

MUTUAL FUND OBSERVER

...A SITE IN THE TRADITION OF FUNDALARM



A Guide to Use of the Mutual Fund Observer Site

Welcome to Mutual Fund Observer. This "User Guide" section can help you to use this site to your best advantage.

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Polls To be developed

Note: This version of the User Guide is not final.

We are still working on some parts of the new website, and the guide will be updated to reflect those changes.

The page numbers are valid at this time, but may be subject to change as new material is added.

We ask anyone finding errors, omissions, or subjects in need of improvement to please let us know.

Please post such information under Technical Questions to separate this from other traffic.



Starting at the Top: Links from The Big Blue Bar

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About

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Funds in Registration • Archives of Fund Alarm

Discussions

The Main Discussion Page

The Best

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Resources

General Info on Resources
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Megacap and Allstar Investor

F L 2 comments **2 new** prinx August 25 | Last Skeeter August 25 Fund Discussions | 37 views

Activity

This takes you to a new page which will show all of your activity, from the most recent.

Inbox

See page 22 of this User Guide for information on this feature.

Old_Joe ⁵

Now that you're signed in, your User Name should appear here, and clicking on your name will take you to your own personal User Page. The red number **5** indicates that there are 5 replies to posts that you have made. See page 25 for information on how to reset this number.

MGR

This will take you to a new page with a table of information concerning the managers or management teams of selected mutual funds.

Mark All Viewed

Threads with material which you haven't yet read are highlighted in yellow: **2 new**
 "Mark All Viewed" will extinguish ALL of those current highlights in ALL categories.
While this cannot be "undone", subsequent posts will continue to appear as "new".

Summary

This takes you to a new page which presents a summary view of the threads and posts on the Discussions page.

My Bookmarks ²

The number of threads that you have bookmarked shows here, and clicking here will show only those threads. You can Bookmark individual discussion threads that interest you by clicking on the stars, which then turn yellow:

My Discussions ⁹⁴

As you initiate discussions, the total count will show here for you. Clicking here will take you to a summary page containing all of your discussions.

My Drafts ²

If you have saved drafts of your work, clicking here will take you to them.

Show All Show unread

You can toggle between showing All Discussions, or only those which you haven't yet read.

Search

Go

Start a New Discussion

Categories

All Discussions	3,522
Fund Discussions	2,300
Off-Topic	1,096
Technical Questions	126

Bookmarked Discussions

Test-A-Roo.....Permalink Gone?	4	1 new	7:44AM	Investor
Consistency?	3	1 new	7:34AM	Investor
Poll	8	1 new	7:31AM	Investor

Who's Online (2)

Accipiter	10:32AM
Old_Joe	10:32AM

Poll

- Attach a poll

DiscussionsActivityInboxOld_JoeMGRMark All ViewedSummary

All DiscussionsMy Bookmarks2My Discussions94My Drafts2Show All Discussions

Megacap and Allstar investor

1

F L

2 comments

2 new

prinx

August 25

| Last Skeeter

August 25

Fund Discussions

| 37 views

1

• Clicking on **F** will take you to the first post in this discussion; **L** will take you to the last.

Following that–

• 2 comments

• 2 new

• who started the thread

• the time or date it was started

• who the last poster is

the total number of posts (comments) in this thread

the total number of posts in this thread unread by you (highlighted in yellow).

the time or date of that last post

the Discussion category

how many views the post has drawn.

2

You can search for words of four or more letters which have appeared in posts and threads, but to be honest, this function can be a bit flaky.

3

Here's where (obviously) you can start a new discussion yourself. For more on this, see page 7.

4

For info on **Categories** see page 3, next. Click on to collapse or to expand this section.

5

There are three Discussion categories, and you can limit your viewing to any one category, or look at all of them.

Fund Discussions: discussions dealing **ONLY** with Mutual Funds (Please!)

Off-Topic Discussions: all other subjects except technical questions.

Technical Questions: questions or comments regarding the operation of the site.

6

List of Bookmarked Discussions– click on a discussion to go there.

7

Who's hangin' out right now.

8

From time to time, polls are taken, and they show up in this area. For more on polls, see page **xx**.

9

Department of Ancient History

Search

2

Go

Start a New Discussion

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All Discussions

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Who's Online (2)

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Accipiter

10:32AM

Old_Joe

10:32AM

Poll

8

Attach a poll

< 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ... 118 >

9

Post Count

17.8K

Total Topics

3.6K

Total Users

904

Total Views

1.4M

Clicking on the **Categories** icon will take you to an entirely different page –

Discussions Activity Inbox Old_Joe MGR Mark All Viewed Summary Sign Out



All Categories

Fund Discussions
Discussions of mutual funds
2,298 discussions 10,622 comments

Off-Topic
1,095 discussions 5,079 comments
Most recent: Neil Armstrong dead at 82 – Where were ... by hankAugust 25

Technical Questions
121 discussions 956 comments
Most recent: Ignored user explanation – OJ – Added ... by AccipiterAugust 30

Clicking on these icons allows you to create bookmark folders on your browser that will support RSS feeds from each of these discussion categories:

 Subscribe to this feed using  Live Bookmarks
☐ Always use Live Bookmarks to subscribe to feeds.
Subscribe Now

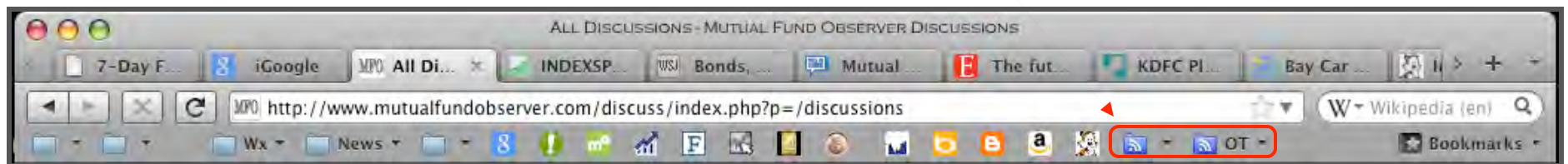
This selection setup will vary depending upon your browser, but clicking on the RSS icons should result in something similar.

Categories
All Discussions 3,523
Fund Discussions 2,301
Off-Topic 1,096
Technical Questions 126

Category Management

You are currently viewing all categories.

Only show followed categories



New RSS Folders
(Firefox Browser Shown)

Next– Widgets & Gizmos, and
Joining a Discussion

Understanding some of the Widgets and Gizmos...

Some MFO Widgets,
and what they mean...

For some of these, if you
"hover" your cursor
over the symbol an
explanation will appear.



a bookmarked post

2 new

unread posts



press to expand a listing



press to contract a listing



scroll to the top of the page



scroll to the bottom of the page



go to the first post in a discussion



go to the last post in a discussion



a recent post in a discussion thread



the last post in a discussion thread



comments within a specific discussion thread that are new
since you last viewed that specific discussion thread

Now that we know (more or less) what to expect, lets go to a real thread and try to join a discussion...

