thanks

Enronitis - December 7, 2014, 11:03 am

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CPA is good if you're able to make it good.

It takes patience, time and an understanding of people to a degree. You'll need to make a website that will be interesting to people, and find a way to monetize it.

I don't know of the best CPA network, you'll have to do some research yourself or go to the appropriate section where that's all they talk about.

(Dec 7, 2014 09:24 AM)yoyoyo999 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why dont you believe that mjna will rise? I only want to invest 50 dollars at the moment to max my ROI with the least amount of money put in? What would you recommend with investing 50 dollars given your experience.?

It's a pennystock, it could rise, but it could also go even further into the shitter.

I invested in them back when they had a ton of momentum, made my money and left.
With \$50 your best option is investing in a domain or something similar, \$50 isn't enough for stocks at all.

jelly07 - December 8, 2014, 12:33 pm

Love that you are so open with your investments.
Got one question, how long do you on average hold an stock?

Eagerkid - December 8, 2014, 12:38 pm

(Dec 8, 2014 01:33 PM)jelly07 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Love that you are so open with your investments.
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I think everyone can answer that question, Im fairly sure everyone holds on a stock until they think it will crash or not appreciate. I do day trade stocks that i dont think will be good in the long run, but I also hold on stocks that I think will be good for years

Enronitis - December 8, 2014, 1:47 pm

(Dec 8, 2014 01:33 PM)jelly07 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Love that you are so open with your investments.
Got one question, how long do you on average hold an stock?
Some big bluechips I've been holding for years at this point, and will be holding for several more quite possibly.
Some smaller stocks I hold for all of an hour, or at most a few days.

Really depends on what my mindset is on the stock, and my purpose for purchasing it.
Today I traded JNUG+JDST, holding each for about an hour total before selling for an overall day profit of a little over \$2,000. (I shorted from the top, bought from the bottom, kept repeating this.)

jelly07 - December 8, 2014, 1:52 pm

You should open an PAMM, would give you a lot of money with some semi rich investors.

Enronitis - December 8, 2014, 2:03 pm

(Dec 8, 2014 02:52 PM)jelly07 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You should open an PAMM, would give you a lot of money with some semi rich investors.
Meh.
I'm not much of a fan of investing other peoples money to make money for them; regardless of how much I get from it.
I've had quite a lot of people even from this site approach me asking me to invest at times up of \$50,000 for them, allowing me to take 25% of profits too.
While I trade to earn money of course, I also do it to learn and because I really, really enjoy it. I've not withdrawn a single cent from my account as of yet even though I could theoretically live off of my investments, but at this time I don't need too nor do I want too.
I reinvest anything and everything I earn.
Down the road when I'm an RIA or an actual broker I of course will be handling other peoples money, and I will probably come to quite frankly hate the market because of it. For now I invest for me and only me, and I like it that way.

Sword Art Online - December 8, 2014, 2:35 pm

Are there any books that you would recommend to an aspiring stock investor?

Droid8 - December 9, 2014, 6:36 pm

Would you ever offer some sort of 'teach you to trade' service or mentoring

Fix Yo Bottles - December 9, 2014, 6:41 pm

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Anything listed in my megathread
For reference:

The Intelligent Investor by Benjamin Graham
A Random Walk Down Wall Street by Burton G. Malkiel (*)
The Black Swan by Nicholas Nassim Taleb (*)
If It's Raining in Brazil, Buy Starbucks by Peter Navarro
Always a Winner by Peter Navarro (*)
Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

These are all fabulous books.

(Dec 9, 2014 07:36 PM)Droid8 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Would you ever offer some sort of 'teach you to trade' service or mentoring
Not at this current time
I've thought about it many of times however, and one day perhaps will open such a service.
I just don't have time too right now though due to school and personal requirements.

(Dec 9, 2014 07:41 PM)Fix Yo Bottles Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do you know anything about forex trading? I want to get into it... Suggestions?
I know some about Forex, but I am not a Forex trader myself.
Your best bet would be to check-up on Investopedia and read about it, you may also consider getting in touch with "[Knyne](#)" whom from my understanding is entering a forex journey of his own.
If you have specific questions though, or need help just getting a broker, I can do my best to help you out.

