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# Sparkline

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**Sparklines** are a format developed by [Edward Tufte](#) for small graphic charts which can be inserted within text on a page.

Tufte describes sparklines as "data-intense, design-simple, word-sized graphics". Whereas the typical chart is designed to show as much data as possible, and is set off from the flow of text, sparklines are intended to be succinct, memorable, and located precisely where appropriate.

Sparklines			
U.S. stock market activity (February 7, 2006)			
Day	Index	Value	Change
	Dow Jones	10765.45	-32.82 ( -0.30%)
	S&P 500	1256.92	-8.10 ( -0.64%)
	Nasdaq	2244.83	-13.97 ( -0.62%)

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## External links

- [Edward Tufte's explanation of sparklines](#)
- [Sparkline PHP library](#) , software for making sparklines
- [Bissantz SparkMaker](#) , a Microsoft Office add-in for creating sparklines in Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- [\[1\]](#) , Sparkline Generator Web Application.
- [Sparklines for Excel](#) , a Microsoft Excel add-in for automatically generating sparklines in Excel (uses Bissantz Sparkfonts).

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