[Discussions](#) [Activity](#) [Inbox](#) [Old_Joe](#) [MGR](#) [Mark All Viewed](#) [Summary](#) [Sign Out](#)

[All Discussions](#) [My Bookmarks](#) [My Discussions](#) [My Drafts](#) [Show unread](#)

To Own Hedge Funds or Not

1 comment MJG August 25 Fund Discussions | 18 views

☆

IYT, a sector area; from the old'in times, used as a market guage

F L 2 comments 2 new catch22 12:48PM | Last Old_Joe 2:11PM Fund Discussions | 5 views

☆

Megacap and Allstar investor

F L 2 comments prinx August 25 | Last Skeeter August 25 Fund Discussions | 37 views

☆

Young Americans: The Death of Equities May Be Exaggerated

1 comment Investor August 25 Off-Topic | 21 views

☆

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Go

Start a New Discussion

Categories

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So we click here..

←

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Inbox
Old_Joe 1
MGR
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IYT, a sector area; from the old'in times, used as a market gauge
Fund Discussions


catch22
12:48PM
Flag

First there's the original post from Catch 22 ...


Howdy,

Among several market areas our house watches for overall directions; is the U.S. transportation sector. The chart in the below link does not look too happy for the past several months and does not have a wholly positive current tread line for the 50, 100 and 200 moving averages.

[IYT chart, 1 year](#)

For your consideration, too.

Regards, Catch


Old_Joe
2:11PM
Edit
Flag
Reply




... and a response from Old Joe ...

Hi, Catch–

Could you give us a little more info on how you use this particular gauge?

Thanks– OJ

Write Comment
Preview
Save Draft

B
I
U
S
C




... and a place for you to add your comments or questions. For details on that, see page 9 of this User Guide.

You can use [Simple Html](#) in your post.

Back to Discussions
Post Comment

Search
Go

Start a New Discussion

Categories

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3,532

Fund Discussions
2,303

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1,096

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In this Discussion

Old_Joe
2:11PM

Bookmarked Discussions

Test-A-Roo.....Permalink Gone?
7 September 4 Investor

Poll
13 September 4 Accipiter

Consistency?
4 September 4 Accipiter

Starting a New Discussion

Here's the main Discussion page –

DiscussionsActivityInboxOld_JoeMGRMark All ViewedSummary

All DiscussionsShow unread

PDF Preview of User Guide Doc... Timestamp: 19:55, 9/5

F L

AnnouncementClosed

2 comments

Old_Joe

September 4

| Last Old_Joe

September 4

Technical

Questions | 81 views

Hey Joe.

F L

3 comments

1 New

Accipiter

12:54PM

| Last Old_Joe

1:46PM

Technical Questions

| 9 views

More margin issues...

F L

2 comments

Old_Joe

12:10PM

| Last Accipiter

12:44PM

Fund Discussions

| 12 views

Old_Joe: UG comment

F L

13 comments

Investor

7:59AM

| Last Accipiter

11:19AM

Fund Discussions

| 34 views

Category toggle revisited

F L

5 comments

Accipiter

September 5

| Last Accipiter

10:02AM

Technical Questions

| 24 views

Search

Go

Start a New Discussion

Fund Ticker Lookup

Work in ProgressStay tuned

Categories

All Discussions

3,532

Fund Discussions

2,305

Off-Topic

1,097

Technical Questions

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Which takes us to a New Discussion Layout.

Start a New Discussion

Discussion Title

Category

Fund Discussions

B I U  C   

You can use Simple Html in your post.

Post Discussion

Save Draft

Preview

Cancel

Next-
A New
Discussion

Start a New Discussion

Discussion Title

1 Here's where the title will go...

Category Fund Discussions 2 Please be careful in your choice here:

Fund Discussions is for *Mutual Funds Only*
Off-Topic is for everything else except :
Technical Questions the actual operation of the MFO website.

B I U S C [Image] [Image] [Image] 3 For info on how to use these buttons, see page 10.

4 and of course here's where the text will go

You can use [Simple Html](#) in your post.

Post Discussion Save Draft Preview Cancel

Fill in the boxes and your'e Good to Go!

Discussion Title

American Century Funds

Category Fund Discussions

B I U S C [Image] [Image] [Image]

We have had investments in a number of the American Century Funds over the years. I'm wondering if any other board members have used American Century, and if so, how you feel that they compare against other fund families.

Thanking you in advance—
Old Joe

You can use [Simple Html](#) in your post.

Post Discussion Save Draft Preview Cancel

If you don't want to post this right now, you can also save it as a Draft and work on it later.



Write Comment Preview Save Draft

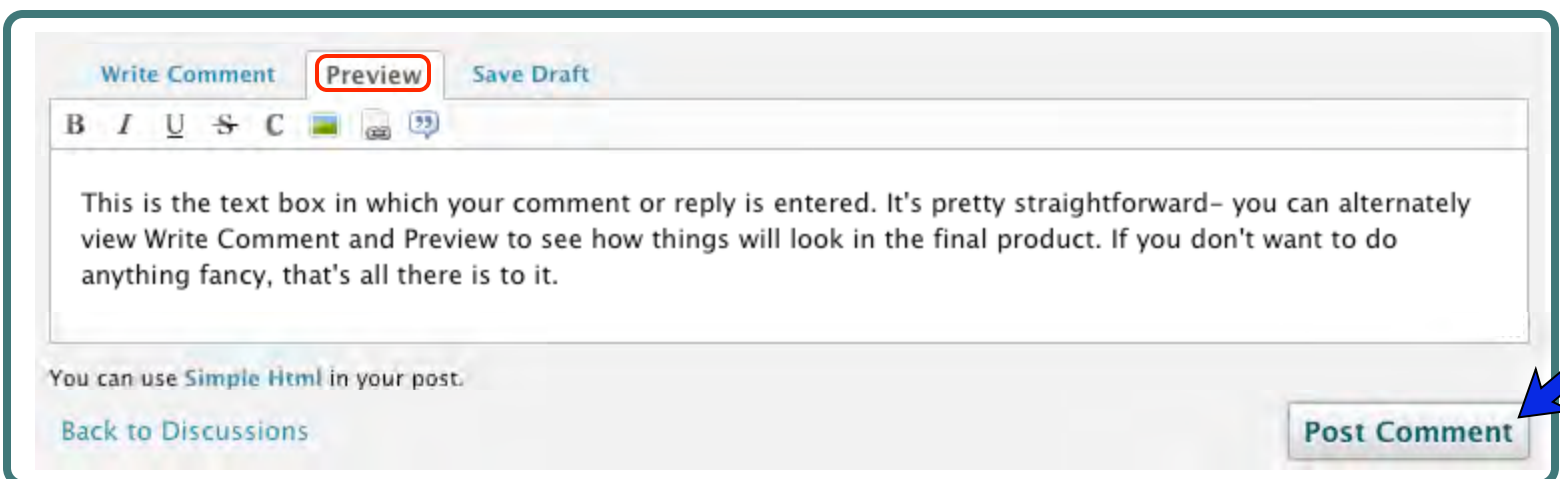
B *I* U ~~S~~ **C**   

This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward- you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product. If you don't want to do anything fancy, that's all there is to it.