Droid8 - December 9, 2014, 6:54 pm

When you purchahse a stock, is that it? You own it and weather the price goes down or up it dosent matter. Unlike spread betting where you go in debt when a stock drops or rises?

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You can never go in debt on a normal stock trade. You can lose just about all your money of course, but you can't go in debt. Obviously if the share price goes up, you earn money..if it goes down, you lose money.

Now, this changes if you "short" a stock which means you only profit from the stock going DOWN. From this you theoretically can go in debt as if you don't close your position and the stock keeps rising on and on and on you can owe quite a lot of money very, very quickly.

TheyCallMeNeon - December 9, 2014, 7:00 pm

What degree are you studying at university to become an 'official' broker?

Droid8 - December 9, 2014, 7:02 pm

So a broker cannot go into your bank to get funds? They can simply just stop you out when you loose everything funded in your trading account

Enronitis - December 9, 2014, 7:07 pm

(Dec 9, 2014 08:00 PM)TheyCallMeNeon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What degree are you studying at university to become an 'official' broker?

University has nothing to do with that.

I'm majoring in Economics, and will then be getting my masters in economics.

To become a stockbroker I'll need to take the Series 7+Series 63 Exams, while I'm set to take the Series 65 Exam to become an RIA this coming year.

The Serie 7+63 exams will take longer to complete as I'll need to get my foot in the door of a real firm prior to taking them.

(Dec 9, 2014 08:02 PM)Droid8 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So a broker cannot go into your bank to get funds? They can simply just stop you out when you loose everything funded in your trading account

As long as you hold the shares they are yours and the bank won't do anything to you.

However, you are of course required to pay off anything you OWE. So if you have a short position and come out having lost \$15,000 you are expected to pay that.

Droid8 - December 9, 2014, 7:13 pm

I wish I lived in America. It is so hard to find a good broker over here in the UK. I signed up for TD armetrade but I still haven't had a reply

Enronitis - December 9, 2014, 7:14 pm

(Dec 9, 2014 08:13 PM)Droid8 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I wish I lived in America. It is so hard to find a good broker over here in the UK. I signed up for TD armetrade but I still haven't had a reply

Takes time for a broker generally

They have to confirm your identity and all that nonsense.

You should expect to hear from them fairly soon and if not you can always email them.

Droid8 - December 9, 2014, 7:15 pm

Also are you saying if I am in a short trade and i go into debt 15+ grand. If I just never get rid of it I wont have to pay it

Enronitis - December 9, 2014, 7:16 pm

(Dec 9, 2014 08:15 PM)Droid8 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Also are you saying if I am in a short trade and i go into debt 15+ grand. If I just never get rid of it I wont have to pay it

I mean...

Theoretically?

To be brutally honest, I'm not completely sure how that works. I assume that if you owe more than you have funds they'll auto-close the position for you and ask you to pay the remainder?

I really don't know.

I'll ask my broker out of curiosity.

.Reef - December 9, 2014, 7:21 pm

Really excited for finals to end. Likely going to spend my entire break and upwards 6 months studying the stock market, practicing, and watching videos daily. But because of finals I have had no time :(

Enronitis - December 9, 2014, 7:23 pm

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Bahaha.

I feel you mate.

I've been averaging like 12 trades a week these last 2-3 weeks because of all of my tests and other

crap going on. Can't wait until I'm free to really go on the hunt again.

More you study, more you know, more you earn. You've got this in the bag.

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Haha it sucks man. 5 finals all in the same week. The struggle is real.

thanks man, I plan to be serious with this. I jumped into binary options without researching and lost 200\$ in 2 days lol. I plan to study and practice and maybe take this further than a hobby. Your threads are actually quite inspiring so kudos to you.

Enronitis - December 9, 2014, 7:27 pm

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Oooof. That's a pain. Mine are a bit more spread out so I've got some breathing room.

Good luck! Practice makes perfect!

And I'm really happy that my threads help you. I'm going to be getting some updates to things out asap so everyone has a bit more information available to them in this section.

