

# Compound interest MIND BEND

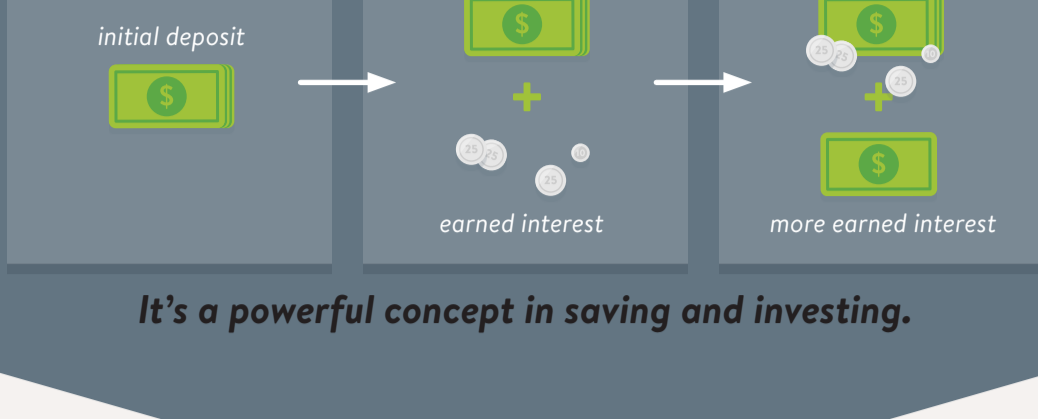
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“Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it... He who doesn't, pays it...”

- Albert Einstein

Compound interest means earning interest on your interest:



It's a powerful concept in saving and investing.

## How to make the most of COMPOUND INTEREST

3 Strategies + Takeaways

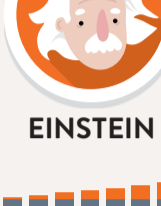
### STRATEGY 1

SAVING THE INTEREST

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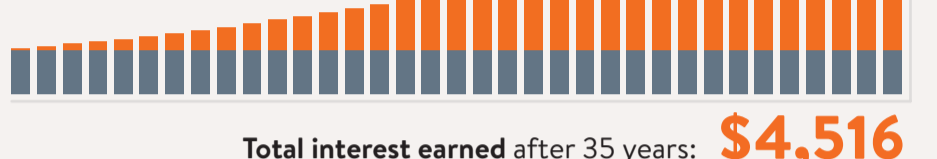
SPENDING THE INTEREST

What happens if you withdraw your interest as you earn it?

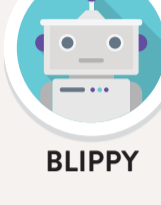


\$1,000 initial deposit  
5% annual return  
**Doesn't touch his account**

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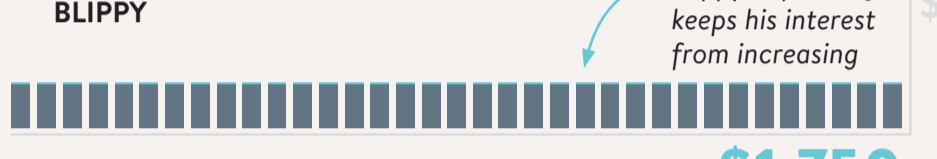


Total interest earned after 35 years: **\$4,516**



\$1,000 initial deposit  
5% annual return  
**Spends the interest every year**

BLIPPY



Total interest earned (and spent!) after 35 years: **\$1,750**

Blippy's spending keeps his interest from increasing

By leaving his investment alone, Einstein earned

**2.5x**

more interest



**\$2,746**

Even if Blippy had spent only half of his interest each year, he would have still only earned \$2,746 in total interest.

THE TAKEAWAY:

Interest withdrawals—even if they are small—keep compound interest from doing its thing.

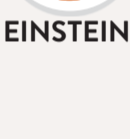
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STARTING EARLIER

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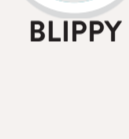
STARTING LATER

How much difference does a head start make?



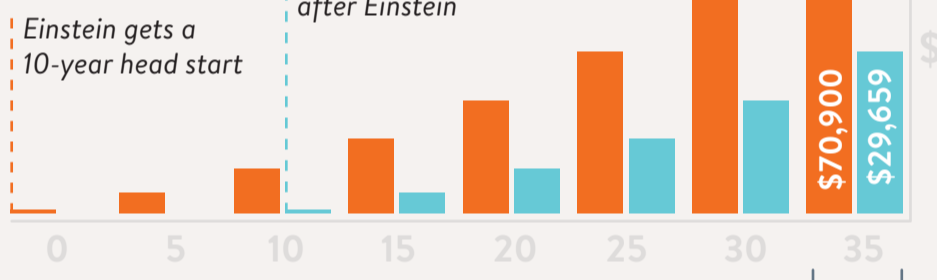
**Starts saving when he's 25**  
\$1,000 initial deposit  
\$1,200 annual deposit  
5% annual return

