

Creating a Simulation

Step 1: Game Name & Dates

- ❑ Log into MarketWatch



- ❑ Select the “Games” section to get to Virtual Stock Exchange



- ❑ Click on “Create a Game”



This will open a lightbox or overlay with step-by-step instructions for setting up games

Create a name for your game

- MarketWatch will **generate a URL** for your specific game to share

- Start/End Dates** allow users to customize the time period for trading
 - All games must Start/End on open market days. If users choose a non-open market day, the game will use the next available date

- Additional **customization options** include a game description or tagline for your game. You can also specify whether users can join your game after it has started

- Privacy Settings:**
 - Public**
 - Your class' game can be viewed by anyone through search or with the web address for the game

 - Private** (recommended)
 - Your game requires a password and individual log-in. All information in the game will be available to users with the password
 - You will be prompted to create a 6-20 character password for your game

Step 2: Symbol Restrictions

The screenshot shows a 'Create a Game' window with a progress bar at the top containing steps 1, 2, 3, and a 'REVIEW' button. Step 2 is currently active. Below the progress bar, the title 'Symbol Restrictions for Trading' is followed by a paragraph: 'By default, players can trade all types of symbols during gameplay. If you would like to limit trading to selected symbols, enter a symbol you would like.' Below this text are two tabs: 'ALL VSE SYMBOLS' (which is selected) and 'CUSTOM SYMBOLS'. Under the 'ALL VSE SYMBOLS' tab, there are three columns of options:

Traded Indexes	Traded Exchanges	Traded Security Types
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S & P 500• Dow Jones• Nasdaq• Nasdaq 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AMEX• Nasdaq• NYSE• OTC-BB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Companies• Funds• ETFs

At the bottom of the window, there are navigation buttons: '< Prev Page', 'Page 2 of 4', and 'Next Page >'.

Here you can select the types of securities your students can trade

- By default, players can trade all types of symbols

- If you would like to limit trading to selected symbols, choose “Custom Symbols” and enter the symbols you would like
 - Use this option to set up custom simulations for sectors; i.e. Energy, Technology, etc.
 - You can set up to 30 custom symbols

- Note: **Only U.S. stocks and funds** can be traded in VSE

Step 3: Portfolio Settings

Set the parameters for your class' trades

- Starting balance
 - Maximum starting cash is \$25,000,000
- Trade commission cost
- Interest rate for portfolio holdings
- Max/minimum stock price limitation

Additional Options

- Short selling
- Margin selling
- Limit and Stop Loss orders

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1 2 3 REVIEW

PLAYER STARTING BALANCE ?
\$100000

COMMISSION VALUE ? \$10.00 CREDIT INTEREST RATE ? 3.00 %

DEBT INTEREST RATE FOR LEVERAGE ? 6.00 %

MIN. PRICE LIMIT ? \$2.00 MAX PRICE LIMIT ? \$500000.00

TRADING VOLUME LIMITATION ? 1.00 %

SHORT SELLING ? YES NO

MARGIN SELLING ? YES NO

LIMIT ORDERS ? YES NO

STOP LOSS ? YES NO

PARTIAL SHARES ? YES NO

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Final: Review Your Options

The last step is to review all your settings and make any changes

- ❑ If everything is correct, select “**Create Game**”
- ❑ You will be taken to the **Game Overview** page of your newly created VSE game and will receive a confirmation email
- ❑ Go to the **Settings** page to invite players, review game rules or end your game

The screenshot displays the 'Create a Game' interface in a 'REVIEW' state. The interface is divided into several sections, each with an 'EDIT' link:

- Game Overview:** Game Name: Principles of Finance - Fall 2017; Vanity URL: http://www.marketwatch.com/game/principles-of-finance---fall-2017; Start Date: 08/24/2017; End Date: 12/13/2017; Players Can Join After Start: Yes; Game Description: The purpose of using Virtual Stock Exchange is to give you a better understanding of trading strategies and portfolio management. You will also learn a variety of financial instruments and their risks and rewards as they apply to asset management.
- Privacy Options:** Player Portfolios: Public; Public or Private Game: Public; Game Password: (empty field).
- Included Symbols:** Traded Indexes: S & P 500, Dow Jones, Nasdaq, Nasdaq 2000; Traded Exchanges: AMEX, Nasdaq, NYSE, OTC-BB; Traded Security Types: Public Companies, Funds, ETFs.
- Portfolio Options:** Player Starting Balance: \$100000; Commission Value: \$10.00; Credit Interest Rate: 3.00%; Debt Interest Rate for Leverage: 6.00%; Minimum Price Limit: \$2.00; Maximum Price Limit: \$500000.00; Trade Volume Limitation: 1.00%; Enable Short Selling: Enabled; Enable Margin Selling: Enabled; Enable Limit Order: Disabled; Enable Stop Loss: Disabled; Enable Partial Shares: Disabled.

A green 'CREATE GAME' button is located at the bottom right of the form. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Prev Page' link and 'Page 4 of 4'.