Droid8 - December 9, 2014, 8:24 pm

Quick personal question: How old are you? You are very knowledgeable!

Quick stock question: What are your expectations for AAPL after the Iphone+s rumours? How would something like that effect a stock?

Enronitis - December 9, 2014, 8:29 pm

(Dec 9, 2014 09:24 PM)Droid8 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Quick personal question: How old are you? You are very knowledgeable!

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19 years old matey.

Meh. Apple is just..apple these days. I've thought and mentioned the fact that they're at this point hitting a ceiling. I don't personally think they have the products/innovation/momentum to really climb too much higher anytime soon. I think they'll maybe rise to at most \$130 over the next couple of weeks but..any higher is really a stretch in my opinion. Holiday sales will of course do them some good so with those maybe they'll shoot up past that but they're running out of track, and they're running out of track fast.

The fact that they're apparently "hoarding" phones is sort of comical, but it's clearly a grab for more direct profit for them, which isn't a bad thing of course..but it does show that they are somewhat concerned themselves.

Frankly, I'm waiting and ready to drop a short on them anytime once they hit the ceiling for sure.

Droid8 - December 9, 2014, 8:32 pm

Wow only 19, I was expecting you to say at least 25.

As for the apple situation, I see what you are saying about the ceiling but if their new apple lwatch sells like the Iphone6 did I can see some crazy inflation

Enronitis - December 9, 2014, 8:42 pm

(Dec 9, 2014 09:32 PM)Droid8 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wow only 19, I was expecting you to say at least 25.

As for the apple situation, I see what you are saying about the ceiling but if their new apple lwatch sells like the Iphone6 did I can see some crazy inflation

I suppose that's true.

It's just a waiting game at this point.

And yeah, most people assume I'm older. I got started at a young age so I know quite a lot more than most.

StA_Wiesbaden - December 10, 2014, 10:25 am

Can you recommend resources where a newbie can learn and read about the stock market?

Like how it works, how to determine in which stock to invest to etc.

I'm building a company right now but learning about the stock market can't hurt.

Thanks a lot!

Enronitis - December 10, 2014, 3:36 pm

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Thanks a lot!

Start here fo 'sho <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4374546>

After that, follow the links I've well..linked and feel free to ask me questions,

Dr. Pokey - December 11, 2014, 1:46 am

What are your opinions on tradeking.com? It looks like they are still expanding and trades cost \$4.95 + \$0.65 every contract. Also does every contract mean that the \$0.65 applies to each individual stock that I buy?

Eagerkid - December 11, 2014, 6:19 am

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I have never used them so I will check it out. And no that doesn't mean that(unless they are supper poor)

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I've a friend who uses them, he had some issues with initial account setup but after that has had absolutely no problems.

Generally most brokers operate the same way, so you shouldn't have issues.

Circular - December 11, 2014, 1:06 pm

I bought 10 shares of KR at \$28 and another 23 at \$40 - they again hit new highs. Would you stay long or is it a good time to sell? Most ratings are hold and KR is at analysts PT's already.

Eagerkid - December 11, 2014, 1:14 pm

(Dec 11, 2014 02:06 PM)Ikillu64 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I bought 10 shares of KR at \$28 and another 23 at \$40 - they again hit new highs. Would you stay long or is it a good time to sell? Most ratings are hold and KR is at analysts PT's already.

I would say hold on to it, its only been increasing within the last year. Only bad thing is, \$1200 isn't alot of money to invest. But if that is all you have then good job because you have made a good profit of around \$842 which is 70% which is crazy good! I wish I had bought a few thousand at \$28 a share

Circular - December 12, 2014, 5:57 am

(Dec 11, 2014 02:14 PM)ihopeshe18 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I would say hold on to it, its only been increasing within the last year. Only bad thing is, \$1200 isn't alot of money to invest. But if that is all you have then good job because you have made a good profit of around \$842 which is 70% which is crazy good! I wish I had bought a few thousand at \$28 a share

Wish I bought more. Glad I bought the extra 23 shares but my full portfolio is ~\$5500.