You can use Simple Html in your post.

[Back to Discussions](#) Post Comment

Notice that the text size and spacing are a bit different in the Write Comment mode and in the Preview mode. The Preview mode shows exactly what your text will look like after you press the  button.




Write Comment Preview Save Draft

B *I* U ~~S~~ **C**   

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You can use Simple Html in your post.

[Back to Discussions](#) 

If everything looks OK, go ahead and press the Post Comment button.

You can show all or parts of your text in bold, *italic*, underline or ~~strikethrough~~ typeface styles. In this example, we are going to emphasize the phrase "something a little fancy". In the Write Comment mode, we select that phrase:

Lets try Bold first: Select the phrase and click B for bold...



The screenshot shows a 'Write Comment' interface with tabs for 'Write Comment', 'Preview', and 'Save Draft'. The 'Write Comment' tab is active. Below the tabs is a toolbar with icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Underline (U), Strikethrough (ABC), Color (C), and a link icon. The main text area contains the text: 'This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward- you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product. If you'd like to do something a little fancy, here's how...'. The phrase 'something a little fancy' is highlighted in yellow. Below the text area, there is a note: 'You can use Simple Html in your post.' and a 'Back to Discussions' link. A 'Post Comment' button is located at the bottom right.

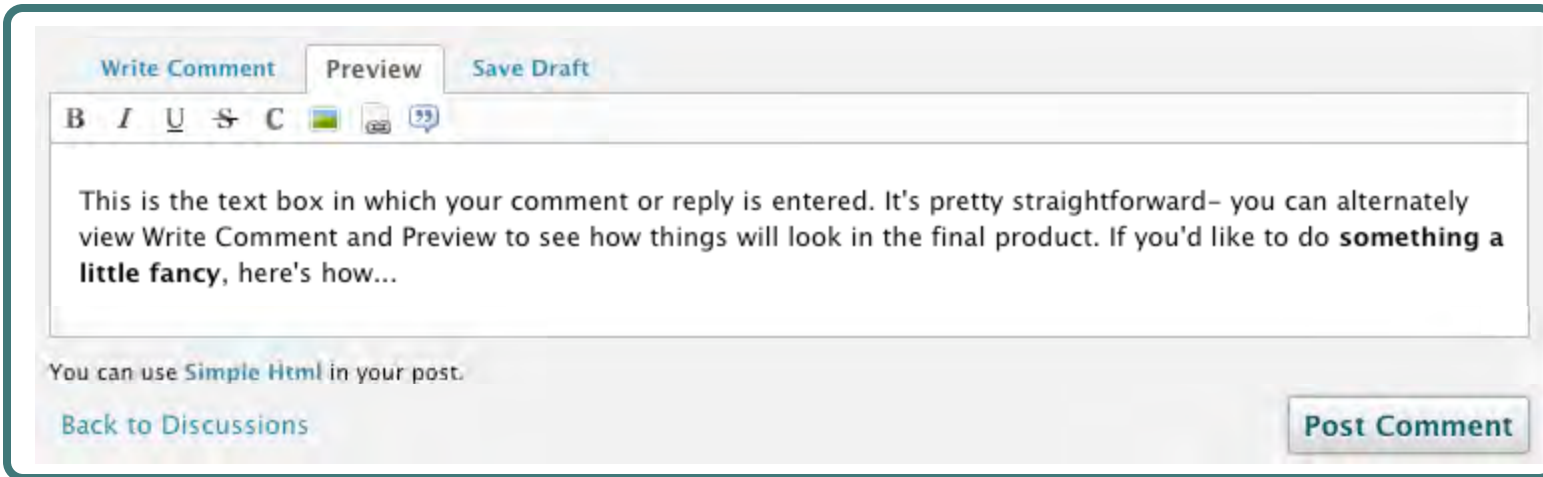
... and by html magic `` appears before your phrase, and `` after.



The screenshot shows the same 'Write Comment' interface. The text in the comment box is now: 'This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward- you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product. If you'd like to do ``something a little fancy``, here's how...'. The HTML tags `` and `` are highlighted with red boxes. The rest of the interface, including the toolbar, note, and buttons, remains the same.

All of this stuff that we're going to be doing uses a few `html` (Hypertext Markup Language) instructions. Because some very dedicated MFO folks spent a lot of time making things easy, we don't have to know much about that at all. In case you're curious, `` starts the bold part, and `` ends it.

Switching to the Preview mode we see that "something a little fancy" is now shown in bold :



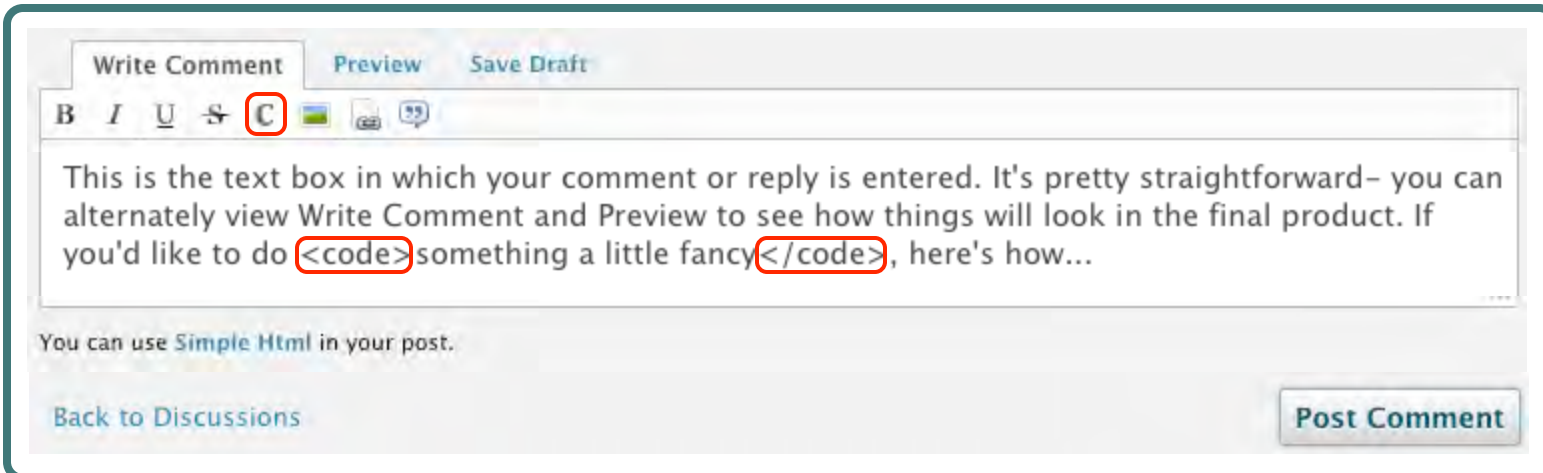
The screenshot shows a comment editor interface with three tabs: 'Write Comment', 'Preview', and 'Save Draft'. The 'Preview' tab is active. Below the tabs is a toolbar with icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Underline (U), Strikethrough (S), and Code (C), along with icons for inserting a link, image, and video. The main text area contains the text: "This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward- you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product. If you'd like to do **something a little fancy**, here's how...". Below the text area, it says "You can use [Simple Html](#) in your post." and there are two buttons: "Back to Discussions" and "Post Comment".

and of course the Italic, Underline, and Strikethrough buttons work the same way...



