

# 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 maximum advantage.

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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

Home

Current Commentary • Welcome • Mailing List Sign-Up • and more...

About

Info Regarding Mutual Fund Observer

additional Links : "What's in a Name"? • Media Mentions • Contact Us

Commentary

David Snowball's Monthly Commentary

Funds

General Info on Funds – Fund Index: all Mutual Fund Observer fund profiles

additional Links : Intriguing New Funds • Stars in the Shadows • Manager Changes  
Funds in Registration • Archives of Fund Alarm

Discussions

The Main Discussion Page

The Best

The Best of the Web– Some Cool Websites

Resources

General Info on Resources

additional Links : Books • Falcons' Eye • The Navigator • Workplace Communication  
the Mutual Fund Observer User Guide

*For more detailed information on Resources, see pg 36*

Support Us!

Three Simple Options for Supporting the Observer

The screenshot shows a forum interface with a top navigation bar (Home, Discussions, Inbox, Old\_Joe 5, MGR, Mark All Viewed, Summary) and a right sidebar (Search, Start a New Discussion, Categories, Bookmarked Discussions, Who's Online). A callout box highlights the 'Mark All Viewed' feature and explains the '11 new' badge on the 'Are you selling, buying, or staying the course these days.' thread.

**Home** Discussions Inbox Old\_Joe 5 MGR **Mark All Viewed** Summary Sign Out

All Discussions My Bookmarks 2 My Discussions 92 My Drafts 1 Show unread

Are you selling, buying, or staying the course these days.  
 28 comments **11 new** Accipiter September 11 | Last Old\_Joe 10:37AM Fund Discussions | 506 views

**Inbox**  
 See page 29 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 32 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.  
*Note: If you use the search function on this page, Capitalization is important!*

**Mark All Viewed**  
 Threads with material which you haven't yet read are highlighted in yellow: **11 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... see pg 33 for more detail on this.

**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 92** 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 1** If you have saved drafts of your work (see pg 10), 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	3,632
Fund Discussions	2,388
Off-Topic	1,132
Technical Questions	112

**Bookmarked Discussions**

Are you selling, buying, or staying the course these days.  
 28 10:37AM Old\_Joe

Report Bugs and Problems Here  
 38 9:15AM Accipiter

**Who's Online (5)**

Alex	11:06AM
andrei	11:06AM
David_Snowball	11:06AM
Old_Joe	11:06AM
Soupkitchen	11:06AM

HomeDiscussionsInboxOld\_JoeMGRMark All ViewedSummary

All DiscussionsMy BookmarksMy Discussions92My Drafts1Show unread

Are you selling, buying, or staying the course these days.

128 comments11 newAccipiterSeptember 11 | Last Old\_Joe10:37AMFund Discussions | 506 views

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- 28 comments the total number of posts (comments) in this thread
- 11 new the total number of posts in this thread unread by you (highlighted in yellow).
- who started the thread
- the time or date it was started
- who the last poster is
- the time or date of that last post
- the Discussion category
- how many views the post has drawn.

2You 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.

3Here's where (obviously) you can start a new discussion yourself. For more on this, see page 9.

4For info on Categories see page 35. Click on - to collapse or + to expand a section.

5There 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.

6List of Bookmarked Discussions- click on a discussion to go there. (default view = collapsed -)

7Who's hangin' out right now. This does not necessarily mean that someone is actually present and looking at the site- it simply shows that they are online and may have a tab or window open to MFO.

8Department of Ancient History

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Who's Online (5)7

Alex11:06AMandrei11:06AMDavid\_Snowball11:06AMOld\_Joe11:06AMSoupkitchen11:06AM

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Post CountTotal TopicsTotal UsersTotal Views

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## 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 (on the  
MFO site itself) an  
explanation will appear.

	a bookmarked post
	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
	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

In a post or comment you may see an underlined reference to a particular fund, as in this example:

I am adding moderately to DWEIX (which was a small position but I think will become a more mid-sized one) but otherwise am just looking and researching and the usual.

In posting, if you show a fund symbol as capitalized letters, MFO will convert it to an automatic link.  
If anyone then clicks on that link, a box similar to this one will appear:



You can then click on any information source shown for detailed information concerning that fund.



Joining a Discussion

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

HomeDiscussionsInboxOld\_JoeMGRMark All ViewedSummarySign Out

All DiscussionsMy BookmarksMy Discussions100My Drafts2Show unread

archGo

Start a New Discussion

Fund Manager Focus: Steve Romick, Manager, FPA Crescent Fund (FPACX)

1 commentTed6:56AMFund Discussions76 views

Fed Pulls Trigger

15 commentshankSeptember 13 | Last Anna6:56AMOff-Topic280 views

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

2 comments2 newcatch2212:48PM | Last Old\_Joe2:11PMFund Discussions5 views

iShares Debuts Its First Frontier Market Fund

1 commentTed6:45AMFund Discussions13 views

RPHYX Conference Call

3 commentsligo6:00AM | Last David\_Snowball6:39AMFund Discussions60 views

highlights of the RiverPark Short Term High Yield (RPHYX and RPHIX) conference call

1 commentDavid\_Snowball6:37AMFund Discussions54 views

How would you describe your current equity allocation?

26 commentshankSeptember 11 | Last scott3:09AMFund Discussions590 views

Sept 13 --- IVA Semi-Annual Update Conference Call

4 commentsKenster1\_GlobalValueSeptember 10 | Last InvestorSeptember 13Fund Discussions121 views

buying these hot funds?

1 commentjohnNSeptember 13Fund Discussions138 views

Categories

All Discussions3,522

Fund Discussions2,300

Off-Topic1,096

Technical Questions126

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[Inbox](#)
[Old\\_Joe](#)
[MGR](#)
[Mark All Viewed](#)
[Summary](#)
Sign Out

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

Fund Discussions

## Categories

- All Discussions 3,607
- Fund Discussions 2,368
- Off-Topic 1,127
- Technical Questions 112

## 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

catch22

12:48PM

Flag

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

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

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... and a place for you to add your comments or questions.

For details on that, see the next page of this User Guide.

