



Excel Assignment #7

Keeping Track of Stock Prices



The stock market is an exchange where investors can buy or sell shares of stock or “ownership” in a company. Corporations sell stock to gain capital, or money that the company will use. Money is made or lost in the stock market by buying the stock at a certain price and selling at another price. You would obviously want your stock price to increase so you can sell at a higher price and make money.

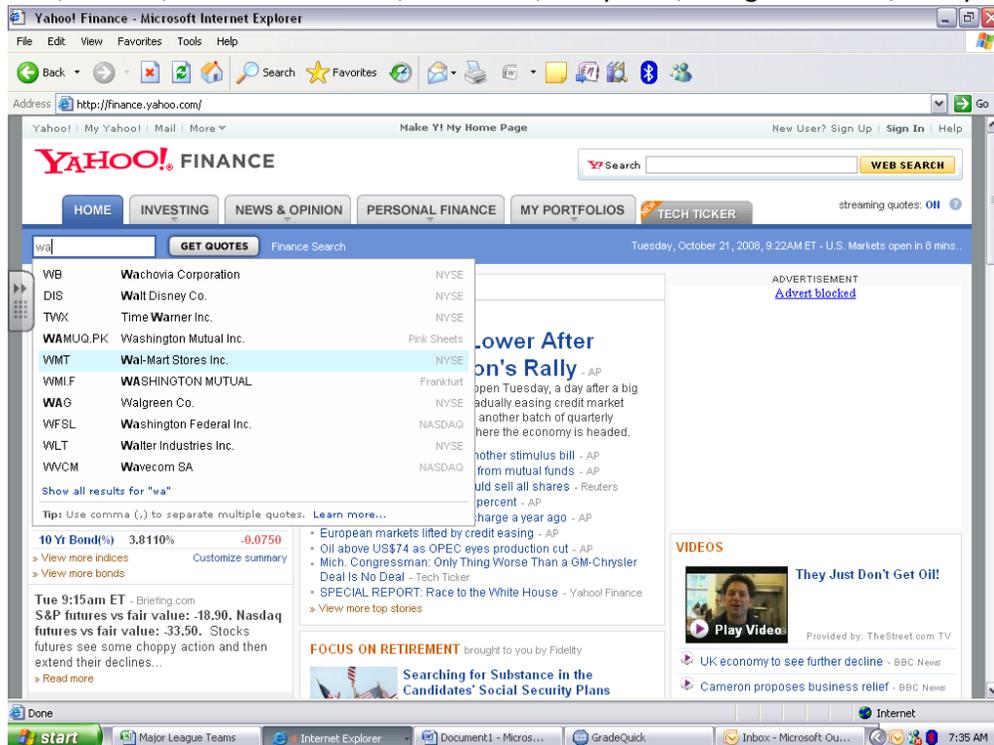
Today we are going to do an assignment on keeping track of stock prices. You will need to look up the historical closing prices on a company and make a line chart using Excel. Follow the steps below to complete the assignment.

Step 1: Choosing and looking up a company of your choice

You will need to pick a corporation that is publically traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). You will then go to www.finance.yahoo.com and look up the stock quote. To do this, begin typing in the company name and a list should come up that lists that company. (Note: Not all companies are publically traded & some companies are owned by a larger company & traded under that name. Example- Taco Bell is owned by YUM! Brands and traded under YUM.)

Company suggestions:

Target- TGT; Ford- F; McDonald’s- MCD; Nike- NKE; Sony- SNE; Walgreen- WAG; Macy’s- M



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Step 2: Looking up the Historical Prices

You will now need to look up the past closing prices for the entire month of September.

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WAL MART STORES (NYSE: WMT)
NEW Real-time: 54.16 -0.27 (-0.50%) 9:42am ET

Last Trade: 54.43 Day's Range: N/A - N/A
 Trade Time: Oct 20 52wk Range: 42.50 - 63.85
 Change: 0.00 (0.00%) Volume: 6,475
 Prev Close: 54.43 Avg Vol (3m): 24,957,200
 Open: N/A Market Cap: 214.13B
 Bid: N/A P/E (ttm): 16.19
 Ask: N/A EPS (ttm): 3.361
 1y Target Est: 64.00 Div & Yield: 0.95 (1.80%)