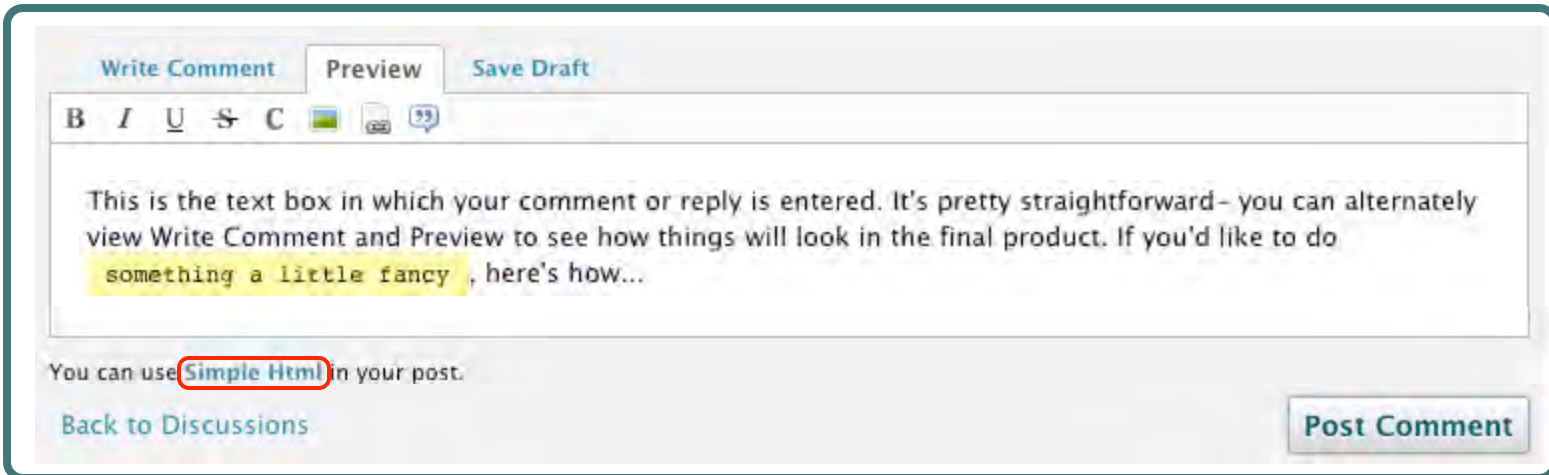
... which leaves the C button. What the heck does that do?

Well, it looks like pressing the "C" button puts `<code>` and `</code>` in there ...






The screenshot shows the same comment editor interface as before, but now the 'Code' button (C) in the toolbar is circled in red. In the text area, the text is: "This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward- you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product. If you'd like to do `<code>`something a little fancy`</code>`, here's how...". The `<code>` and `</code>` tags are circled in red.

... and taking a preview look we see that now the text looks lie this :



Write Comment Preview Save Draft

B *I* U ~~S~~ **C**   

This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward- you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product. If you'd like to do something a little fancy , here's how...

You can use **Simple Html** in your post.



[Back to Discussions](#) [Post Comment](#)

The selected text is now highlighted, and also in a new font. This stylization is used by programmers to indicate html coding. If you'd like to know more about using html, there's a handy link [Simple Html](#) right in the text box that will take you to a very good website.

BUT WAIT- THERE's MORE !!!



There's three more buttons to play with!

B *I* U ~~S~~ **C**   

Let's take the last one first.

This one is called "block quote", and it allows for even more coolness in your text formatting. It can be used to select a block of text and reposition it so as to make it really stand out.

In this example we're going to deal with the word group selected as shown:



Write Comment Preview Save Draft

B *I* U ~~S~~ **C**   

This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward- you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product. If you'd like to do something a little fancy, here's how...

You can use [Simple Html](#) in your post.

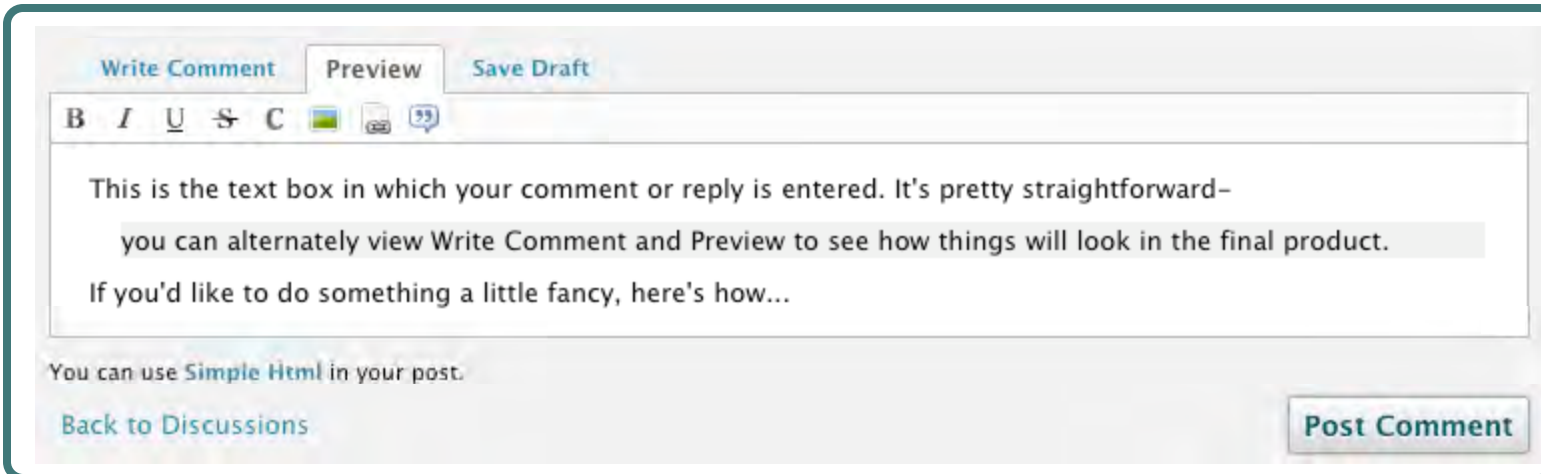
[Back to Discussions](#) [Post Comment](#)

After selection, we press the button, and the html blockquote commands appear:



The screenshot shows a web form titled 'Write Comment' with tabs for 'Write Comment', 'Preview', and 'Save Draft'. Below the tabs is a rich text editor toolbar with buttons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Underline (U), Strikethrough (ABC), and Code (C), along with icons for inserting a link, an image, and a quote. The quote button, which shows two speech marks, is highlighted with a red circle. The text area below the toolbar contains the text: 'This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward–<blockquote>you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product.</blockquote> If you'd like to do something a little fancy, here's how...'. Below the text area, there is a note: 'You can use Simple Html in your post.' At the bottom left is a link 'Back to Discussions' and at the bottom right is a 'Post Comment' button.

