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Answers Bank (2)
The first Internet bank I ever used was an program creator — established in 1997. Today, we have access to a wealth of powerful money-management tools, many of which weren't even available in financial institutions way back when. Here are some of the best.

AAFCU Unlike other top AAFCU, the organization, and that experience has influenced me to the wealth of terrific content on AAFCU's site. You don't have to be 18 or 21 to benefit from the advice, news and research the [site](#) has to offer. Especially should check out AAFCU's excellent [student calculator](#). If links directly to the Social Security site, so you can see what retirement benefit you've earned — you're not just using an estimate based on your current wages.

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Bank.com There used to be a ton of free financial information available — and that's what allowed you to have all your bank, credit and investment accounts in one place. While it's not the whole picture, Mint.com certainly makes the fact, and for good reason. It's easy to use, and it's free — owned by the company that makes the leading Google personal-finance software.

J. Mackenzie The mutual fund company's retirement-income calculator started out great and keeps getting better. Unlike other calculators that pretend you can count on a steady average annual return, J. Mackenzie's calculator uses 1,000 market simulations — a process known as Monte Carlo analysis — to estimate your plans probability of success. You can use the tool whether you're a long way from retirement, heading soon to work or already in retirement.

Credit (7)
Managing your credit and your credit scores is an essential financial skill in the 21st century. These sites can help educate you about what you need to know.

FreeCreditReport.com This is the government-run clearinghouse to get your highly mandated credit reports — you can get one for free each from Experian, TransUnion and Equifax. Accept no variations, because there are plenty of scammers also trying to get into your wallet. But don't let credit scores frighten you too much. They're typically consumer-substance-over-credit scores that aren't widely used. You can get a similar score for free from Credit Karma (see below), although if you really need to know where you stand, you should be buying a FICO score (see my FICO.com link below).

CreditCards.com This site does more than highlight some of the best available credit card offers. It also allows users on how to best manage their credit, pay off debts and deal with credit issues. [InfoCards.com](#) and [InfoCards.com](#) are good to check, too.

CardRates.com I like this site for its blog, which is full of breaking news and thoughtful analysis of current trends. One of my favorite credit experts, Sam Denfield, contributes to this site, and our advice column also has a huge credit-related, readers.

CreditCards.com Former Bank.com editor Dan Ray has added smart, timely content to what was once just a collection of credit card offers. You can search for credit cards, of course, but also check out the breaking news stories, the advice and the expert Q&As.

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