ToQuicken

ToQuicken is a utility that converts files containing stock or mutual fund prices into a format that can be imported into Quicken.

ToQuicken can convert the following file formats:

portfolio downloaded from America Online file downloaded from CompuServe file downloaded from Dow Jones

into the file format that Quicken is capable of importing:

sample (*.csv).

The purpose is to allow America Online, CompuServe, and Dow Jones users to update their Quicken accounts with daily price quotes. For instructions on downloading prices see:

downloading prices from America Online downloading prices from CompuServe downloading prices from Dow Jones

Look here for instructions on importing prices into Quicken.

ToQuicken can also accept command line options to allow automated conversion.

ToQuicken is a shareware utility, please see the registration information.

Please see the other shareware products available from Mark Beiley.

Please visit the ToQiucken Home Page at: http://members.aol.com/Beiley/toqckn.html

Registration Information

ToQuicken is a "Shareware" program. You are encouraged to try it for free. You are also encouraged to pass it along, unaltered, to anyone else you feel may be interested. If, after a reasonable time, you decide to continue using it, please register by filling out the <u>registration form</u> and sending **\$5** to the author at the address listed below.

WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU REGISTER:

You will be sent a registration password. This password will enable the registered version of ToQuicken.

Registered users are guaranteed free upgrades for life! You will be entitled to use any future version of ToQuicken for no additional charge. Your same password can be used to enable any future versions.

All registered users are entitled to 3 years of free technical support from the author. Mark Beiley may be reached by either US mail, telephone, or electronic mail at the addresses and number listed below.

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The most efficient way to contact the author is through electronic mail. Questions are normally addressed within 1 or 2 days. To keep costs and registration fees down, long distance phone calls can not be returned.

Registration Form (use File/Print Topic)

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Name: Address: City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: Country _____ ____ Any electronic mail addresses where you may be reached? (Internet, Prodigy, AOL, CompuServe, MCI, etc.) How did you obtain ToQuicken? (optional) Any new features you would like to see in ToQuicken? ****** Registration fee: (US funds please) \$5 new users only Please support the shareware concept by sending a check to: Mark Beiley P.O. Box 51641 Phoenix, AZ 85076-1641

Please see <u>Registration Information</u> for more details on registration. Thanks for supporting the shareware concept!

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Registration

After mailing in your <u>registration form</u> and check, you will receive registration information, which includes a serial number and password allowing you to enable the registered version of ToQuicken. This dialog box allows the user to enter a name, serial number, and password. These items must be entered EXACTLY as specified in the registration package. Please see <u>Registration Information</u> for more details on registration.

Previously registered users may enter their same name, serial number, and password for any earlier version to enable the latest registered version.

Downloading Prices from America Online

Follow these steps to download prices from America Online to a file on your hard drive:

- 1. Sign on to America Online. Go to the keyword "**stocklink**" (use the keyboard accelerator CTRL + K or the menu item Go To/keyword).
- 2. If you don't already have a portfolio set up, you may do so from here. Simply enter the symbols of the funds/stocks that you are interested in tracking and then select the "Add to Portfolio" button. You will be prompted to specify which portfolio you would like this symbol to be added in, the number of shares you own, and the purchase price. (Fund Manager does not require or use the shares or purchase price information from your AOL portfolio.) Repeat this procedure until you have added all the funds/stocks that you are interested in.
- 3. When you are ready, display your portfolio by selecting the "**Portfolios**" button. Specify which portfolio to display, and then choose the "**Display Portfolio**" push button.
- 4. Next, save your portfolio to your hard disk. If you are not already displaying your portfolio, do so. You can use the keyword "**portfolio**" to display your portfolio from anywhere in America Online. Select the push button "**Print**" on the bottom of the displayed portfolio's window. A new window will be displayed with your prices. Select "File/Save As..." from the menu bar. This will present you with a dialog box allowing you to specify any path and filename for your portfolio that you choose.
- 5. Sign off of America Online.

After downloading the portfolio you can use ToQuicken to convert this file to a format that can be directly imported into Quicken. Your downloaded portfolio should look similar to this <u>sample AOL portfolio file</u>.

ToQuicken will convert your downloaded file and create a new file with the filename suffix '.csv'. The new file will be located in the same directory as the downloaded file. (Example: c:\aol25\download\prices.txt will be converted to c:\aol25\download\prices.csv.)

After ToQuicken converts the file and creates the *.csv file you can import the *.csv file into Quicken.

Downloading Prices from CompuServe

Follow these steps to download prices from CompuServe to a file on your hard drive (these instructions assume you are using WinCIM to access CompuServe):

- 1. Start CompuServe. From the Services menu, choose "Quotes" or select the "Stock Quotes" icon.
- 2. If you don't already have your portfolio set up, you may do so from here. Simply enter the symbols of the funds/stocks that you are interested in tracking, selecting the push button "Add" after each symbol.
- 3. Display the current prices for your portfolio by selecting the "Get All" push button.
- 4. Next, save your portfolio to your hard disk. Select the **File/Save As** menu command. This will present you with a dialog box allowing you to specify any path and filename for your portfolio that you choose.
- 5. Quit CompuServe.

