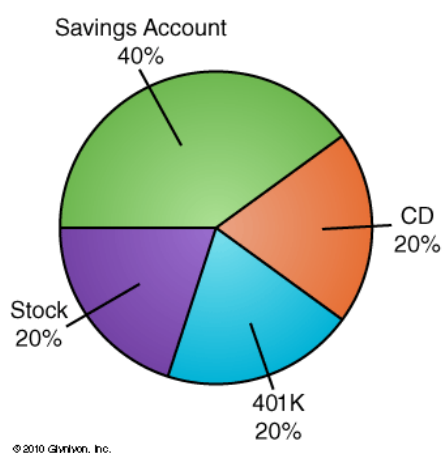


PROJECT: PORTFOLIO

Have you ever looked at an investment portfolio? A portfolio is a list of investments held by an investor. Think of a portfolio as a pie. The pie is divided up into pieces representing different types of investments. In this project, you will outline an investing and savings plan and create a practice portfolio.



Step One: You have graduated from college and have established a career. You have been working with the same company for three years. You have saved up \$10,000 and need to decide how you will save and invest this money. Your goal is to save as much money in five years as you can for a down payment on a house. Using the principles and strategies of saving and investing, create a saving and investing plan. Remember, a saving and investing plan is an outline or list that names the types of savings or investments you will use. The outline also shows the amount or percentage you will put into each savings account or investment. For this project, evaluate and select at least three investments or savings accounts in the table below.

Type of Savings/Investment	Percentage	Total

Step Two: Select specific accounts and investments. For example, if your outline includes investing \$1,000 in stock, research and select a stock. Create a portfolio like the one in the table below:

Saving or Investment	Value at Start	Current Value	Increase or Decrease
Savings Account at Money Bank	1,000	1,000.25	.25
ABC Growth Mutual Fund	2,000	2,010	10
Stock - ABC	1,000	980	-20

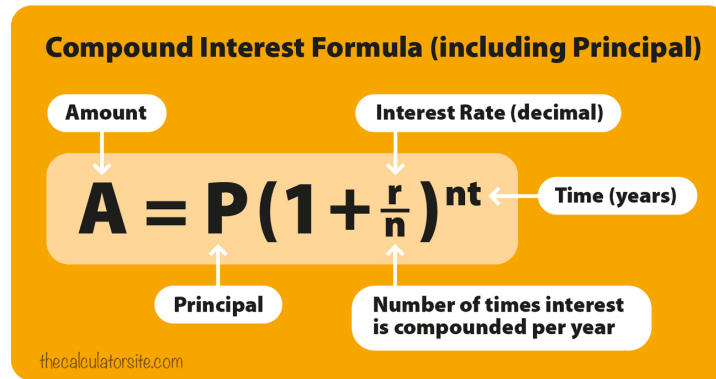
Track the accounts and investments in your for 5 years. Use the table below for your calculations:

Helpful Link: <https://finance.yahoo.com/>

- Search for a company or stock symbol in the Yahoo! Finance search box. Use the “Chart” tab on the company profile to find the stock price. Once you have clicked on the “Chart” tab, click on the “5Y” sub-tab to get the five year tracking of the stock. The stock price for the current date displays on the right side of the chart and the stock price for 5 years ago will display on the left. Dates are displayed at the bottom. Run your cursor over the chart and settle it on the date for 5 years ago. This will give you the initial and ending price of stock to use in your calculations.

Saving or Investment	Value at Start	Current Value	Increase or Decrease
Stock -			

Helpful formula for calculating compound interest accumulated in various types of savings accounts:



Step 3: Analyze your investments by answering the following questions:

Did your overall portfolio increase or decrease in value?

Which investments or accounts increased and which decreased?

By how much?

What did you learn about investing from this project? Did you learn about how much risk you like to take? Did you learn about how much work is involved in selecting investments? Explain.