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

Back to Discussions

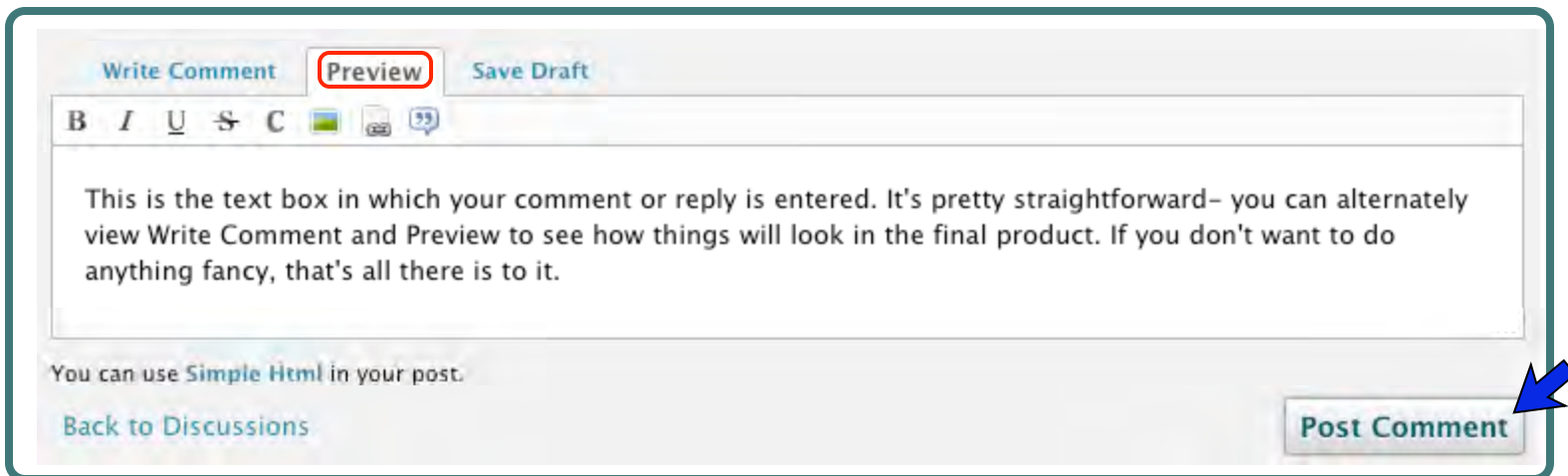
Post Comment

Next– How to Post... the Basic Text Entry

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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.



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



Starting a New Discussion

Here's the main Discussion page again –

HomeDiscussionsInboxOld\_JoeMGRMark All ViewedSummary

All DiscussionsMy Discussions92My Drafts1Show unread

Push the button ...

Search

Go

Site Upgraded Sat 9/8 – Having Trouble Posting – Read this message

Announcement12 commentschipSeptember 8 | Last Old\_JoeSeptember 9Fund Discussions | 290 views

Gloom & Doom – Economist says debt may cause "death spiral" / Planets align for market crash

9 commentshank8:08AM | Last Old\_Joe11:06AMOff-Topic | 118 views

Today's fund behemoth quiz question

2 commentsDavid\_Snowball10:05AM | Last catch2210:34AMFund Discussions | 28 views

Sentinel Small Company Fund reopens.

1 commentTheShadow9:52AMFund Discussions | 24 views

Categories

All Discussions3,607

Fund Discussions2,368

Off-Topic1,127

Technical Questions112

In this Discussion

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



## 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:

3 For info on how to use these buttons, see page 12.

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

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

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

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You can use Simple Html in your post.

Post Discussion Save Draft Preview Cancel

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 they compare against other fund families.

Thanking you in advance—  
Old Joe

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

For a New Discussion, the "Preview" will look like this.

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

... which will bring up a new screen where you can enter your email address and password:

4.

### Logging In

#### 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.

If you experience problems logging in, please see page 40.

## Getting a Little Fancy -

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'. Below the tabs is a toolbar with icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Underline (U), Strikethrough (ABC), Color (C), Background Color, and a speech bubble icon. The 'Write Comment' tab is active, and 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...' is entered. The phrase 'something a little fancy' is highlighted in yellow. Below the text box, there is a link 'Back to Discussions' and a 'Post Comment' button.

... and by html magic <b> appears before your phrase, and </b> after.



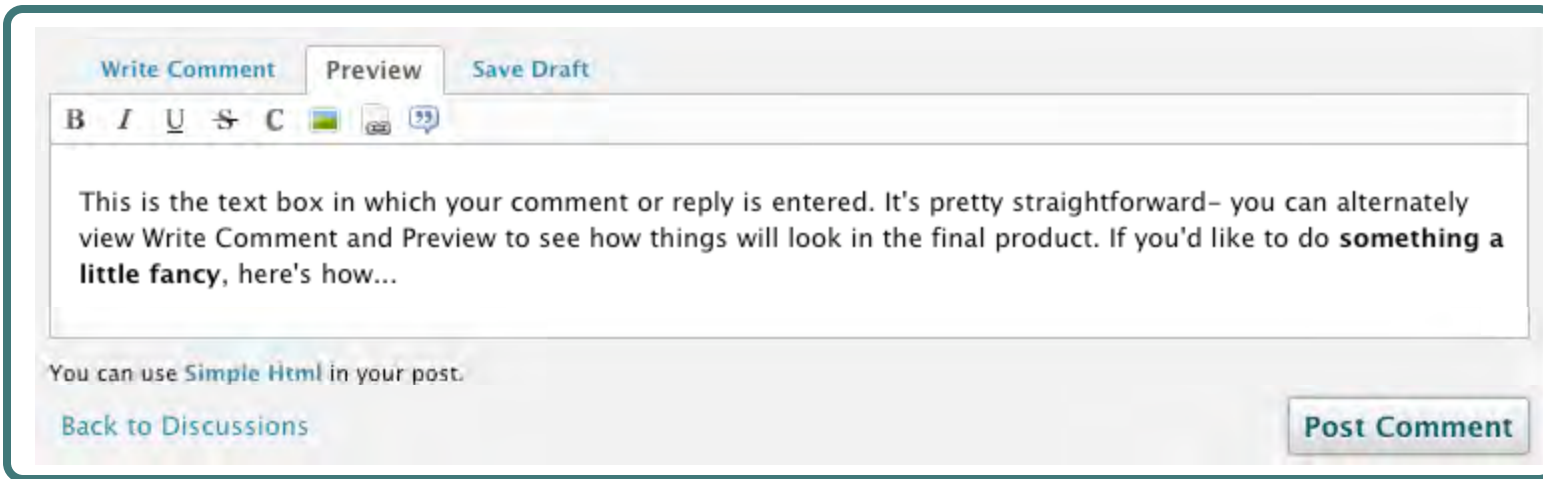
The screenshot shows the same 'Write Comment' interface as before. The text 'something a little fancy' is now surrounded by the HTML code '<b>' and '</b>'. The code is highlighted in yellow. The rest of the interface, including the toolbar and buttons, remains the same.

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, `<b>` starts the bold part, and `</b>` ends it.



## Getting a Little Fancy (2)

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



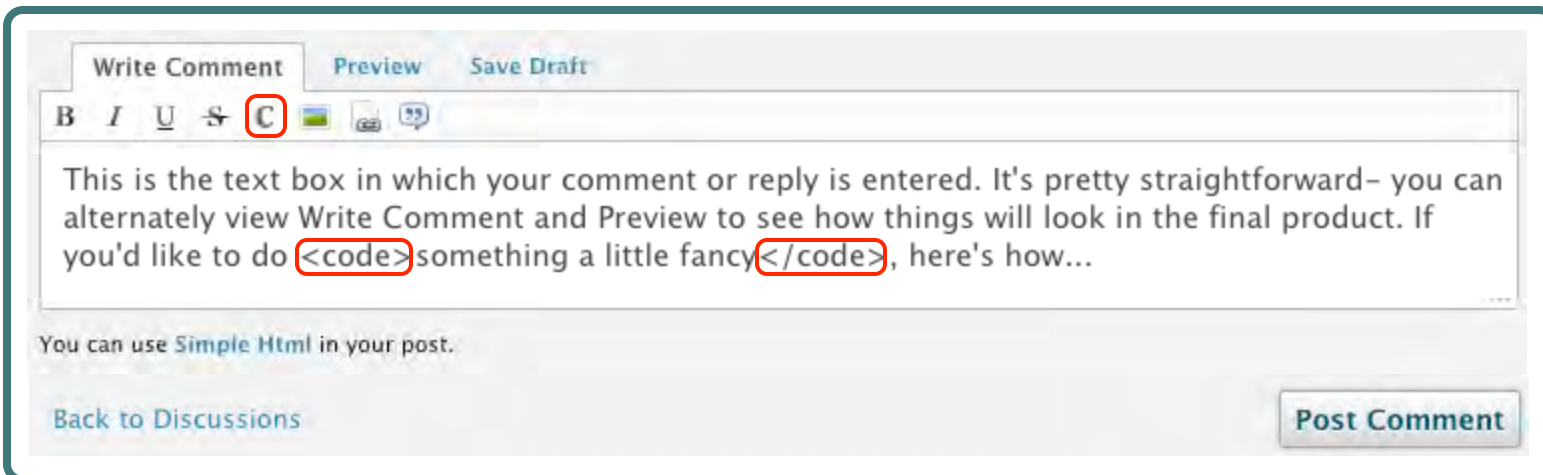
The screenshot shows a comment editor interface with three tabs: 'Write Comment', 'Preview', and 'Save Draft'. The 'Preview' tab is active. Below the tabs is a toolbar with icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Underline (U), Strikethrough (S), and Code (C), along with icons for inserting a link, image, and 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, there is a link 'You can use Simple Html in your post.', a 'Back to Discussions' link, and a 'Post Comment' button.