StA_Wiesbaden - December 12, 2014, 8:04 am

I'm just curious about this one:

My parents bought years ago stocks from CBK. They invested like 3000 Euros and now it's worth 2500Euros or so. However, a few days ago news said that Commerzbank AG may face a high fine (Billion Euro Fine). After that the stock fell 3%.

If it was me, I would sell the stocks now because I expect it to keep dropping.

Agree with me? Would you do the same?

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Honestly I would sell if I were them, or at least sell a decent amount. If you look at there 1 year, its been a downward spiral. Plus the stock doesn't look to secure, and in being under \$10 I would never invest into it

Enronitis - December 14, 2014, 2:01 pm

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This.

I would sell and re-invest into something with a better trend.

Circular - December 14, 2014, 5:40 pm

Enronitis, you invest in PLUG, I didn't know about it before you mentioned it. Bought it at the top of its bubble and it popped. Do you think it'll continue its downward trend?

Enronitis - December 14, 2014, 5:49 pm

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Yep it will

Plug isn't a long hold stock

In and out, in and out is the way to play it.

I've been shorting since 3.25, I expect it to hit ~2.50 fairly easily.

Circular - December 14, 2014, 6:05 pm

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Do you think it'll go back up? It seems like these big deals with Walmart and the rumored Verizon deal creates some traction but it continues to go down in the following week. Is it essentially a pump and dump?

Thoughts on ONVO? I used to invest in it a year ago, bought in around \$4.50 and sold at \$6.01. Got interviewed and was up 20% on Friday. I invest in DDD, which has been pretty bad, so I don't know if I want to get another stock in that industry. Granted, Organovo is a mix between 3D Printing and a biopharmaceutical.

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Eeeh, Plug likes to do small bounces, so it'll probably hit a support level and bounce a bit..but probably not a huge amount.

If you're at a loss right now, you might want to get out.

ONVO I swung a bit around oct/nov when they were bouncing all over the place.

They're probably going to go back down this coming week based off of that massive Friday , though early monday they'll be up as well I imagine.

I expect them to head back down though for sure, might be worth investing in on the low and shorting on the high.

I'll be watching to short them this week.

Evil Bob - December 15, 2014, 11:04 pm

Thinking of a mid risk mutual funds portfolio. It hasn't been negative for the last 10 years, not even on the stock market crash. Downsides of mutual funds? Thank you

Enronitis - December 16, 2014, 8:47 am

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Main downside of mutual funds is the fact the return rate isn't all too consistent. Some years you earn more, others you earn less.

Besides that, they aren't the fastest investments around but if you want passive income they'll certainly do you good.

adventure1111 - December 16, 2014, 1:39 pm

I have a question. I'm spending my winter break learning about the stock market, (only one final left!) I do have a question about margin accounts, since it appears you do need to have one for day trading or short sales and all of that. I understand that it is probably beyond my skill level or means for the next little while but I want to have a solid understanding, beyond that it is essentially a loan.

How exactly is a margin account obtained (average requirements), what is the most cost and risk effective way to manage and use it when it is needed or required, and are their terms something I should be investigating when I look into a broker or are they pretty standard across the board? I'm having a hard time finding good explanations that have any kind of application examples.

Thanks for sharing your resources! I sure didn't know finance could be exciting.

GorillaMan - December 16, 2014, 9:25 pm

I know that to be good at broking you need to know about the market you are trying to invest in, nevertheless do you have any suggestions on ways of looking and analysing the market? Any suggestions on what to read/watch?

I have been playing around with my demo account with spread betting and I love it, it seems like a thing I would really enjoy going into. I have made more then \$20k on the account, however until now I just looked at the pattern as told myself, "it looks down compared to the previous couple of days so surely it will go up". In what other ways are you ensuring that your prediction is right?

Enronitis - December 17, 2014, 7:37 am

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Otherwise, you need a minimum of \$2,000 as far as I know to trade on margin but I don't believe you are able to hold over night if your equity falls below 25% of that margin and they'll liquidate your position.

Generally most brokers across the board are fairly standard. If you have any more questions or want specific recommendations, feel free to PM me

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Honestly, there's a million different ways to look at any given stock.

