Investing

Quicken combines data from all your investment accounts, no matter how many different financial institutions and plan administrators you have. Simply create a Quicken account for each of your real-world investment accounts, and then use the powerful research and analysis tools to examine all your investments in one place. The Investing tab, Portfolio, Portfolio Analyzer, Security List, and investment reports provide news, fundamentals, performance, history, and analysis. Perhaps just as importantly, you can create a personalized asset allocation target that includes all your accounts together, and then monitor and rebalance as necessary. The Portfolio X-Ray feature analyzes deep into mutual funds, ETF's, and other equity funds to reveal your true exposure in individual equities, including those in your mutual funds.

Keeping your records up to date is simple using the Enter Transaction dialogs. Better still, sign up for online account services with Quicken and simply update transactions, balances, and holdings directly from your participating financial institution (Internet access required).

You can also evaluate your holdings, research potential investments, download stock quotes and historical prices, and have Quicken alert you to important news about the securities in your portfolio or **Watch List** (Internet access required).

Quicken records the purchase dates and prices when you enter or download transactions, so you don't need to search for old brokerage statements to identify lots and calculate tax liability when you sell. Just tell Quicken how you want to handle the sale—First Shares In, Last Shares In, Minimum Gain, or Maximum Gain. The Capital Gains Estimator can help you optimize security sales to realize the greatest after-tax yield. And the capital gains report can save you hours at tax time.

Topics

- Investing Help
    - Security Setup & Asset Class Mixture
    - Move Shares Out
    - No valid prices found to import
    - Create Opening Share Balance
    - Cash/Share Balance Reconciled
    - Investment account: balance adjustment
    - No reconciliation for mutual fund accounts with splits
    - Your financial institution may provide more detail
    - Prices may differ
    - Transaction Fees
    - Different transaction histories
    - Terms for actions and units may differ
- Investing Task
    - Add Security to Quicken
    - How do I add shares to an account without affecting an account's cash balance?
    - How much detail do you want to include in this adjustment?
    - How do I archive investment transactions?
    - How do I calculate whether to cash a U.S. Savings Bond in early?
    - How do I convert a brokerage account to a 401(k) or IRA account?
    - How do I update my investing accounts?
    - Edit Security Details
    - How do I find cash? (Capital Gains Estimator)
    - How bonds are priced
    - Tell me how Quicken records the numbers I enter (Price or Shares)
    - Accept downloaded transactions into transaction list
    - Match Securities
    - How do I move investment transactions?
    - What if Quicken asks me how I want to record a Downloaded Shares/Downloaded Shares Removed transaction?
    - How do I select accounts to use? (Capital Gains Estimator)
    - How do I set up a target asset allocation?
    - How do I specify lots when selling a security?
    - How do I specify shares to sell and price? (Capital Gains Estimator)
    - About state tax rates (Capital Gains Estimator)
    - Why is Quicken telling me to launch a wizard?
    - How do I work with investment transaction groups?
    - How do I work with memorized investment transactions?
- Investing Troubleshooting
    - What if I need to fix a downloaded Sell transaction that doesn't have a corresponding Buy?
    - What if something goes wrong (Updating investment account statements)
    - What if my broker makes a mistake?
    - What if something goes wrong (Entering investment transactions)
    - What if I receive a message that my Tax Plan is incomplete after beginning a What Should I Sell search? (Capital Gains Estimator)
    - What if I need to move shares in or add shares to my investment account without executing a Buy transaction?
    - What if I need to see a list of all activity for a particular stock?
    - What if I need to get the current price of my stock option update when I download quotes?
    - What if I need to remove shares from my investment account without executing a Sell?
    - What if I need to resolve a difference between my Quicken portfolio and the downloaded holdings from my broker?
    - What if something goes wrong with investments?
    - What if Quicken asks me how to add a new cash transaction that I just downloaded into my brokerage account? (What are my options?)
    - What if I delete a security? Will its price history still be stored on my computer?
    - What if something goes wrong (Monitoring portfolio performance)
    - What if my broker holds part of the cash for several days when I sell a security?

- What if I need to fix a negative ending cash balance?
- What if Quicken was unable to get prices for some of the securities I track?
- What if something goes wrong (Reconciling investment accounts)
- "The transaction about to be reversed is not in your transaction list" when comparing and accepting downloaded transactions
- "This is a reversal of an accepted transaction" (Investment transactions only)
- What if something goes wrong (Tracking employee stock plans)
- What if something goes wrong (Tracking securities and security prices)
- What if I sold all of my shares in a previous version, but shares still appear?
- What if my investment report shows stocks that I don't want to see?
- What if the investment performance report shows too high a return?
- What if the Average Annual Return (IRR) in the report doesn't match the Average Annual Return in the graph?
- What if the Portfolio market value doesn't match the transaction list market value?
- "This security is in use" when trying to delete a security
- What if I receive a message that I need to recalculate an investment transaction?
- What if the numbers in my investment transaction list aren't being calculated correctly?
- What if I can't select Buy as an action in my investment account?
- What if the number of shares of a security in a scenario changes to zero? (Capital Gains Estimator)
- What if the Security Detail View shows a zero price history or market value for dates shortly after 9/11/2001?
- What if the Cash Amt column for an investment transaction displays N/A or is blank?
- What if my portfolio report and my transaction list show a different market value?
- What if my report or graph does not show a cost basis for my security?
- What if the balance of my investment account doesn't include the value of my employee stock options?
- What if the capital gains report shows incorrect numbers?
- What if the estimated tax for my proposed sale is $0? (Capital Gains Estimator)
- What if the investment graph is missing securities?
- What if Quicken displays a zero market value for my underwater options?
- What if the market value of my employee stock options is different from my ending balance?
- What if my security's price history is missing?
- What if the price in my Portfolio is marked est?
- What if the capital gains report is missing transactions?
- Securities Comparison Mismatch