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



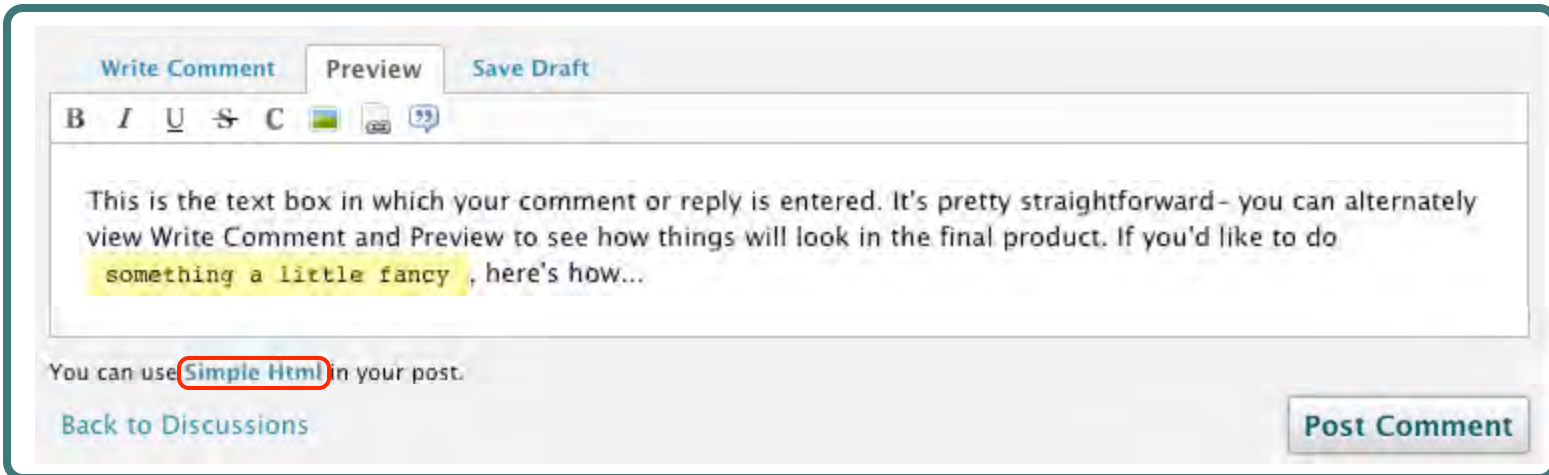
... which leaves the C button. What the heck does that do?

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



This screenshot shows the same comment editor interface as before, but with the 'C' button in the toolbar circled in red. In the text area, the text 'something a little fancy' is now wrapped in code tags: `<code>`something a little fancy`</code>`. Both the opening and closing code tags are circled in red. The rest of the interface, including the tabs and the 'Post Comment' button, remains the same.

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

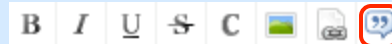


The screenshot shows a comment preview window with three tabs: "Write Comment", "Preview", and "Save Draft". The "Preview" tab is active. Below the tabs is a rich text editor toolbar with buttons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Underline (U), Strikethrough (ABC), Color (C), Image, Video, and a quote icon. The text area contains the following 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 and rendered in a monospaced font. Below the text area, there is a link "Simple Html" circled in red, with the text "You can use" and "in your post." on either side. At the bottom left is a link "Back to Discussions" and at the bottom right is a "Post Comment" button.

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!



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:



The screenshot shows the same comment preview window as before, but with the "Preview" tab active. The text area contains the same 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 entire paragraph is highlighted in yellow and rendered in a monospaced font, indicating it is a block quote. Below the text area, there is a link "Simple Html" with the text "You can use" and "in your post." on either side. At the bottom left is a link "Back to Discussions" and at the bottom right is a "Post Comment" button.

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



Write Comment Preview Save Draft

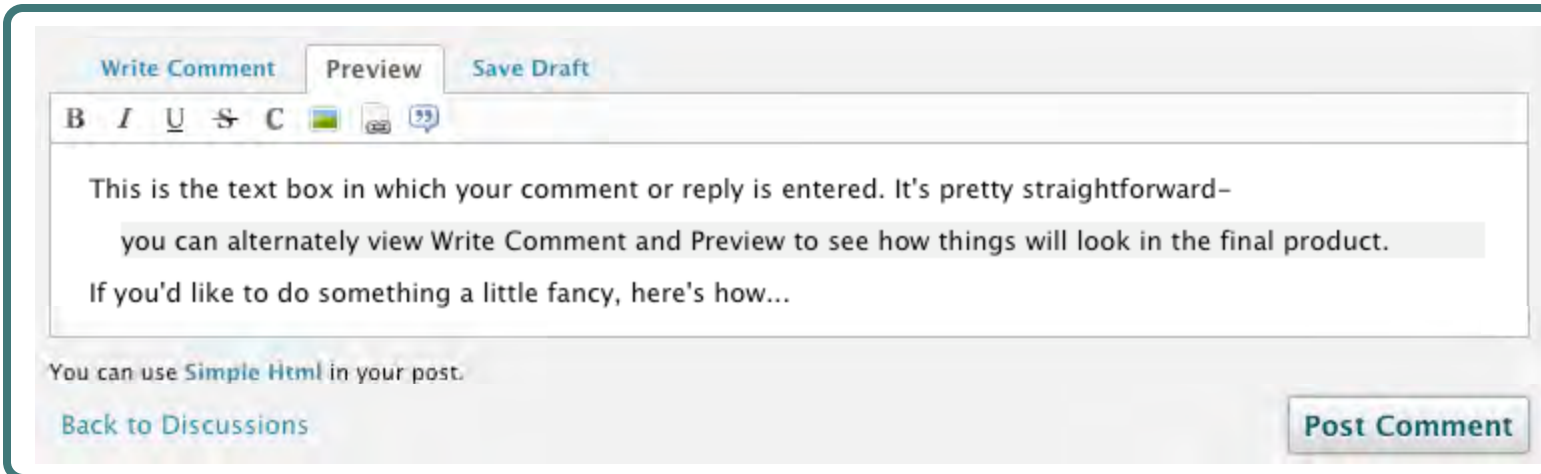
**B** *I* U ~~S~~ **C**   

This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward-<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...




