

Virtual Stock Exchange game is intended for individuals ages 16 and older.

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

The screenshot shows a 'Create a Game' lightbox with a progress bar at the top containing steps 1, 2, 3, and REVIEW. Step 1 is active. The form fields are as follows:

- GAME NAME ?**: Principles of Finance - Fall 2017
- VANITY URL ?**: marketwatch.com/game/principles-of-finance---fall-2017
- START DATE ?**: 08/24/2017
- END DATE ?**: 12/13/2017
- PLAYERS CAN JOIN AFTER START ?**: YES (selected), NO
- PLAYER PORTFOLIOS ?**: PUBLIC (selected), PRIVATE
- PUBLIC OR PRIVATE GAME ?**: PUBLIC (selected), PRIVATE
- GAME PASSWORD**: 6-20 characters
- GAME DESCRIPTION ?**: The purpose of playing Virtual Stock Exchange is to gain a better understanding of trading strategies and portfolio management. You will also learn about a variety of financial instruments and their risks and rewards as they apply to asset management.

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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

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Symbol Restrictions for Trading

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.

ALL VSE SYMBOLS

CUSTOM 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

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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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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

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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:

Included Symbols

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- S & P 500
- Dow Jones
- Nasdaq
- Nasdaq 2000

Traded Exchanges

- AMEX
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- NYSE
- OTC-BB

Traded Security Types

- Public Companies
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- 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

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