Every trader eventually has their own preferred way of evaluating a stocks worth and whether to

invest in it.

Personally, I'm a tech guy. I spend a lot of time looking at the volume of a stock and its chart, looking at its patterns, its resistance/support levels, etc.

There's no way to honestly guarantee your prediction is right, that's all it will ever be...a prediction. But, through technical analysis and understanding of investor psychology you are able to lower the chance that you're wrong and minimize losses.

I suggest you read up on some charting and fundamental analysis as these will give you a good foundation for analyzing and looking at these stocks in a different way.

Besides that, one of the most important things you can do is minimize losses by setting exit points in every trade you enter before entering it.

I always set a sell point on both ends, if I get 10% profit sell.

If I lose 10% sell.

If you get greedy or scared and pray and hold for it to go up when it's going down, or go up even more than it already has you're asking to lose serious money.

Cybernaut - December 18, 2014, 8:40 am

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Enronitis - December 18, 2014, 9:22 am

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Eeeeeh.

Could be a risky investment doing that as OAS has been fluctuating quite a lot honestly, I've been day-trading it for profit.

But, if that's what you want to do by all means go for it. Just be prepared to get out quick if need be.

Zack Fair - December 18, 2014, 12:23 pm

(Dec 14, 2014 07:05 PM)Ikillu64 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do you think it'll go back up? It seems like these big deals with Walmart and the rumored Verizon deal creates some traction but it continues to go down in the following week. Is it essentially a pump and dump?

Thoughts on ONVO? I used to invest in it a year ago, bought in around \$4.50 and sold at \$6.01. Got interviewed and was up 20% on Friday. I invest in DDD, which has been pretty bad, so I don't know if I want to get another stock in that industry. Granted, Organovo is a mix between 3D Printing and a biopharmaceutical.

I hope OP's opinion on PLUG didn't cause you to sell. He is short so nothing but negativity and bashing will come out of him. It will definitely go back up and 2015 will be a good year for PLUG. If I were you, if it falls to 2.50-2.70, add it because it is at a really good deal right now. Nothing has fundamentally changed, people are selling for tax purposes end of year and others think it's linked to the oil industry which is completely wrong.

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Oh yeah no worries, everyone has to do what's best for them! ?

Portland Timbers - December 18, 2014, 5:26 pm

Would you agree to not follow analyst recommendations? I took an econ class in the fall and I read a book that explains to us that analysts always follow each other because they don't want to be the outlier (the one who picks sell, yet all the others pick hold or buy) and they will look stupid if the stock takes an opposite turn than what they predicted. But if they were to follow with everyone else, they wouldn't look like a huge knucklehead because others also agreed with there prediction too.

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You should always form your own opinion about any given stock. Analysts will often as you say claim the same bullish/bearish thing as all the others are, this doesn't mean all will but some definitely, your best bet if looking for an analysts opinion is to find a smaller, lesser known one and see what they have to say. Generally smaller guys are a bit ballsier as they really have nothing to lose.

Generally on larger portfolio's this is something you want to do, yes. Its something I do myself. You should always have one or two longterm companies whom you simply hold and let sail because you are confident in them and their business model. These are also the companies that are worth doubling down in during recessions or general market corrections. If you don't have the capital though, this isn't something you should be doing obviously.

If you are confident in BTE's ability to rise than by all means go for it. Overall this isn't a bad strategy, but it is something to be careful doing as sometimes a stock will go down, and stay down due to investor confidence levels.

Billie Joe - December 20, 2014, 10:50 pm

Completely new at this, what would be the best idea to multiply (or lose) \$200 or so.

Portland Timbers - December 21, 2014, 12:47 am

(Dec 20, 2014 11:50 PM)Billie Joe Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Completely new at this, what would be the best idea to multiply (or lose) \$200 or so.

Personally I would recommend to get more capital before investing. While \$200 might seem like a lot. An average return of 10% will benefit you more if you add another 0 to that \$200. Although if you insist on investing with \$200 look for a blue chip company (meaning one that has been around for a long time and wont be leaving anytime soon) and read up on them. If you like what you see, invest!