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

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

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



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**

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:



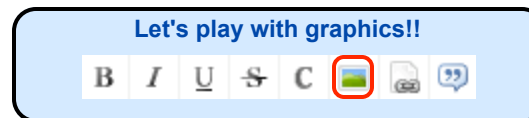
The screenshot shows a comment form with three tabs: 'Write Comment', 'Preview', and 'Save Draft'. The 'Write Comment' tab is active. Below the tabs is a rich text editor toolbar with buttons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Underline (U), Strikethrough (ABC), and Code (C), along with icons for inserting images, links, 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—  
*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 box, it says '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.

How's that for cool?

BUT WAIT- THERE'S EVEN MORE !!!



This is a close-up of the rich text editor toolbar. It contains buttons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Underline (U), Strikethrough (ABC), and Code (C), followed by icons for inserting images, links, and a quote. The 'Insert Image' icon, which shows a small landscape picture, 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~~ **C**   

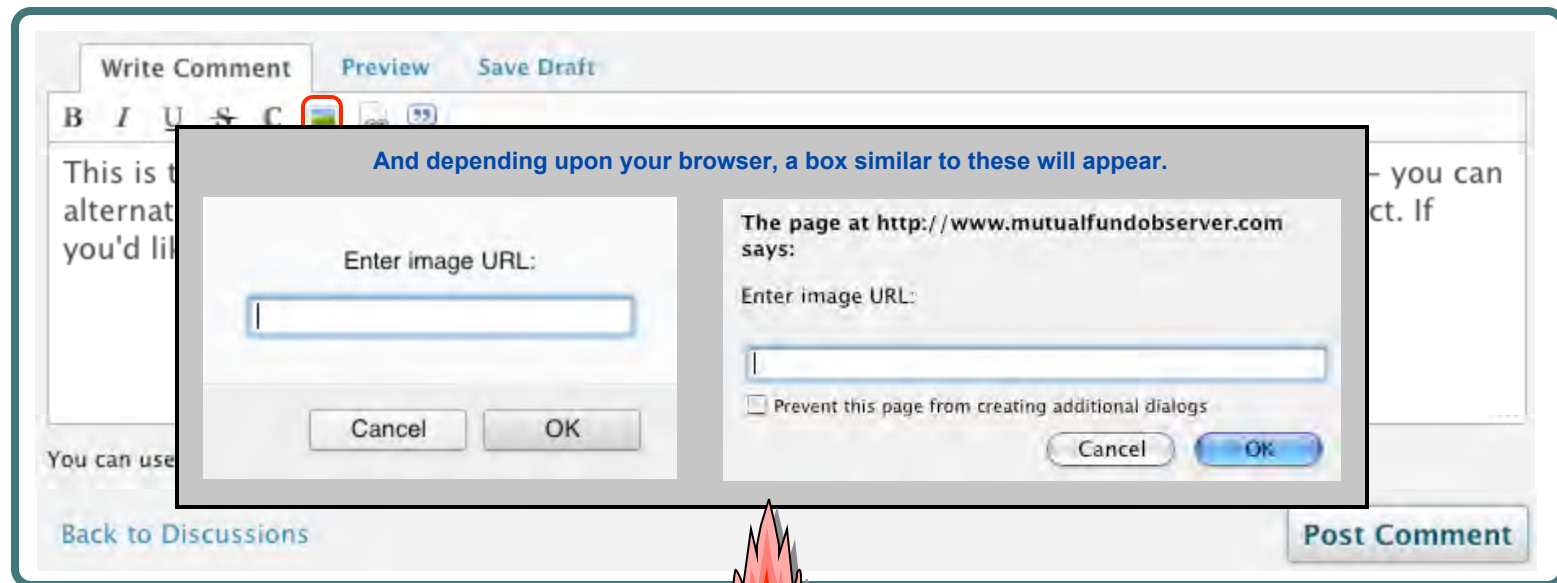
This is the text box in which your comment or reply is entered. It's pretty straightforward- you can alternately view Write Comment and Preview to see how things will look in the final product. If you'd like to do something a little fancy, here's how...

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

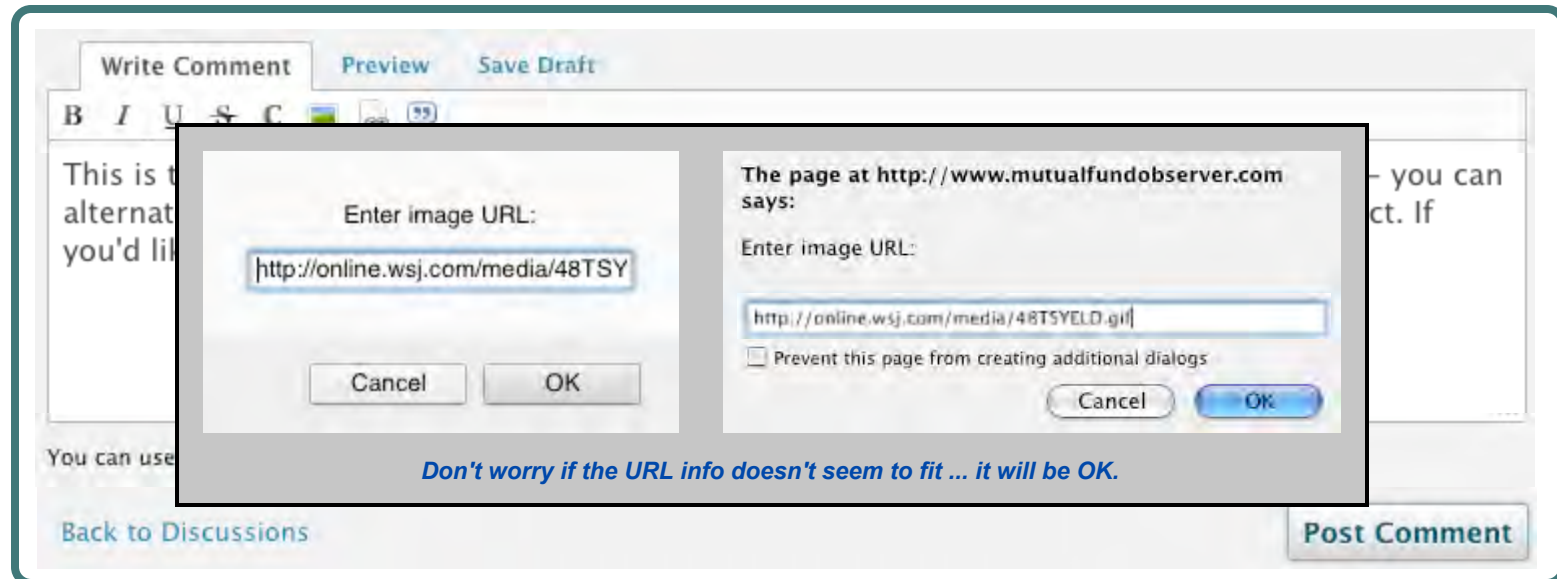
You can use [Simple HTML](#) in your post.

[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 graph 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%). The curve is upward sloping, indicating that longer-maturity securities have higher yields. A point on the curve is labeled 'Wednesday'.

