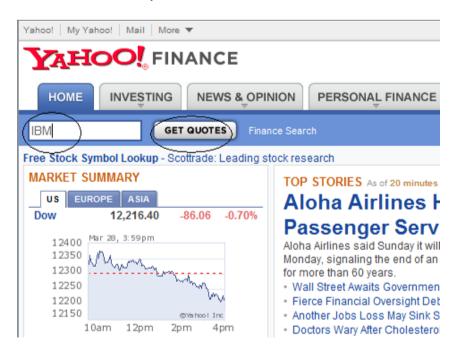
Downloading Stock Prices from Yahoo! Finance

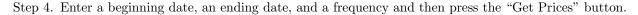
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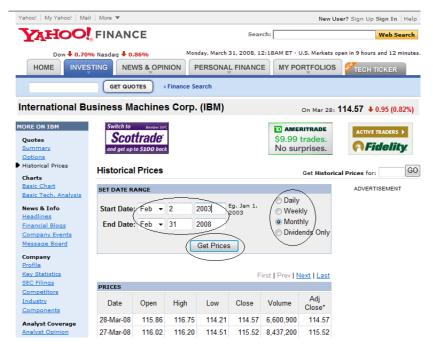
- Step 1. Go to http://finance.yahoo.com
- Step 2. Enter the ticker symbol for a stock (IBM in the example below) in the box in the top left corner and press the button labeled "Get Quotes":



Step 3. On the resulting page, click on link for Historical Prices:

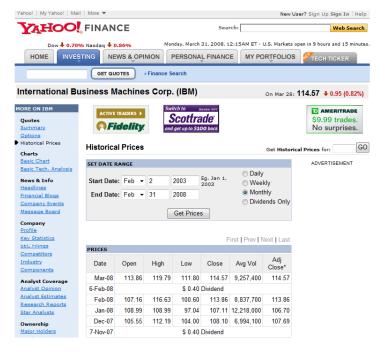




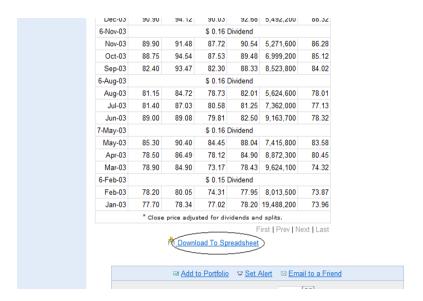


Pressing the "Get Prices" button will show you information for the stock. Since I am looking for monthly prices, the days of the month are ignored by Yahoo! So, even though there is no February 31, the process works!

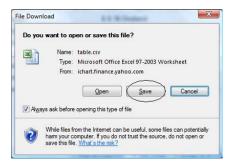
Caution: Beware of partial month when downloading monthly data. Suppose today is February 21, 2008. You want to download monthly data until the most recent month. Without thinking about it, you specify the ending month as February 2008. Since month hasn't ended yet, Yahoo! Finance cannot give you the end of the month information for February 2008. It will give you the information as of the most recent trading date. So, while for other months, you will have information as of the end of the month, for February 2008, you will have information based on partial month.



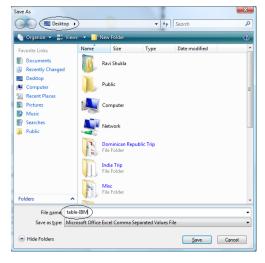
Step 5. Scroll down to the bottom of this page. You will see a link for "Download To Spreadsheet."



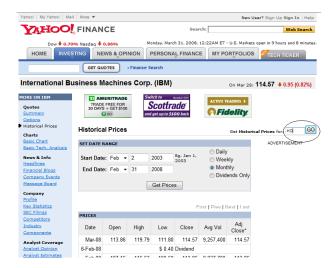
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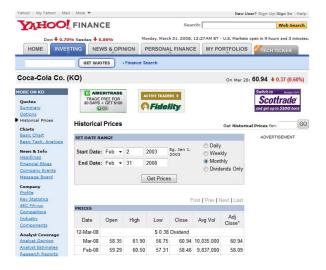
Now, you will be asked to give a file name and location where to save the file. I suggest you choose Desktop as the location. If you use another location (e.g., My Documents), remember the location. For the filename, I suggest use table-Ticker, where Ticker is the ticker symbol for the stock, IBM in my example.



Step 6. Now you will be back to the Historical Finances page. Scroll the page all the way up, and enter another ticker in the box on the right hand side and press the "GO" button.



Pressing the "Go" button will show the prices for the stock corresponding to the ticker. Scroll down to the bottom of this page.



Download the file and save it as table-ticker.

Step 7. Repeat Step 6 for as many stocks as necessary, creating tables for the various stocks.