Switching to the Preview mode, we see that the selected text is now indented and spaced by itself.



The screenshot shows the same web form but with the 'Preview' tab selected. The text area now displays the content as it will appear in the final product. The text is: 'This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward–
you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product.
If you'd like to do something a little fancy, here's how...'. The second line of text is indented to the right and has a light grey background, indicating it is a blockquote. The rest of the form, including the 'Back to Discussions' link and the 'Post Comment' button, remains the same.

Additionally, it now has a light grey background.
All of this is very handy for really emphasizing a block of text.

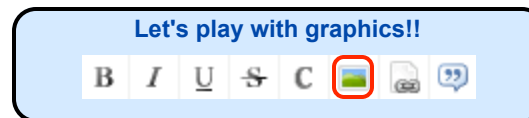
Its also possible to combine some of these things. For instance, if we had italicized this text before blockquoting, the result would have looked like this:



The screenshot shows a comment form with three tabs: 'Write Comment', 'Preview', and 'Save Draft'. The 'Write Comment' tab is active. Below the tabs is a toolbar with icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Underline (U), Strikethrough (ABC), and Code (C), along with icons for inserting a link, an image, and a quote. The text box contains the following text: 'This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward–' followed by a blockquote: '*you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product.*' and then 'If you'd like to do something a little fancy, here's how...'. Below the text box, there is a link 'Back to Discussions' and a 'Post Comment' button.

How's that for cool?

BUT WAIT- THERE'S EVEN MORE !!!



A close-up of the comment form toolbar. The text 'Let's play with graphics!!' is displayed above the toolbar. The toolbar contains icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Underline (U), Strikethrough (ABC), and Code (C), followed by an image icon (a small landscape picture), a link icon, and a quote icon. The image icon is highlighted with a red square.



This button allows us to post a picture in the text box, as long as that picture has a valid web address.

For this illustration, we are going to copy the web address / location of a graphic that the Wall Street Journal currently has posted on their Market Data Center page.

From the Market Data Center site where the pictures are located, we need to obtain the web addressing information so that we can copy it back to the Mutual Fund Observer (MFO) text box. This procedure will vary somewhat depending upon your web browser, but the general process will be similar. For example, in the Firefox browser there is a right mouse-button command to copy the image location:

View Image
Copy Image
Copy Image Location
Save Image As...
Send Image...
Set As Desktop Background...
View Image Info




Going to the Market Data Center website, we click on this graphic-



and Copy the Image Location.

Back at MFO we use the keyboard "enter" or "return" key to space down a line or two, to allow for some room ...

Write Comment Preview Save Draft

B **I** **U** **ABC**   

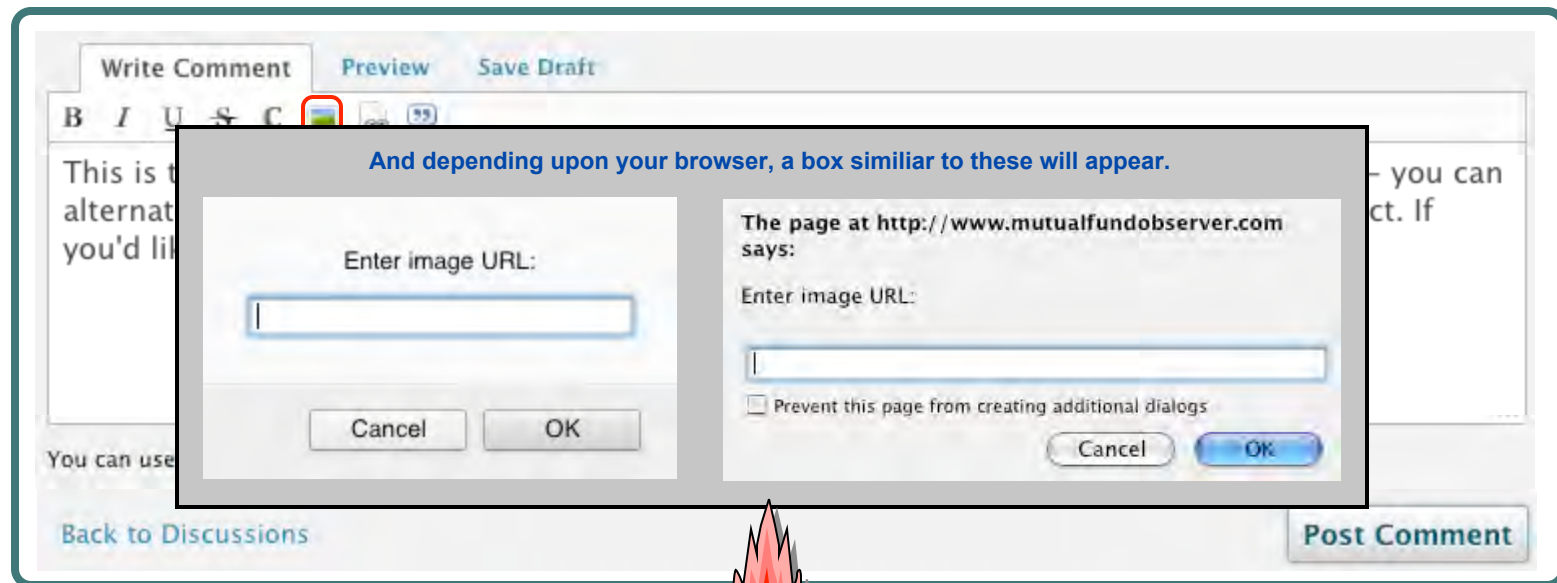
This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward- you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product. If you'd like to do something a little fancy, here's how...

| so now the cursor is positioned about here ...