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:


 <http://www.mutualfundobserver.com/discussions-3/>

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

 <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/gulf-recovers-in-isaacs-wake-2012-08-30?siteid=rss&rss=1>

In our browser we'll go to that Market Watch article on hurricane Isaac, 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:

 <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/gulf-recovers-in-isaacs-wake-2012-08-30?siteid=rss&rss=1>

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. ...

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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:

1 | so again the cursor is positioned about here ...

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

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:

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

MarketWatch Article

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

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:

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

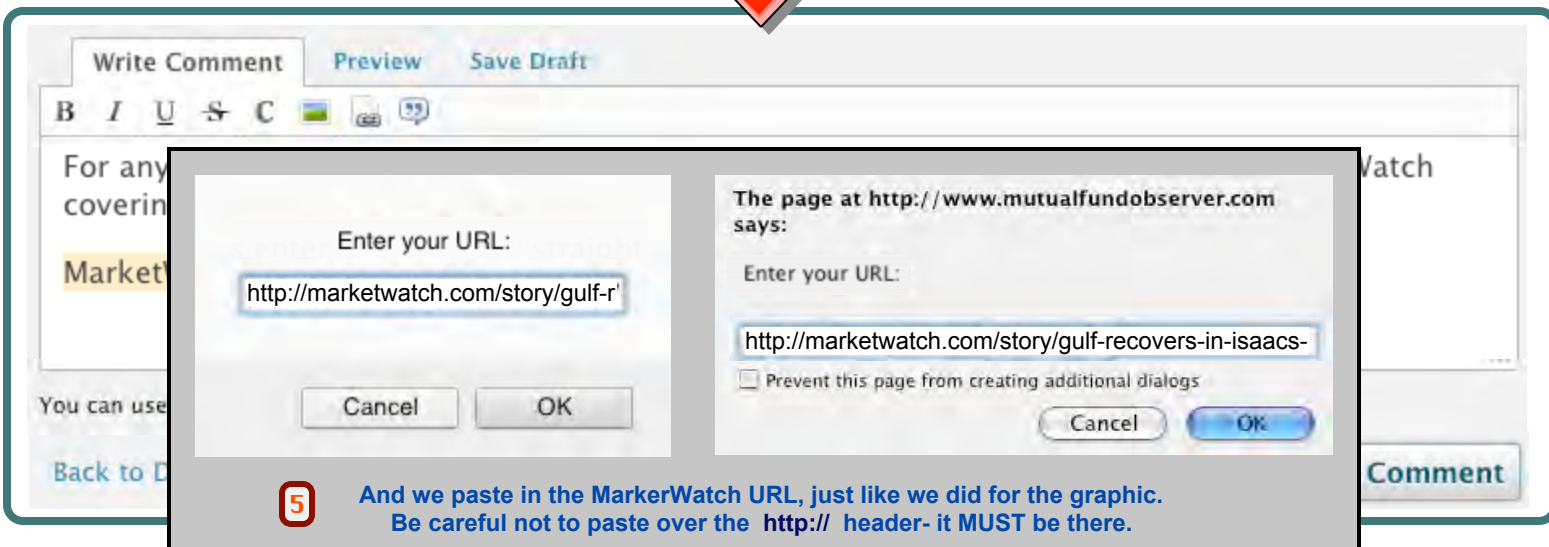
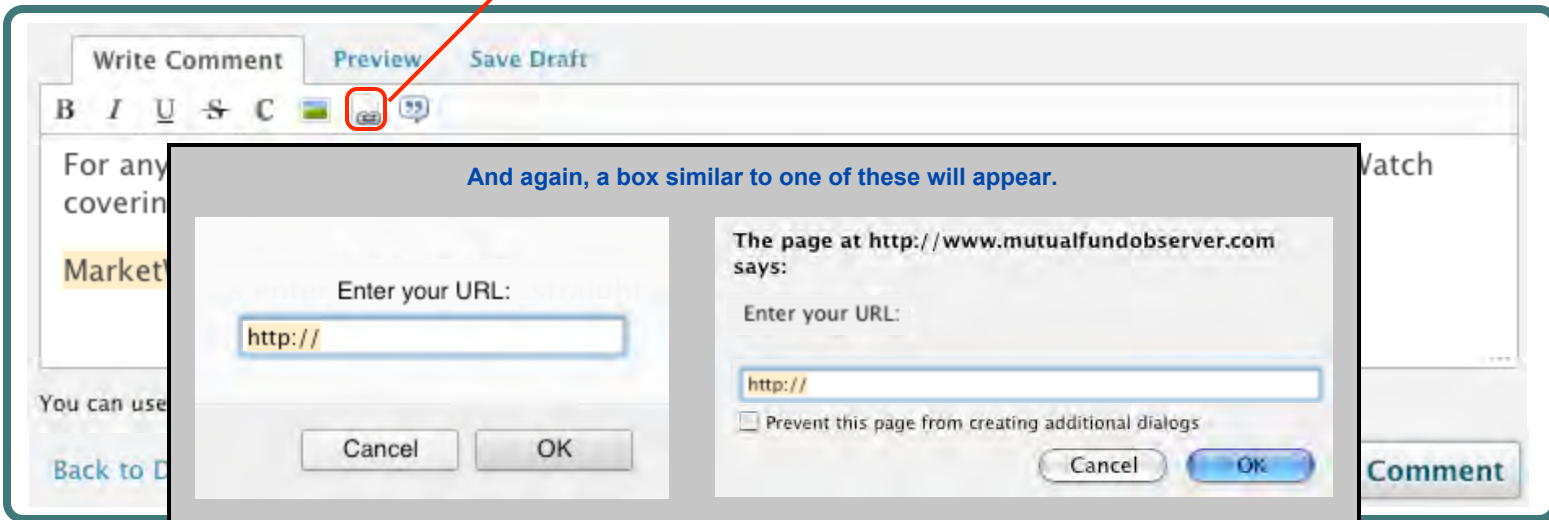
MarketWatch Article

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4 ... then press the button ...



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

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

Write Comment

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MarketWatch Article

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

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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 •

This is really just a "special case" of using a URL Link, as described immediately above.

On the Discussion Page :

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Site Upgraded Sat 9/8 - Having Trouble Posting - Read this message

Announcement 13 comments chip **1** Place the cursor over the Discussion that you want to link to.

**Big Picture: 10 Rules for Dealing with the Sharks on Wall Street**

2 comments Skeeter September 9 | Last MaxBialystock 4:58PM Off-Topic | 59 views

Factoids Re: AQR Risk-Balanced Commodity Fund

2 comments scott 4:53PM | Last scott 4:56PM Fund Discussions | 19 views

Interesting Article/Study on Retail Investor Knowledge

3 comments scott 3:57PM | Last catch22 4:39PM Fund Discussions | 26 views

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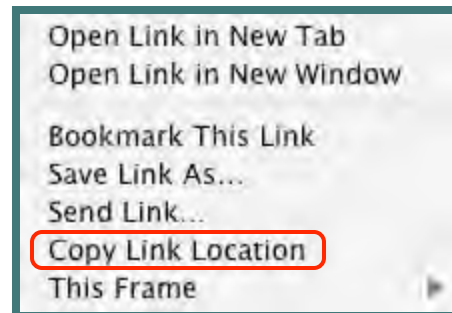
Start a New Discussion

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**2** Again, 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 Link Location:

**3** Just follow the same approach as described above, starting on pg 20, for adding an URL Link.





## Adding and Managing a Poll

You can attach (initiate) a Poll for any discussion... doesn't have to be your discussion...  
... but only one poll per discussion.

