## CHEAT SHEET TO READING A STOCK CHART



Reading a stock chart is not complicated if you know the basics of what you are looking at. Your main point in reading a stock chart is for you to see whether the company you have invested in has lost money on that day or has earned money on that day.


Columns 1 and 2 contain the 52 week price high and low of the stock price. This information will help you to understand if you are losing money or if you have gained money. You will also be able to decide if you really want to buy a particular stock.

Column 3 contains the name of the company.
The company's symbol for the exchange is in Column 4.
Column 5 is the annual dividend (payment you earn) per share of stock.

Column 6 is the percentage return on the dividend yield which is the gain from the time the stock was bought. However, this doesn't include any capital gains in the calculation. How to Understand Dividend Yield can explain better than I can about this.

The Price to Earning (P/E) (Column 7) equals the current stock price divided by earnings per share for the last four quarters.

Column 8 lists all the shares of stock traded that day; meanwhile, Columns 9 and 10 provide the range of prices the shares sold for during the day.

Column 11 shows the closing price and the net change is how much the value of the stock changed from the previous day (Column 12).