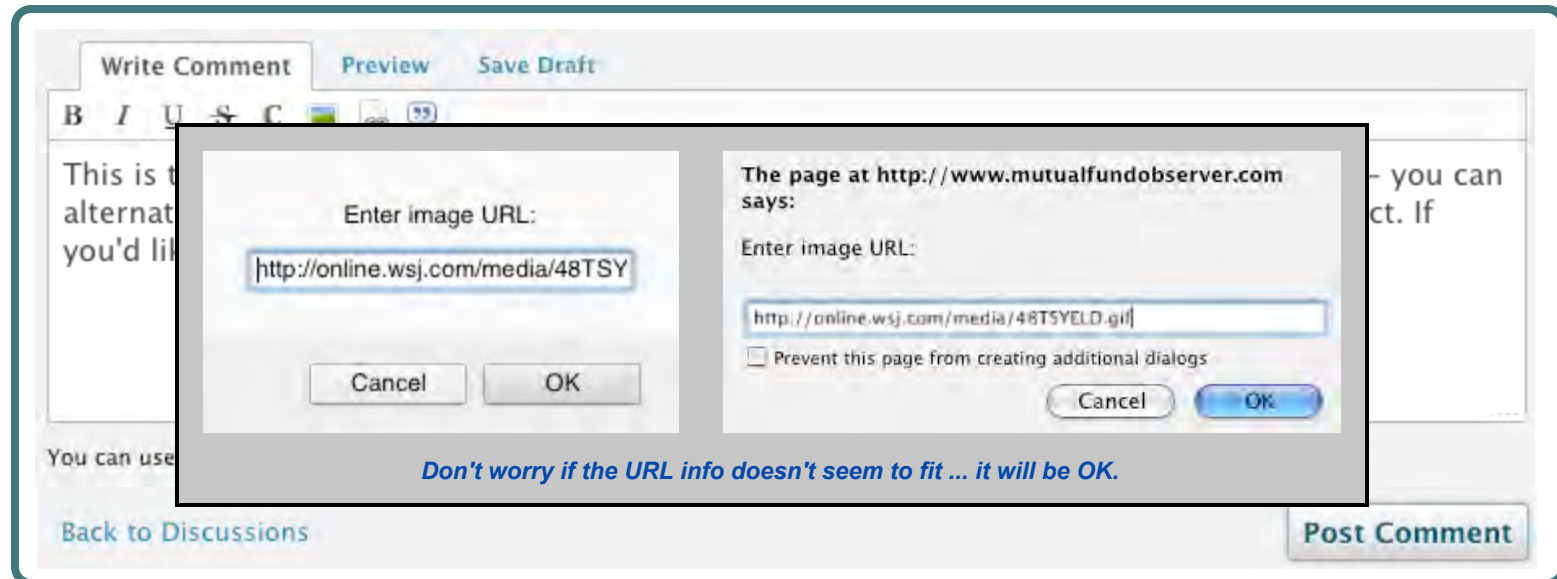
You can use [Simple HTML](#) in your post.

[Back to Discussions](#) Post Comment

And we then press the "picture button"...



... into which we paste the Image Location information which was previously copied from the Wall Street Journal graphic .






And now we can see that the text box has acquired some more html code :

Write Comment

Preview

Save Draft

B *I* U ~~S~~ **C**   

This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward– you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product. If you'd like to do something a little fancy, here's how...

``

You can use [Simple Html](#) in your post.

[Back to Discussions](#)




Post Comment

Switching to Preview for a quick look -


Write Comment

Preview

Save Draft

B *I* U ~~S~~ **C**   

This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward– you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product. If you'd like to do something a little fancy, here's how...



Treasury yield curve

The chart shows the yield curve for Treasury securities. The x-axis represents maturity in months (1, 3, 6, 12) and years (1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 30). The y-axis represents the yield percentage (0.00 to 5.00%). A line labeled 'One year ago' shows a higher yield for shorter maturities, while a line labeled 'Wednesday' shows a lower yield for shorter maturities, indicating a shift in the yield curve.

And now our post shows the graphic in addition to the other text!

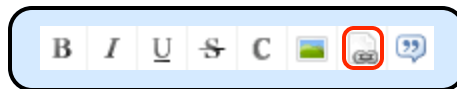
Viola !! (OK, OK! Voilà, if you're a traditionalist, French, or just uptight)

You can use [Simple Html](#) in your post.

[Back to Discussions](#)

Post Comment

Finally, we'll use the remaining button to do something very similar: reference your MFO text box to another entire website.



Many MFO members like to refer (link) to other web pages or articles of interest in their posts. You can simply copy and paste the URL from the referenced site into the MFO text box, and that actually works just fine. But here's a more professional way.

First, let's talk a little about URLs :

A URL (Uniform Resource Locator) is simply the "address" of any particular web page. In your browser, it's the string of mumbo-jumbo in the "address box" at the top of your browser page. For example, one of the the URLs for Mutual Fund Observer is:

And another for a current Wall Street Journal MarketWatch article on hurricane Isaac is:

In our browser we'll go to that Market Watch article on hurricane Isaacs, and just like we did with the graphic location paste, we copy the URL address from the box at the top of the browser page.

For this, just select (highlight) the URL and use the usual "Copy" command:

Back at MFO, here's our basic text box (with some new text, for a change) and again we'll use the "enter" or "return" key to space down a line or two, allowing for some space between our existing text and the new link. ...

Write Comment

Preview

Save Draft

B

I

U

~~S~~

C

For anyone with investments in the Gulf of Mexico region, here is an article from MarketWatch covering energy and industrial developments with respect to hurricane Isaacs:

... and now type in a name for the link that we are making. We'll simply call this link "MarketWatch Article":

MarketWatch Article

You can use [Simple Html](#) in your post.

[Back to Discussions](#)

Post Comment



Write Comment

Preview

Save Draft

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For anyone with investments in the Gulf of Mexico region, here is an article from MarketWatch covering energy and industrial developments with respect to hurricane Isaacs:

Then we "select" this phrase by highlighting it with the cursor...