1 For this example we'll go to an existing discussion thread about PONDY:

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The PONDY freight train keeps powering ahead. Is a wreck dead ahead? Fund Discussions

▲ ▼ Hiyield007 September 5 Flag

Down to 59% in junk bonds (MNHXX) The rest is in ....., ....., and ....., I assume the strength in PONDY is due to its exposure to residential mortgage backed securities?? Seems like everyday there is a new mini-bubble article on the junk bond market. I guess that is good as markets usually flame out when everyone is in love with them not when fear is on the rise. Junk bonds as per the Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Index (the proxy for junk bonds) has seemingly hit one new all time high after another since the end of June. Lots of areas in bondland seem extended but will let price take me out, not fear or the opinions of others. Price, as in a percentage decline off recent highs.

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o Attach a poll

Bookmarked Discussions



which brings up this new window...

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Attach a poll

Create a poll question

Poll question

Regarding PONDY, do you...

3 ... we type in the poll question here...

Attach ... and push the button.

The poll question will be attached to this discussion: The PONDY freight train keeps powering ahead. Is a wreck dead ahead?

Search Go

Who's Online (5)

hank	1:21PM
kevindow	1:22PM
mns	1:22PM
Old_Joe	1:22PM
Soupkitchen	1:22PM



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### Edit a poll

Poll question

Regarding PONDIX, do you...

### Answers

No answers yet

Add a new answer

Intend to Buy?

Add

... and again push the button.

Search

Go

#### Who's Online (5)

aikiron	1:38PM
kevindow	1:38PM
mns	1:39PM
Old_Joe	1:39PM
Soupkitchen	1:38PM

4 which brings up this new window...

... now we type in the first answer here...



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### Edit a poll

Poll question

Regarding PONDIX, do you...

### Answers

Answer #1

Intend to Buy?

Delete

Add a new answer

Intend to Sell?

Add

Which of course we fill out and add, repeating this until all of the desired answer choices are listed. For this example, we'll stop here...

Back to the discussion

6 and click on "Back to the Discussion".

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#### Who's Online (5)

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5 Again a new window...

With an additional answer box...



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## The PONDx freight train keeps powering ahead. Is a wreck dead ahead?

[Fund Discussions](#)

**Hiyield007** September 5 [Flag](#)

Down to 59% in junk bonds ([MNHXY](#)) The rest is in ....., ....., and ..... I assume the strength in [PONDx](#) is due to its exposure to residential mortgage backed securities?? Seems like everyday there is a new mini-bubble article on the junk bond market. I guess that is good as markets usually flame out when everyone is in love with them not when fear is on the rise. Junk bonds as per the Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Index (the proxy for junk bonds) has seemingly hit one new all time high after another since the end of June. Lots of areas in bondland seem extended but will let price take me out, not fear or the opinions of others. Price, as in a percentage decline off recent highs.

... and here's our Poll - only two questions, but hey, not bad for a start.

And as you can see, it's possible to Edit, Reset, or Delete your Poll.

And it IS your poll. Except for the site administrators, no one other than you can mess with this thing, and no one can vote more than once, except in Chicago.

The Edit, Reset, and Delete options are visible only to the initiator of the poll.

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**In this Discussion**

**Poll**

Regarding PONDx, do you...

**Intend to Buy?**

0% (0 votes)

**Intend to Sell?**

0% (0 votes)

[Edit poll](#)

[Reset poll](#)

[Delete poll](#)

## Flagging or Editing a Post, and Changing Categories

If you believe a posting to be an advertisement or otherwise unsuitable for MFO, you can bring this to the attention of the site administrators by [Flag](#) Flagging the post.

Also, it's easy to [Edit](#), change, add to or delete parts of your comments, even after they have been posted.

**Schwab: Dead End on Emerging Markets?** [Fund Discussions](#)

**Old\_Joe** June 21 [Edit](#) [Flag](#)

In the current thread: "Choosing the Right Asset Class in Emerging Markets: Why it Matters", there are a fair number of recommendations by MFO posters. I've been trying to see if any of these are available through Schwab, but so far, it seems not.

[ODMAX](#): Institutional Investors Only  
[ODVYX](#): Institutional Investors Only  
[FNMIX](#): Available, with Transaction Fee: \$76

Evidently not easy to find a good EM fund with NTF via Schwab.

**Annotation 1:** Clicking on Edit...

**Annotation 2:** Click here to Flag the post.

**Edit Discussion**

**2** Brings up a new screen...

Discussion Title  
Schwab: Dead End on Emerging Markets? **3** Where you can change the title...

Category [Fund Discussions](#) or the Discussion Category...

**B I U S C**

In the current thread: "Choosing the Right Asset Class in Emerging Markets: Why it Matters", there are a fair number of recommendations by MFO posters. I've been trying to see if any of these are available through Schwab, but so far, it seems not.

ODMAX: Institutional Investors Only  
ODVYX: Institutional Investors Only  
FNMIX: Available, with Transaction Fee: **\$80** or the text of the post.

Evidently not easy to find a good EM fund with NTF via Schwab.

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

[Save](#) [Preview](#) [Cancel](#) **4** Then Save the new version, Preview, or Cancel the whole thing if you want to.



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

Home Discussions **Inbox** Old\_Joe MGR Mark All Viewed Summary

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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

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2 Start a New Conversation

Poosh zee boutain...

(To this button should be pushed your hand.)

3 ... and this box appears.

(The terms "Conversation" and "Message" are used interchangeably.)

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



You click on your Inbox ...

If someone has sent you a message ...

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

This screenshot shows the top navigation bar of a forum. The 'Inbox' link is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it from the text 'You click on your Inbox ...'. A red flag icon is next to 'Inbox'. Another red box with the number '1' points to the 'Old\_Doc\_Joe' link, which also has a red flag icon. A red arrow points from the text 'Small red flags will appear on your header bar ... one for the "Inbox", and one for "Notifications"' to these flags. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'All Discussions', 'My Discussions', 'My Drafts', and 'Show unread'. A list of discussions is shown, including 'Ticker Lookup', 'Post Counts at the bottom of page.', and '+ - icon suggestions -keep'. On the right side, there is a search bar, a 'Go' button, a 'Start a New Discussion' button, and a 'Fund Ticker Lookup' section.



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

This screenshot shows the inbox after clicking on the 'Inbox' link. The 'Inbox' link is highlighted with a red box. A red box with the number '3' points to the 'Old\_Joe' link, with a red arrow pointing to it from the text 'Click on Old\_Joe to go to his message ...'. Below the link, there is a message from 'Old\_Joe' with a cartoon cat avatar. The message text is 'Hey there Joe, don't forget that you have a root canal job today.' and it shows '1 message' and '11:25AM'. On the right side, there is a search bar, a 'Go' button, and a 'Start a New Conversation' button.