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PRICES	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Adj Close*
	20-Oct-08	54.65	54.69	52.38	54.43	28,415,000	54.43
	17-Oct-08	53.75	55.38	49.71	53.77	31,223,000	53.77
	16-Oct-08	50.57	55.02	48.73	54.62	47,390,100	54.62
	15-Oct-08	53.44	53.60	49.88	50.05	27,945,200	50.05
	14-Oct-08	56.03	56.07	52.72	54.44	28,559,900	54.44
	13-Oct-08	52.68	54.71	51.20	54.50	29,554,100	54.50
	10-Oct-08	49.03	54.23	47.40	50.95	51,587,500	50.95
	9-Oct-08	54.67	55.34	49.76	51.39	41,184,600	51.39
	8-Oct-08	53.71	56.77	52.75	54.55	47,796,100	54.55
	7-Oct-08	58.72	58.72	54.45	54.84	34,551,400	54.84
	6-Oct-08	58.69	59.55	54.55	57.90	39,728,800	57.90
	3-Oct-08	59.40	60.22	58.87	59.73	31,118,600	59.73
	2-Oct-08	59.66	59.85	58.23	58.85	21,199,900	58.85
	1-Oct-08	59.51	60.30	58.99	59.66	23,363,700	59.66
	30-Sep-08	59.18	60.01	57.74	59.89	26,925,700	59.89
	29-Sep-08	60.05	60.85	58.27	58.45	27,535,200	58.45
	26-Sep-08	59.09	60.00	58.09	59.71	21,199,900	59.71

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Step 3: Record the closing Prices in Excel.

Now you will need to make a chart showing the closing Prices for September.

Step 4: Make a line chart.

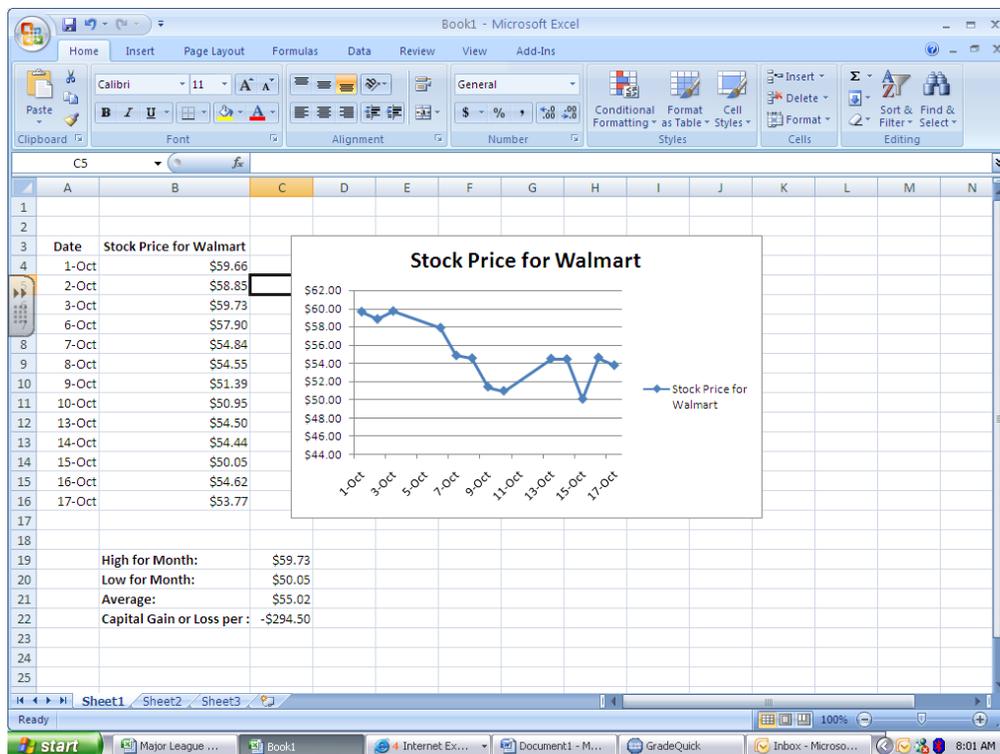
You will make a line graph that should show the upward or downward trend of the stock over the past month.

Step 5: Other stock analysis

Now you will find some other numbers from the information you have. Somewhere on your spreadsheet you need to show the following:

1. Stock Price High for the month
2. Stock Price Low for the month
3. Average for the month
4. Capital gain or loss for 50 shares of stock
(stock paid for on February 16 – stock price on February 1) x 50

Your spreadsheet should look like this below when finished:



* Make sure everything fits to one page and looks neat. Add a header, Save as "Excel #6", Print, & hand in.