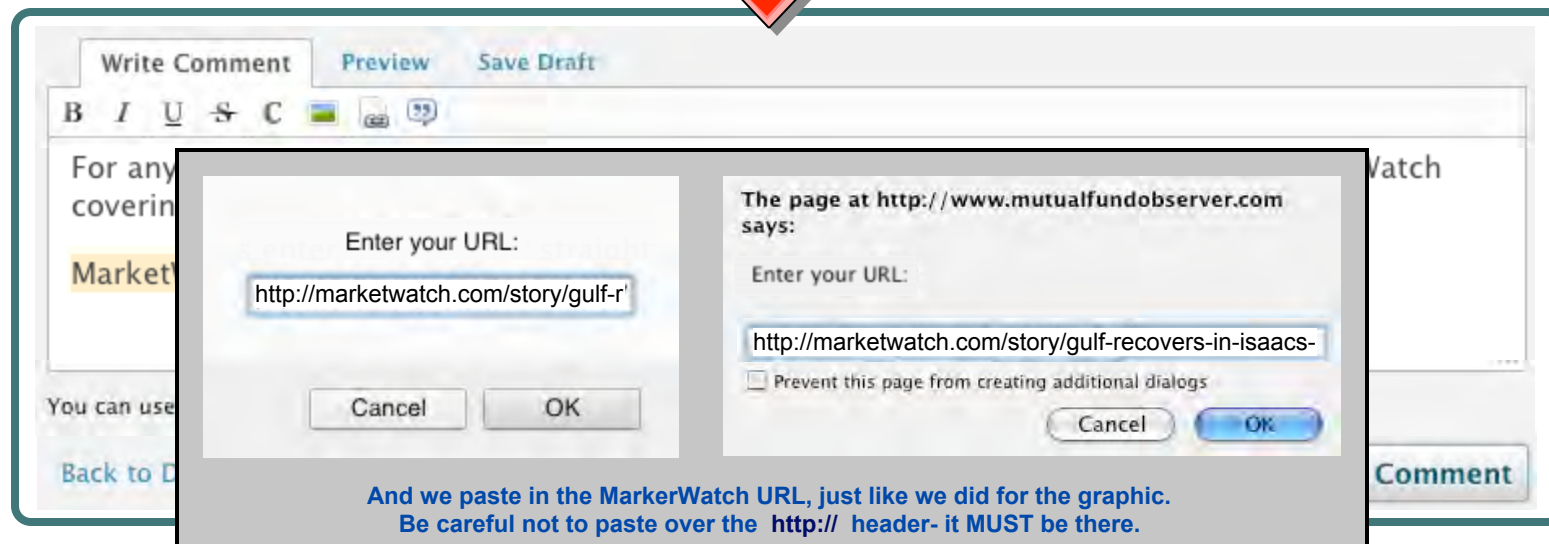
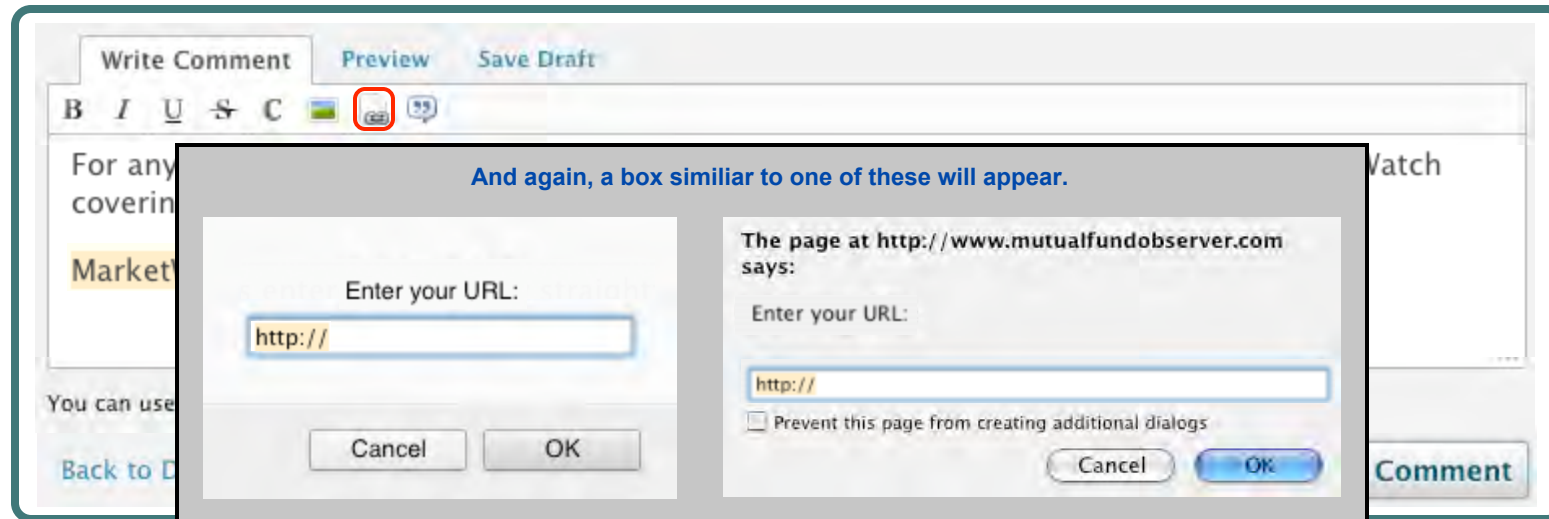
MarketWatch Article

You can use [Simple Html](#) in your post.

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Post Comment

... then press the button ...



Now the URL has been attached to our article name...



The screenshot shows a comment editor interface. At the top, there are three tabs: "Write Comment" (selected), "Preview", and "Save Draft". Below the tabs is a rich text editor toolbar with icons for bold (B), italic (I), underline (U), strikethrough (ABC), color (C), background color (background color icon), link (link icon), and unlink (unlink icon). The main text area contains the following text: "For anyone with investments in the Gulf of Mexico region, here is an article from MarketWatch covering energy and industrial developments with respect to hurricane Isaacs:" followed by a line of HTML code: `MarketWatch Article`. The href attribute is underlined in red, and the link text "MarketWatch Article" is underlined in green. Below the text area, there is a message: "You can use Simple Html in your post." At the bottom left is a link "Back to Discussions", and at the bottom right is a "Post Comment" button.

And we go to Preview to check the whole thing out ...



The screenshot shows the same comment editor interface, but the "Preview" tab is now selected. The text area displays the rendered version of the comment. The first paragraph is "For anyone with investments in the Gulf of Mexico region, here is an article from MarketWatch covering energy and industrial developments with respect to hurricane Isaacs:". The second line shows the rendered link: "MarketWatch Article". The rest of the interface, including the toolbar, the "Back to Discussions" link, and the "Post Comment" button, remains the same.

Hey - a Link !! Looking Good !!

That's the whole thing. Practice doing this stuff a couple of times and soon your posts will look as good as the best of them.

Thanks to Catch 22 for help on this topic.

1 From any page, click on "Inbox" to get to this , your inbox page.

DiscussionsActivityInboxOld_JoeMGRMark All ViewedSummary

Inbox

Old_Doc_Joe

new conv test

1 message10:16AM

Old_Doc_Joe

This is a test

2 messages4:48AM



Accipiter

thx.

3 messagesSeptember 4

Search

Go

Start a New Conversation

Push zee button...

3 ... and this box appears.

Start a New Conversation

Recipients

Start Conversation

Fill it in ...

Start a New Conversation

Recipients

Old_Doc_Joe

Hey there Joe, don't forget that you have a root canal job today.

... and send it:

Start Conversation

If someone has sent you a conversation ...

1 Small red flags will appear on your header bar ... one for the "Inbox", and one for "Notifications"

2 You click on your Inbox ...

Discussions

Inbox 1

Old_Doc_Joe 1

MGR

Mark All Viewed

Summary

Sign Out

All Discussions

My Discussions 105

My Drafts 2

Show unread

Ticker Lookup.

F L 6 comments Accipiter September 4 | Last Accipiter September 5 Technical Questions | 28 views

Post Counts at the bottom of page.

F L 2 comments Investor September 4 | Last Accipiter September 5 Fund Discussions | 20 views

+ - icon suggestions -keep

F L 6 comments Investor September 4 | Last Old_Joe September 4 Fund Discussions | 54 views

Search

Go

Start a New Discussion

Fund Ticker Lookup

Work in Progress

Stay tuned

Categories

Discussions

Inbox 1

Old_Doc_Joe 1

MGR

Mark All Viewed


Summary

Sign Out

Inbox

3

Sure enough – there’s the message that you really didn’t want to see.



Old_Joe

4

Click on Old_Joe there to go to his message ...

Hey there Joe, don't forget that you have a root canal job today.

1 message 1 new 11:25AM

Search

Go

Start a New Conversation

5 The Inbox indicator has automatically reset.

Discussions

Inbox

Old_Doc_Joe 1

MGR

Mark All Viewed


Summary

Sign Out

Old_Joe and you

6

But the Notifications indicator has not.



Old_Joe

11:25AM

Hey there Joe, don't forget that you have a root canal job today.