4 The Inbox indicator has automatically reset.

5 But the Notifications indicator has not.  
(See following page for this.)

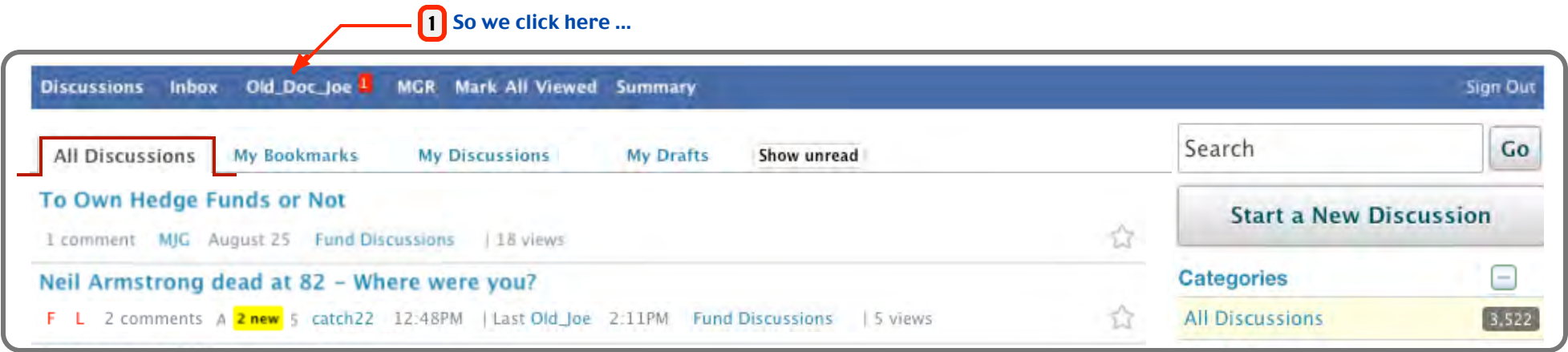
6 From here you can send him an answer. Try to be nice.

7

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

Resetting the Notifications Indicator

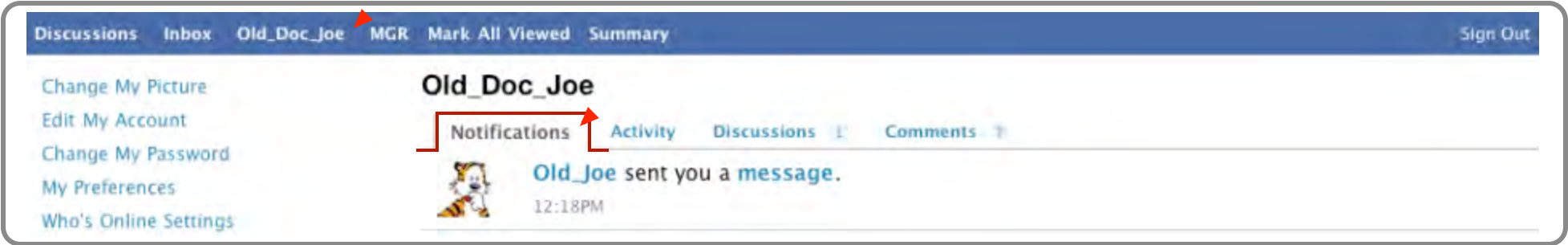
We're back on the Discussions page now, and we want to reset this Notification indicator. (Actually, this can be done from any page.)



... which takes us to our notifications page ...



... and now all of the indicators are reset.



1 From any page, clicking on "Summary" ...

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Sign Out

... will take you to an entirely different view of the Discussion Page :



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3 But clicking here ...

2 ... and then clicking here on any thread will take you back to the normal MFO view of this posting thread.

- [Report Bugs and Problems Here](#) By: [Skeeter](#) viewed (264)
- [A HUGE salute to Accipiter and Old Joe .....](#) By: [catch22](#) viewed (110)
- [Big Picture: 10 Rules for Dealing with the Sharks on Wall Street](#) By: [Skeeter](#) viewed (65)
- [Factoids Re: AQR Risk-Balanced Commodity Fund](#) By: [scott](#) viewed (34)
- [Interesting Article/Study on Retail Investor Knowledge](#) By: [scott](#) viewed (33)
- [Ouch...biting commentary on Edward Jones](#) By: [Charles](#) viewed (1075)
- [Today's fund behemoth quiz question](#) By: [David\\_Snowball](#) viewed (157)
- [GTSOX Glenmede Secured Options Help](#) By: [glampig](#) viewed (214)
- [Sentinel Small Company Fund reopens.](#) By: [TheShadow](#) viewed (79)
- [Vanguard GNMA \(VFII\) or Fidelity GNMA \(FGMN\) eeny meeny miny mo....](#) By: [Soupkitchen](#) viewed (91)
- [Gloom & Doom - Economist says debt may cause "death spiral" / Planets align for market crash](#) By: [hank](#) viewed (185)
- [SE Asia - Fidelity's \\$2.4 billion fund vaults past JP Morgan in race for cash](#) By: [hank](#) viewed (53)
- [Junk Bonds - Improved data leads to higher fund inflows / Manager thrives on low default rate](#) By: [hank](#) viewed (61)
- [Wall Street Week Ahead: A Nice Rally While It Lasted](#) By: [Skeeter](#) viewed (268)
- [What is the real jobless rate? LIP](#) By: [catch22](#) viewed (32)
- [Pimco Dividend & Income Builder \(POIDX\)](#) By: [ducrow](#) viewed (961)
- [This is why employment situation is still dragging](#) By: [Investor](#) viewed (79)
- [Fake Inflation Fighting Funds](#) By: [BondInvestor](#) viewed (668)



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**4** Expands the Thread to show the responses also :

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[Report Bugs and Problems Here](#) By: [Skeeter](#) viewed (264)

2012-09-08 - [Skeeter](#) (D)- [Test Post MessageSkeeter](#)

2012-09-08 - [chip](#) : Hooray!

2012-09-08 - [Accipiter](#) : Great.It is mandatory to sign out. Close your browser. and sign back in. If

2012-09-08 - [VintageFr](#) : Sorry I mentioned problems with Google Chrome on other thread. I will signout s

2012-09-08 - [bee](#) : As I signed out and then signed back in just now I noticed that my username was

2012-09-08 - [chip](#) : It's likely a one-time thing, because of the upgrade.

2012-09-08 - [Anna](#) : I'm seeing the downarrow next to the avatar but it is next to ▲ (code for

2012-09-08 - [Anna](#) : All four are delworkingdel visible when you list them like that. Only thing I c

2012-09-08 - [Anna](#) : By the way, functionally it works - if I click the string ▲ it goes to th

2012-09-08 - [Accipiter](#) : Reply to @Anna: thanks. I think it is fixed now I left off ; after the 25

2012-09-09 - [Anna](#) : Reply to @Accipiter: Yes, it looks right now. Thanks!

2012-09-09 - [Accipiter](#) : Reply to @Anna: thx for the followup. If something else doesn't look rig

2012-09-08 - [hank](#) : Accipiter - Can't get summary page to load. Comes up "page not found" on safari

2012-09-08 - [hank](#) : Reply to @Accipiter: If you happen to have the link for low-bandwidth send it a

2012-09-08 - [Accipiter](#) : Reply to @hank: both of these are not embedded - choose whichever one you like

2012-09-09 - [hank](#) : Reply to @Accipiter: Thanks so much. Now back to what passes for normal. (-:

2012-09-08 - [VintageFr](#) : No more problems after logging in and out. Curious why this is necessary though

2012-09-08 - [Accipiter](#) : We updated the version - it sends a cookie to your browser, so it can maintain

2012-09-09 - [MaxBialys](#) : I just posted. No problems. Easier to edit with bold, italics, etc. so I see. G

2012-09-09 - [Accipiter](#) : Reply to @MaxBialystock: thank goodness Max. A person who appreciates it and e

**5** And hovering your cursor anywhere over a response...

**6** ... lets you read it : **2012-09-09 - Report Bugs and Problems Here** Reply by: (Accipiter) --- Reply to @MaxBialystock: thank goodness Max. A person who appreciates it and expresses it.you are on my holiday gift list :).



