*What is a stock screener?*

There are so many stocks to choose from. How can we narrow the universe of stocks into a smaller group that we can research and investigate? We can use a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which is a tool to help us focus our stock research efforts.

*The Stock Screener*

Go to finviz.com and click on screener. You will notice that there are hundreds of pages of stocks available. We need to reduce this list to a group that is more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We can also see that there is a list of filters under various categories; we will focus on the descriptive filters and the fundamental filters.

*Descriptive Screening Filters*

As we have discussed, filters help us find companies that fit our search \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. For example you might want to limit your search to US based companies. You would use the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ filter.

If you wanted a large-cap stock, you would use the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Filter to select a company with a market cap over $10B.

You can also filter by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Industry. Sector is a broad section of the economy (like healthcare), while Industry is a narrow section (like auto parts).

Note that these are examples and not the only filters you can use.

*Fundamental Screening Filters*

you can also select filters based on specific financial performance measures, called fundamental filters.

These filters allow you to choose a minimum Return on Equity (ROE), Net Profit Margin, or 1 year projected growth rate.

Clearing a filter: If you click on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it clears all your filters

*Stock Screener Tips*

* You can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your selections.
* You can filter your selections even further.
* Or you can eliminate one of filters by just choosing the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” option on that filter
* Look out for crazy numbers, numbers that don’t make any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* You can always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the numbers that you find on finviz.com by looking at the company’s financial filings directly.