GorillaMan - December 22, 2014, 7:33 am

When you invest how long do you wait until you expect a return on your investment?

Enronitis - December 22, 2014, 7:43 am

(Dec 22, 2014 08:33 AM)SneakyGorillaMan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) When you invest how long do you wait until you expect a return on your investment?

Depends on how I'm viewing that particular stock.

Sometimes I expect a return in a minimum of a few hours or even minutes if I'm swinging it

Otherwise a few days

Otherwise months/years

Dr. Pokey - December 23, 2014, 6:56 pm

How does your stock screening process usually go and what steps do you take? Also which brokerage do you use? if you don't mind sharing, thanks.

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Good question(s)!

So, before I say anything I'd like to note that at this time my watch-list consists of 86 different stocks. (That's after cleaning it out too!)

I get my companies from a lot of different places these days, so let's take you through that first. I routinely check both Yahoo News(Finance obviously) and CNN. Any sort of news which can be relatable to stocks(which is a lot more than you think) I'll check out. So, oil news I hop to the oil sector, drug news I'll look at Pharma's, etc.

This in itself has easily given me 1/3rd of my watchlist stocks.

I also pick-up stocks from [FinViz](#) at times. I particularly like looking at oversold companies as these can be particularly ripe for bounces if the proper conditions are right.

Besides that, I am in communication with quite a lot of different traders(a few from here too) and we'll exchange ideas. I also stalk quite a few guys on Stocktwits whom I respect and value and add stocks they like to the list.

I am also in cahoots with a guy at Goldman Sachs(Theoretically a broker of mine though he doesn't manage my account so much as review/trade ideas with me. He's got a good ear for mid-term stocks, like Walgreens which I'm up \$8/Share in the last month.)

So, now that you know at a base level WHERE I get my stocks from let's talk about reviewing them. I review each and every companies fundamentals and make notes about what specifically they do so I can be aware what to look out for in the news which may have an effect on them. (For long-term stocks I also pay attention to the CEO to figure out if they're a complete nutbag or whatnot.)

After this I examine prices and the 5-day, 3-month and 1-year charts respectively and based off 1-year jot down their overall trend. (Up-trend, Down-Trend, whatever.) From there I compare their current share price to their 52-WK, jot dot where they are at in reference to the low/high. (I do this 1-year comparison for every stock I add to my list, and then stocks that particularly catch my interest I examine more thoroughly through use of shorter-charts.) I then set price alerts for each of the stocks so I'm notified as to when they drop below a certain point, or rise a certain point. (I'll set the drop to a dip-level so I know to look at the stock and possibly get in for a bounce) Stocks that rise past a certain point I look at for a possible short, or for a possible mid-long-haul ride along.

Stocks which for whatever reason I particularly like the chart of I look into further looking for [charting patterns](#) which I can play in my favor, or a dip/peak which I can swing off of.

From here before placing any given order I determine by exits on both the profit side + the loss side. Generally I have a firm loss value of around 12% maximum meaning that from my entry-point if the stock drops 12% I cut losses and move on. The profit side varies but generally I hold for a 10% profit, though if I'm plain flipping one stock I'll go for 3-5% profits, shorting from peaks, buying from the bottom.

My brokerage is the ever lovely Merrill Edge.

Hope that answers your question, I apologize if it was a bit long and ranty or whatever. If you have any more questions, do ask.

Dr. Pokey - December 23, 2014, 8:11 pm

Don't worry about how long your post was, I loved reading it, very informative and helpful and I appreciate you taking your time to help.

GorillaMan - December 24, 2014, 4:02 pm

Yet another question, I've been doing some research into stocks and I have found a supposed training model called PHD Traiding from this video <http://youtu.be/m2hr3sQSqnU> that is able to keep you in the green zone for most part.

This video only shows this guy talking about what he will teach nevertheless no actual teaching is present. I am just wondering if you have heard about PHD Traiding; if you have, could you provide

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I can't talk about this specific "training" or "trading" strategy but for the most part these are all scams and you won't really learn much at all about anything.

As for making money wherever the market goes, there's no surefire way to do this obviously. Learn some proper analysis though and you're a lot closer to surviving. I suggest you take the time to learn some charting personally as it's helped me a lot.

