

Simple Interest is paid only on the principal amount.

<u>Compound Interest</u> is paid on the principal and the interest added to to the principal.

EX 1: Calculating Compound Interest on \$1000 at 10% interest compounded annually.

After	Interest	Balance
n years		

Compound Interest Formula (when compounding only once per year)

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A = P(1+APR)^{Y}

A = Account balance after Y years
P = Principal amount invested
APR = annual percentage rate (as a decimal)
Y = number of years
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EX 1: Find the balance if you invest \$3000 at an APR of 4% for 12 years.

Compound Interest Formula (when compounding more than once a year)

$$A = P(1 + \frac{APR}{n})^{(nY)}$$

A = Amount after Y years P = Principal amount

APR = Annual interest rate as a decimal

= number of times compounded each year

= number of years of compounding

EX 2: Find the balance if you invest \$3000 for 12 years at 4%, in an account which compounds daily.