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

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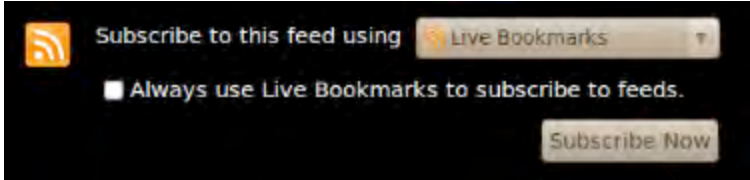
### All Categories

**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 hank August 25

**Technical Questions**  
121 discussions 956 comments Most recent: Ignored user explanation – OJ – Added ... by Accipiter August 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:



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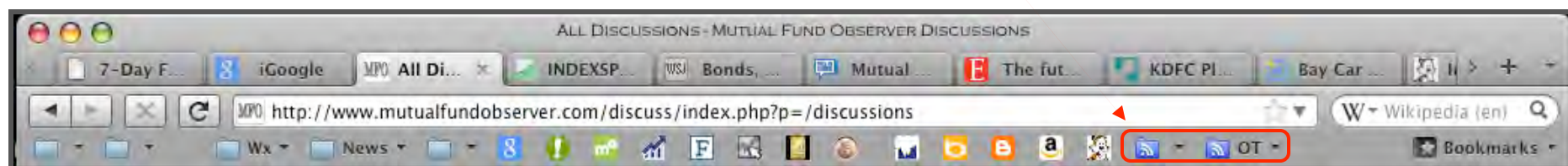
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New RSS Folders  
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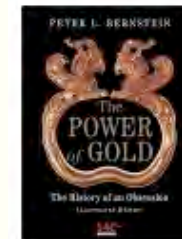
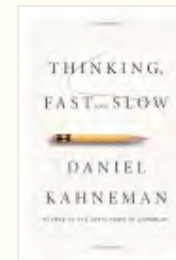
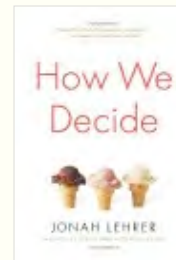
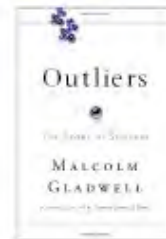
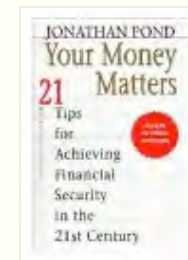
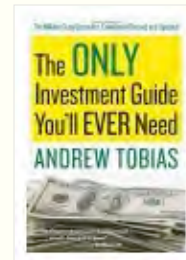
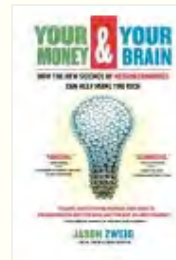
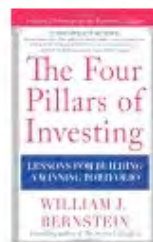
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ENTER A SINGLE TICKER SYMBOL OR (MULTIPLE TICKER SYMBOLS SEPARATED BY SPACES):

SELECT OR DESELECT THE SITE(S) TO LINK:

☒ Yahoo☒ Google☒ Morningstar☒ SmartMoney☒ Bloomberg☒ USA Today☒ USNews☒ Barrons☒ MSN☒ MFO

## The Navigator

ENTER TICKER OR FUND NAME, THEN CLICK ON SELECTION AND LINKS TO SITES WILL APPEAR

Type the ticker of a fund (minimum 2 letters):  or ETF

or Type the name of a fund (minimum 6 letters):

or Type the name of an ETF (minimum 6 letters):

Entering a fund or ETF name or symbol will bring up links relating to that fund or to associated funds.

PIINX: PIMCO Income Fund Administrative Class

PIMIX: PIMCO Income Fund Insti Class

PONAX: PIMCO Income Fund Class A

PONCX: PIMCO Income Fund Class C

**PONDXX: PIMCO Income Fund Class D**

PONPX: PIMCO Income Fund P Class

PONRX: PIMCO Income Fund Class R

The Personal Profile Page

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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

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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.

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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*.

[Home](#) [Discussions](#) [Inbox](#) [Old\\_Joe](#) [MGR](#) [Mark All Viewed](#) [Summary](#) [Sign Out](#)



[Change My Picture](#)  
[Edit My Thumbnail](#)  
[Remove My Picture](#)  
[Edit My Account](#)  
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[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  
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**scott** commented on your **bookmarked discussion**.  
[Whitebox Long Short Equity Fund \(LIP\)](#)  
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**Mark** mentioned you in a **comment**.  
[Meet the Ryans](#) – scattered fund investments like the rest of us  
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**fundalarm** mentioned you in a **comment**.  
[non agency residential mortgage backed securities funds](#)  
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**Charles** mentioned you in a **comment**.  
[A Tale Of Two Fund Giants](#)  
August 13

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**BobC** commented on your **discussion**.  
[Ping- calling Bob C...](#)  
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**CathyG** mentioned you in a **comment**.  
[Problems Scottrade not Auto-Reinvest Dividends on any stocks/etf's](#)  
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## Known problems and issues:

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- Clicking on a link which has been created by a poster may sometimes cause a freeze or failure.

**Suggestion:** Use the right mouse button, and try opening that link in a New Tab, rather than just clicking on it.

**Explanation:** If you are viewing the forum with the MFO header on top, you are reading something that is "embedded". Some sites do not allow themselves to be embedded in other sites. It's not a bug– just a reality of life.

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- Improper browser configuration may cause a number of issues. Invalid browser cache may be responsible.

**Suggestion:** Try clearing the browser cache, exit and then reopen the browser. In some cases, clearing the browser history may also help.

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- Having to sign in or log on multiple times –

Mutual Fund Observer checks a "cookie" from your browser to verify your identity, so your browser must be set to accept cookies for this to work.

Each member of the forum should have only one login name– you should NOT be creating additional user names.

Here are some reasons why you may have to continually supply your username and password and re-sign in :

- 1) your browser does not accept cookies.
- 2) you have installed software that automatically deletes cookies.
- 3) you have told your browser to delete cookies after closing session.
- 4) after 30 days the cookies will expire and you have to re-log in.
- 5) you have not checked the box "keep me signed in".
- 6) you sign out.
- 7) you use another computer or browser... the sign-in cookies are associated with ONE particular computer and browser– a different computer or browser knows nothing about them.

If you are still having trouble with multiple sign-ins after checking all of the above, please make a post under the "Technical Questions" section, and provide as much of the following information as possible:

- the name of your browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari...) and version number
  - your operating system type (Windows, Apple, Linux) and version number
  - and device type (iphone, pc, etc)
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- The "Search" Function– Intermittent erratic operation

**Suggestions:** \* The Search function requires a word with a minimum of four characters.

\* It's not especially good with phrases– tends to look for individual words.

\* If "Search" shows a particular posting thread, and it's not obvious where your search-word appears in that thread, try "Command F" ("Find") within that thread to find the key-word itself.

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