After downloading the portfolio you can use ToQuicken to convert this file to a format that can be directly imported into Quicken. Your downloaded portfolio should look similar to this <u>sample CompuServe file</u>.

ToQuicken will convert your downloaded file and create a new file with the filename suffix '.csv'. The new file will be located in the same directory as the downloaded file. (Example: c:\cserve\wincim\prices.txt will be converted to c:\cserve\wincim\prices.csv.)

After ToQuicken converts the file and creates the *.csv file you can import the *.csv file into Quicken.

Downloading Prices from Dow Jones

The author is not familiar with the required steps to download prices from Dow Jones. (Can anyone help?) You'll need to download the prices to a file on your hard drive.

After downloading the prices you can use ToQuicken to convert this file to a format that can be directly imported into Quicken. Your downloaded portfolio should look similar to this <u>sample file downloaded from Dow Jones</u>.

ToQuicken will convert your downloaded file and create a new file with the filename suffix '.csv'. The new file will be located in the same directory as the downloaded file. (Example: c:\dowjones\prices.txt will be converted to c:\dowjones\prices.csv.)

After ToQuicken converts the file and creates the *.csv file you can import the *.csv file into Quicken.

Importing Prices into Quicken

Follow these steps to import prices into Quicken AFTER you have used ToQuicken to convert your downloaded portfolio into the <u>*.csv</u> format. These instructions assume you are using Quicken 4 for Windows, but other versions will require similar actions.

- 1. Start Quicken. From the Activities menu, choose the Portfolio View command.
- 2. From the File menu, choose the Import Prices command.
- 3. Enter the full path and filename of the *.csv file created by ToQuicken. (ToQuicken creates the *.csv file in the same directory as the downloaded portfolio.)
- 4. Click on the **OK** button and your prices will be updated in Quicken..

Command Line Options

ToQuicken can be used in a command line mode. The required command line format is:

toqckn.exe conversion_type month day year filename

where each variable in italics is defined as:

| conversion_type | AOL, CIS, or DOW |
|-----------------|--|
| month | month that specified prices are valid |
| day | day that specified prices are valid |
| year | year that specified prices are valid (either 2 or 4 digits acceptable) |
| filename | full path and filename of file to convert |

When using the command line option all variables are required. One or more spaces should separate each variable on the command line. Here are some examples:

toqckn.exe AOL 8 5 1995 c:\aol25\download\prices.txt toqckn.exe CIS 12 31 95 c:\cserve\wincim\prices.txt toqckn.exe DOW 1 15 95 c:\dowjones\prices.txt

If the conversion is successful ToQuicken will exit, without confirmation. This is to enable ToQuicken to be more easily used in a batch file mode. If the conversion fails one message box will be displayed, explaining the error, and then the ToQuicken window will be displayed.

Fund Manager for Windows

Fund Manager is a portfolio management application for Windows, and is distributed as shareware. Fund Manager is designed to help individual investors monitor and analyze their investments with a wide variety of easy to use graphs and reports.

Fund Manager accepts as input: price, investment, and distribution. information. Price information may be entered manually, or imported from AOL, Prodigy, CompuServe, Dow Jones, Quicken, or any ASCII text file. Fund Manager tracks No-Load Mutual Funds, Loaded Mutual Funds, and Stocks/Bonds.

Portfolios can be created, allowing the investor to group various investments together. Portfolios also store all the options, including colors and fonts, so the next time you open the portfolio your work space will be fully restored. Fund Manager can open up to 100 investments simultaneously. There is no limit to the number of data points each investment may have.

One, four, or nine graphs may be viewed side by side in the same window, or you may overlay multiple investments on the same graph for ease of comparison. Markers may be displayed on the graphs indicating where purchases, redemptions, and distribution transactions occurred. This allows the investor to easily see how well they timed the market with their investments. The graphs display daily data for any desired time period. The available graph types are:

- Portfolio value line
- Portfolio value cost overlay
- Portfolio value pie
- Investment value
- Share price
- Share price summed with distributions
- Moving average of the share price
- Moving average of share price plus distributions
- Share price of multiple investments overlaid
- Share price + dist. of multiple investments overlaid
- Cost and value overlaid
- Share cost and price overlaid
- Share price / moving average overlay
- Share price plus distributions / moving average overlay
- Bar chart of yields

Fund Manager can calculate three different types of yields:

- Return on Investment
- Fund Performance assuming reinvested distributions
- Fund Performance assuming received distributions

The Fund Performance yields disregard investments and their timing, and only report on the performance of the fund itself. Comparing Fund Performance and ROI yields allows the investor to see how well he or she timed his/her investments. The reinvested Fund Performance yield provides a check against the performance figures stated by the fund companies. The yields may be calculated over any desired time period. In addition to yields, Fund Manager calculates many other figures of merit in the available reports. Some of the figures include:

- Percent gain of your investment
- Percent gain of the fund
- Gain or Loss
- Cost basis for tax purposes using either first-in-first-out, or the average cost accounting methods.