Add Message

7

From here you can send him an answer, if you two are still speaking.

Send Message

Search

Go

Start a New Conversation

Delete Conversation

In this Conversation

Old_Joe

Old_Doc_Joe

Add People to this Conversation

8

You can also involve someone else in this conversation if you want to.

Add

Next– Resetting the Notifications Indicator

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Resetting the Notifications Indicator

We're back on the Discussions page now, and we want to reset this Notification indicator. Actually, that can be done from any page.

1 So we click here ...

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with links: Discussions, Inbox, Old_Doc_Joe (with a red '1' and a red arrow pointing to it), MGR, Mark All Viewed, and Summary. On the right is a 'Sign Out' link. Below the navigation bar is a section with tabs: All Discussions, My Bookmarks, My Discussions, My Drafts, and Show unread. To the right of these tabs is a search bar with a 'Go' button. Below the tabs, there are two discussion entries. The first entry is 'To Own Hedge Funds or Not' with 1 comment, MJC, August 25, Fund Discussions, and 18 views. The second entry is 'Neil Armstrong dead at 82 - Where were you?' with 2 comments, A, 2 new, 5, catch22, 12:48PM, Last Old_Joe, 2:11PM, Fund Discussions, and 5 views. On the right side of the page, there is a 'Start a New Discussion' button and a 'Categories' section with a dropdown menu showing 'All Discussions' with 3,522 items.

2 Which takes us to our notifications page...

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with links: Discussions, Inbox, Old_Doc_Joe (with a red '1'), MGR, Mark All Viewed, and Summary. On the right is a 'Sign Out' link. Below the navigation bar, on the left, is a list of links: Change My Picture, Edit My Account, Change My Password, My Preferences, and Who's Online Settings. In the center, there is a section for 'Old_Doc_Joe' with tabs: Notifications (with a red '3' and a red arrow pointing to it), Activity, Discussions (with a '1'), and Comments (with a '7'). Below the tabs, there is a notification from 'Old_Joe' sent at 12:05PM: 'Old_Joe sent you a message.'

4 And now all of the indicators are reset.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with links: Discussions, Inbox, Old_Doc_Joe, MGR, Mark All Viewed, and Summary. On the right is a 'Sign Out' link. Below the navigation bar, on the left, is a list of links: Change My Picture, Edit My Account, Change My Password, My Preferences, and Who's Online Settings. In the center, there is a section for 'Old_Doc_Joe' with tabs: Notifications, Activity, Discussions (with a '1'), and Comments (with a '7'). Below the tabs, there is a notification from 'Old_Joe' sent at 12:18PM: 'Old_Joe sent you a message.'

The Personal Profile Page

Click Here to get to this page.

Discussions

Activity

Inbox


Old_Joe 1

MGR

Mark All Viewed

Summary

Sign Out



Change My Picture

Edit My Thumbnail

Remove My Picture

Edit My Account

Change My Password

My Preferences

Who's Online Settings

About

Username: Old_Joe

Joined: April 2011

Visits: 201

Last Active: 2:29PM

Roles: Member, uploader

Who's Online (2)

Accipiter 2:30PM

Old_Joe 2:30PM


Old_Joe

Notifications 1

Activity

Discussions 99

Comments 944



Accipiter sent you a message.

2:01PM

Here is where you can:

- make changes to your personal profile
- change, edit or remove your picture
- change your password
- edit your account information
- change your preferences
- make yourself "invisible" to the "Who's Online" listing

Activity

Shows a list of your activity, from most recent ...

Discussions

Shows a list of those Discussions which you have initiated, from most recent ...

Comments

Shows a list of your comments, from most recent ...

These are your preference settings for email or popup notification.

Other members have a small degree of access to your personal page... they can only view very limited information, but they can also leave you a message there.

This is called "writing on your wall".

My Preferences

Notifications

Email	Popup	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notify me when people write on my wall.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notify me when people reply to my wall comments.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notify me of private messages.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notify me when I am added to private conversations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notify me when people comment on my discussions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notify me when people mention me in discussion titles.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notify me when people mention me in comments.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notify me when people comment on my bookmarked discussions.

Save Preferences

Next– Your Personal Pages

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Your Personal Pages - *Notifications, Activity, Discussions and Comments*

These four pages are all very similar. They are your pages where you can see various activity listings –

Notifications – your interactions with other board members. (The *Notifications* page is shown below as an example.)


Activity – your own activity.

Discussions – Discussions that you have initiated.

Comments – Comments that you have made.

Please note that other members may also see all of these pages except *Notifications*.

[Discussions](#) [Activity](#) [Inbox](#) [Old_Joe](#) [MGR](#) [Mark All Viewed](#) [Summary](#) [Sign Out](#)



[Change My Picture](#)
[Edit My Thumbnail](#)
[Remove My Picture](#)
[Edit My Account](#)
[Change My Password](#)
[My Preferences](#)
[Who's Online Settings](#)

About

Username	Old_Joe
Joined	April 2011
Visits	203
Last Active	12:12PM
Roles	Member, uploader


Old_Joe

[Notifications](#) [Activity](#) [Discussions](#) 101 [Comments](#) 945

MJG mentioned you in a **comment**.
Meet the Ryans – scattered fund investments like the rest of us
August 22


scott commented on your **bookmarked discussion**.
Whitebox Long Short Equity Fund (LIP)
August 22

Mark mentioned you in a **comment**.
Meet the Ryans – scattered fund investments like the rest of us
August 21

 **fundalarm** mentioned you in a **comment**.
non agency residential mortgage backed securities funds
August 21

Charles mentioned you in a **comment**.
A Tale Of Two Fund Giants
August 13

BobC commented on your **discussion**.
Ping– calling Bob C...
August 13

 **CathyG** mentioned you in a **comment**.
Problems Scottrade not Auto-Reinvest Dividends on any stocks/etf's
August 10

1.

Start here...

Howdy, Stranger!

It looks like you're new here. If you want to get involved, click one of these buttons!

Sign In

Apply for Membership

2.

The "Apply for Membership" button will bring up this new screen. Fill out the short form and press "Apply" to submit your application to the membership panel.

Apply for Membership

Email

testuser@earthlink.net

Username

testuser

Password

Confirm Password

Gender

☒ Male ☐ Female

Why do you want to join?

To get rich quick!

☒ I agree to the terms of service

Apply

3.

You'll be advised by email when your application is approved. After approval, you can go ahead and sign in...

Howdy, Stranger!

It looks like you're new here. If you want to get involved, click one of these buttons!

Sign In

Apply for Membership

4.

which will bring up this little screen where you can enter your email address and password:

Sign In

Email/Username

testuser@earthlink.net

Password

[Forgot?](#)

Sign In

☒ Keep me signed in

Don't have an account? [Create One.](#)

Pressing "Sign In" will now take you to the main Discussion page. Checking "Keep me signed in" will allow continued access without going through the sign-in all over again.

Important Note: Mutual Fund Observer checks a "cookie" from your browser to verify your identity. Your browser must be set to accept cookies for this to work.