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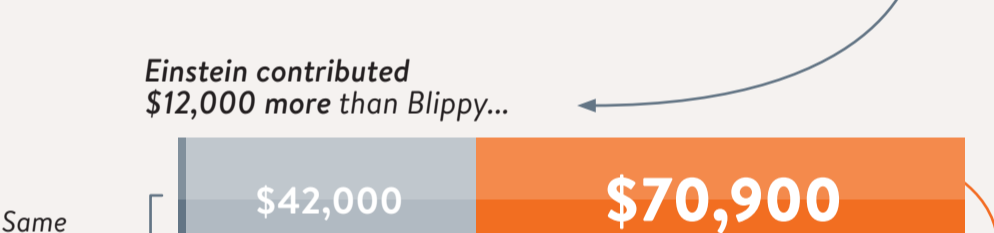


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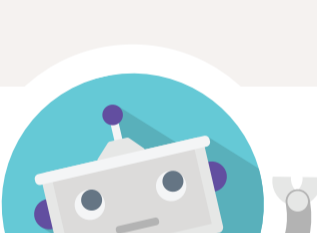


Einstein contributed \$12,000 more than Blippy...



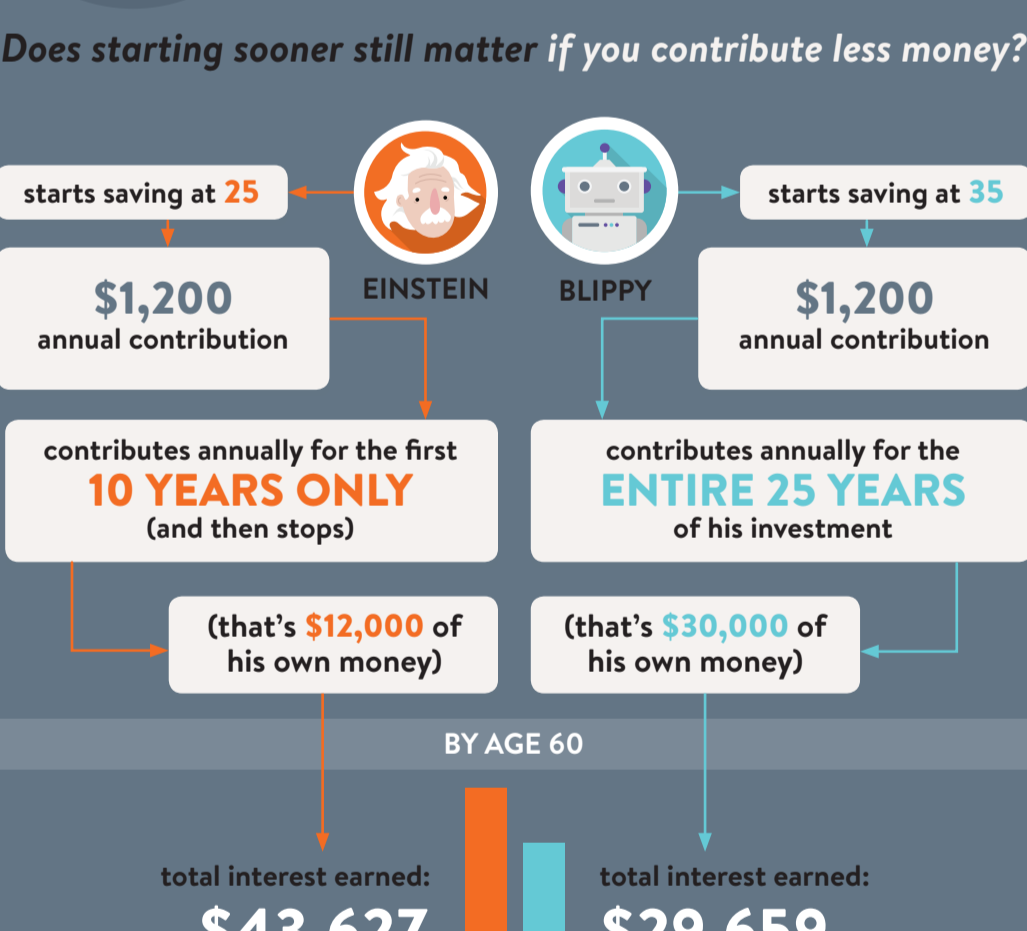
Same initial deposit of \$1,000

...but earned \$41,241 more in total interest!



Well, of course Einstein earned more! He started sooner and contributed more money than I did!

Does starting sooner still matter if you contribute less money?



Simply by starting to save sooner, I was able to contribute \$18,000 less but still make almost \$14,000 more in interest!



THE TAKEAWAY:

Time is money when it comes to compound interest. The longer you wait around, the less interest you'll earn.

### STRATEGY 3

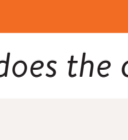
MONTHLY COMPOUNDING

VS.

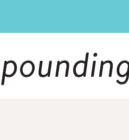
ANNUAL COMPOUNDING

What difference does the compounding frequency make?

Deposits \$100/month into an account that compounds monthly.

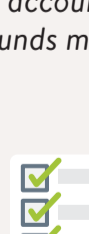


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Deposits \$1,200/year into an account that compounds annually.



Both start saving at the same time.  
Both have an initial deposit of \$1,000.  
Both get a 5% annual return.  
Both contribute \$1,200 a year.



Even though all other variables were the same, Einstein earned \$5,443 more than Blippy.

**\$5,443**

THE TAKEAWAY:

Smaller, more frequent contributions are better than larger annual contributions when it comes to monthly compounding.

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