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Benefits of Mutual Funds



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- When you purchase a fund, you also get an experienced portfolio manager to do research and monitor your securities
- The minimum investment price can be from \$250-\$500 but is usually around \$2,500
- Where To Get a Mutual Fund:
 - You can purchase or sell mutual funds through a broker, bank, or online based on the net asset value

Cost of Mutual Funds



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Mutual Fund Fees

- No Load Funds:**
 - Funds sold directly to the public
 - They do not charge a sales commission
- Load Funds: Sold through brokers which charge a commission**
- Front-End Loads:**
 - Commission is paid when you purchase a share
 - The price is deducted from your initial investment (if you have a \$1000 investment and the load is 3%, you will only be investing \$970)
- Back-End Loads:**
 - These are charges that will be deducted from your investment when you sell the funds
 - This is done to discourage people from frequently changing funds

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How Do Mutual Funds Work?



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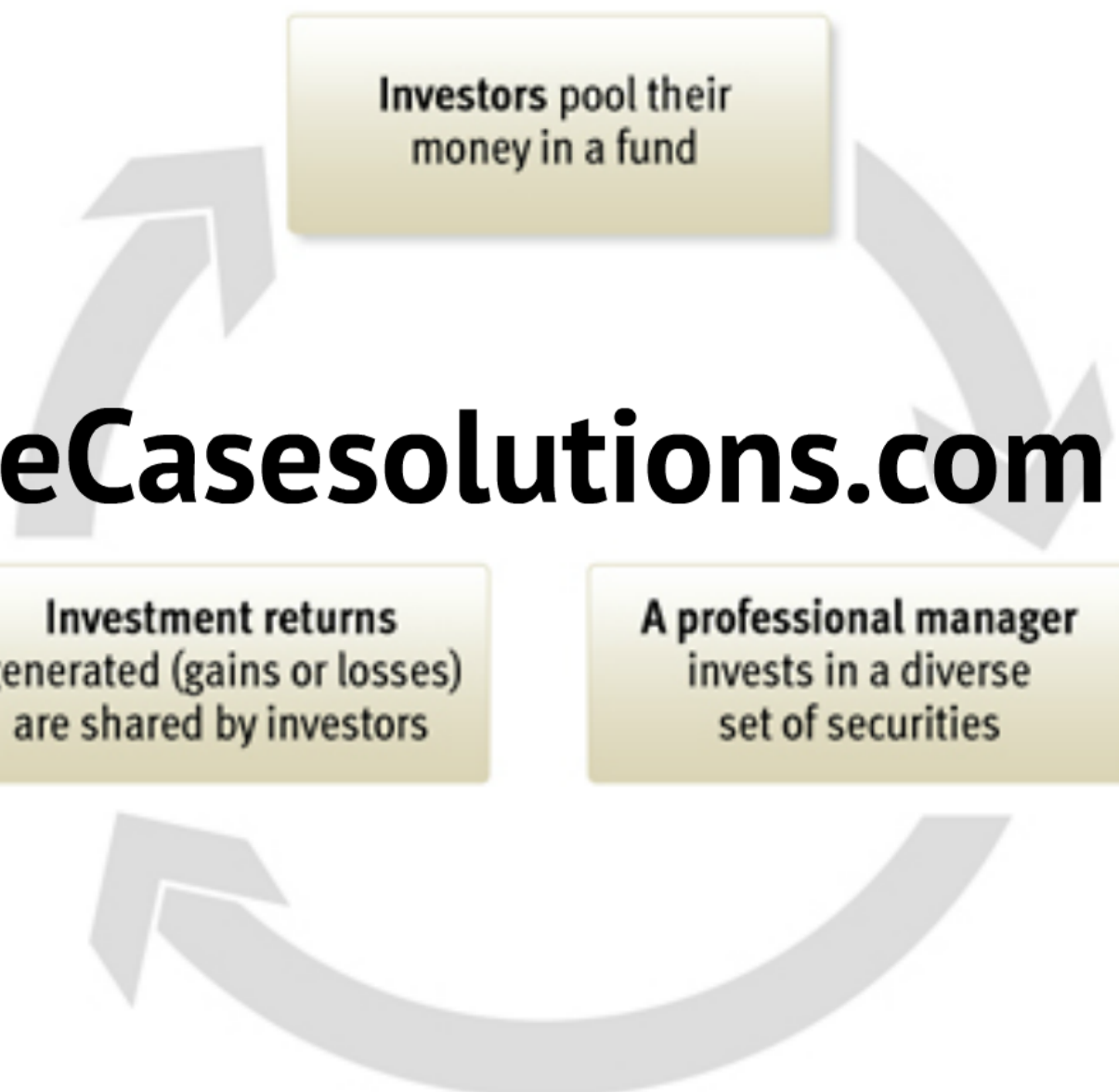
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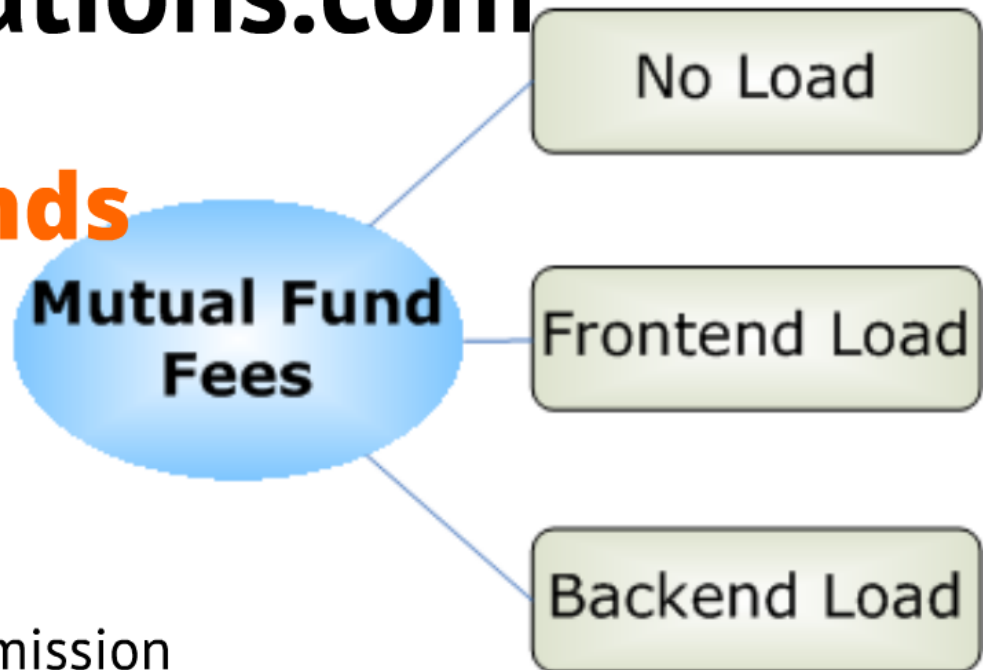
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Why are mutual funds important?

Where do you get mutual funds?

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Why would you invest in mutual funds? (Benefits)

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