GorillaMan - December 25, 2014, 5:54 am

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Apologies for the late reply, have been busier than expected.

http://stockcharts.com/school/doku.php?id=chart_school is your best bet for that as they're fantastic.

Trading platform I use is "MarketPro"

madara3 - December 29, 2014, 6:22 pm

Can you explain what shorting a stock is? I know that you're betting the stock will go down, but can you go more in depth?

Also, I was looking for the best online brokerage company for when I step into the real market, and I came across this: <http://online-stock-trading-review.toptenreviews.com/>

What's your opinion on it and those firms listed? Sorry for all the questions, I'm just extremely interested in learning about the market!

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Shorting is borrowing (Y) shares from your broker at (X) price. You're liable to pay your broker whatever (X) price is at some point, if (X) goes down you pay less than the initial stock worth meaning you earn money, if (X) goes up you pay more meaning you lose money.

Meh, didn't look too heavily at how they figured out those ratings but just about any of those brokerages will do you just fine.

HeisenbergSM - December 31, 2014, 11:18 am

Do you know anything about the trade time for mutual funds because I looked at many broker's websites and they don't list how fast a mutual fund trade takes? I know trading stocks though a broker is really fast, but not much about mutual fund times.

Enronitis - January 1, 2015, 2:53 pm

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As far as I'm aware it's instant essentially.

I wouldn't worry too much about it; you should be just fine.

Enronitis - January 13, 2015, 9:36 am

Bumping so people can ask questions!!

Dr. Pokey - January 14, 2015, 4:33 pm

What is your opinion on day trading with a very small amount to build more day trading capital? Also what industries are decent in your opinion to buy stocks in this type of trading?

Enronitis - January 14, 2015, 6:26 pm

(Jan 14, 2015 05:33 PM)Dr. Pokey Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What is your opinion on day trading with a very small amount to build more day trading capital? Also what industries are decent in your opinion to buy stocks in this type of trading?

Well, you can't really "day trade" with a small capital, but you can of course swing trade or whatnot. That's essentially what I have been doing since my start, building me more than enough over the last few years.

I personally traded a lot of energy+biotech/pharmas

madara3 - January 15, 2015, 9:13 am

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FaberCastell - January 16, 2015, 2:32 pm

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traderX - January 16, 2015, 3:22 pm

This may be a "dumb" question to ask but can a company be listed on two different markets? For company XYZ listed on the nasdaq and the dow?

Thanks

Enronitis - January 16, 2015, 4:09 pm

(Jan 15, 2015 10:13 AM)madara3 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What type of analysis do you do when choosing a stock?

Fundamental and Technical.

I'm mostly a technical guy though utilizing charts and indicators and all that good stuff.

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Might want to start here: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4374546>

And then ask any other questions you have.

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Thanks

Yes, companies can be listed on multiple markets.

Though not in the way you mentioned, generally international markets.

trippygolucky4000 - January 16, 2015, 4:48 pm

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madara3 - January 16, 2015, 8:18 pm

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madara3 - January 16, 2015, 8:29 pm

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Enronitis - January 16, 2015, 8:52 pm

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Depends on the industry, price, recent movements.

Generally I cut losses between 5-9% and cut gains anywhere between 5-15%

trippygolucky4000 - January 16, 2015, 9:00 pm

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Enronitis - January 16, 2015, 9:59 pm

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http://www.schwab.com/public/schwab/investing/accounts_products/investment/etfs/investor_information

"Fund Performance" would initially be your best bet as an indicator.

Masitech - January 18, 2015, 2:46 am

Hello Please can you help me. Am new to stock shares and need some help starting out.
What i need:

Some websites to buy and sell Online Currency (not just BTC but others as well)
Trusted website to buy and sell Oil

Dr. Pokey - January 18, 2015, 9:00 pm

Is there a software or platform that can analyze a stock for certain technical patterns/indicators?

traderX - January 19, 2015, 5:16 pm

What does the bid and the ask mean? I don't really get it isn't there just one fix price the stock is?
What is a contract?