The available report types include:

- Portfolio performance
- Investment performance
- ROI yield
- Fund Performance yield
- Portfolio value
- Distribution summary
- Capital Gains FIFO
- Capital Gains AVG
- Investment summary

Fund Manager was recommended by Windows magazine as superior shareware, and America Online has classified it as a top pick.

Fund Manager is available in versions for both Windows 3.1 and Win95. You can always find the latest versions from the *Fund Manager Home Page* at: http://members.aol.com/Beiley/fundman.html

As of the time of this writing the latest versions of Fund Manager can be found at:

Fund Manager 8.5 for Windows is available at the following locations:

World Wide Web:

http://members.aol.com/Beiley/fundman.html

America Online:

Personal Finance / Software Center / Best Picks / fundmn85.zip (keyword: **PFSOFTWARE**)

CompuServe:

Financial forum / Investor's forum / Mutual fund library / fundmn85.zip (keyword: **INVFOR**)

FTP from internet:

oak.oakland.edu as /SimTel/win3/finance/fundmn85.zip

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Fund Manager 1.2 for Win95 is available at the following locations:

World Wide Web:

http://members.aol.com/Beiley/fundman.html

America Online: Personal Finance / Software Center / Best Picks / afmw9512.zip (keyword: **PFSOFTWARE**)

CompuServe:

Financial forum / Investor's forum / Mutual fund library / afmw9512.zip (keyword: **INVFOR**)

FTP from internet: ftp://members.aol.com/Beiley/programs/afmw9512.zip

From the author: (\$2.50 Shipping and Handling (\$5 outside US)) Mark Beiley P.O. Box 51641 Phoenix, AZ 85076-1641 USA

Please contact the author, Mark Beiley, with any questions you may have regarding Fund Manager:

Internet: beiley@aol.com America Online: Beiley CompuServe: 72643,3041 Sample *.CSV File Here is what a sample *.csv file looks like:

> "JANSX",19.2,"05/19/93"," " "JAVLX",24.11,"05/19/93"," " "JAVTX",51.18,"05/19/93"," " "JAWWX",20.95,"05/19/93"," "

The first field of each line is the stock symbol. The second field of each line is the price. The third field is the date, and the fourth field is for footnotes.

Sample America Online Portfolio Here is what a sample America Online downloaded portfolio file looks like:

| Portfolio: Port | folio #1 | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|-------|
| Symbol | Shares | Last/NAV | Change | %Change | Gain/Loss | Value |
| \$INDU | | 5,518.14 | +43 | | | |
| ECGOF | | 8 1/2 | +1/8 | 0.00% | | |
| FHLSX | | 57.60 | +1.04 | 0.00% | | |
| FIIIX | | 13.17 | +0.09 | 0.00% | | |
| IBM | | 106 3/8 | -5/8 | 0.00% | | |
| S | | 51 1/8 | +3/8 | 0.00% | | |
| TWCUX | | 28.13 | +0.43 | 0.00% | | |
| **Total** | | | | | | 0.00 |

Since there is no date information in this file you are also prompted for the date when converting this file to a *.csv file.

Sample CompuServe File Here is what a sample downloaded CompuServe file looks like:

| Ticker | Volume | High | Low | Last | Change | Update |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| JANSX | 0 | 20.820 | 20.820 | 20.820 | + 0.050 | 5:45 |
| JAVLX | 0 | 26.510 | 26.510 | 26.510 | + 0.150 | 5:45 |
| JAVTX | 0 | 53.220 | 53.220 | 53.220 | + 0.070 | 5:45 |
| JAWWX | 0 1 | 23.920 | 23.920 | 23.920 | + 0.200 | 5:45 |

Since there is no date information in this file you are also prompted for the date when converting this file to a *.csv file.

Sample Dow Jones File Here is what a sample downloaded Dow Jones file looks like:

| Date: 02/15/9 | 94 | Time: 01:1 | 7 ET | | | | |
|---------------|--------|------------|------|-----|------|--------|--------|
| Issue | Close | Open | High | Low | Last | Volume | Change |
| JANSX | 19.550 | 19.550 | | | | | |
| JAVLX | 24.940 | 24.940 | | | | | |
| JAWWX | 26.040 | 26.040 | | | | | |

The date information is the date the file was downloaded, so when converting, ToQuicken will prompt for the date of the prices.