

# Five for Friday- Protection in Technology Stocks

While investors are worried about the banking and financial sectors and the growing odds of a recession, they remain enamored with the technology sector. Companies like MSFT, NVDA, and META have recently led the way with positive returns in down markets. As we show with four of the five stocks, smaller, lesser-known technology companies are also having a great year.

Year to date, technology (XLK) is up over 16%, while the S&P and Financials (XLF) are up 3.34% and down 8.86%, respectively.

This scan is purely based on technical studies. We are looking for technology companies that did well in the last few weeks and have consistently outperformed the broader markets over the previous few years.

Our relative sector analysis on SimpleVisor is a great tool for figuring out which sectors are hot in the short term. The table below shows the Technology sector is grossly outperforming, while Real Estate and Financials lag.



The following table below from SimpleVisor shows the five stocks we selected for this scan have positive performance over every time frame out to three years.

Symbol	WTD Chg %	MTD Chg %	1 Month Change	QTD Chg %	YTD Chg %	1 Year Chg %	2 Year Chg %	3 Year Chg %
ALTR	8.74%	6.38%	23.88%	51.37%	51.37%	51.37%	16.38%	135.16%
ANET	9.75%	17.43%	17.83%	34.22%	34.22%	34.22%	129.56%	268.07%
CDNS	5.97%	8.32%	6.64%	29.08%	29.08%	29.08%	67.19%	281.74%
MSFT	9.57%	10.6%	5.55%	13.86%	13.86%	13.86%	20.18%	99.49%
NSIT	4.58%	4.56%	7.66%	40.14%	40.14%	40.14%	47.2%	331.04%

## Screening Criteria

We considered the following factors when screening:

- Technology Sector
- Price > 200 SMA
- MACD Line is above zero and its baseline.
- RSI > 70
- Positive Performance month to date

	Month to date Return	Distance Above 50 SMA	Distance Above 100 SMA	RSI
ALTR	6.38%	27.16%	36.08%	75.98
ANET	17.43%	25.40%	27.75%	78.37
CDNS	8.32%	15.34%	22.36%	71.35
MSFT	10.60%	8.53%	10.99%	70.36
NSIT	4.56%	25.27%	36.69%	77.15

## Company Summaries

### Altair Engineering Inc. (ALTR)

Altair Engineering Inc. (ALTR) - Software—Infrastructure

Description [Read More](#)

Altair Engineering Inc., together with its subsidiaries, provides software and cloud solutions in the areas of simulation, high-performance computing, data analytics, and artificial intelligence in the United States and internationally. The company operates in two segments: Software and Client Engineering Services. The Software segment offers solvers and optimization technology products, high-performance computing software applications and hardware products, modeling and visualization tools, data analytics and analysis products, and Internet of Things platform and analytics tools, as well as support and the complementary software products. This segment also provides software technologies in the areas of computational fluid dynamics and fatigue, manufacturing process simulation, and cost estimation for the applications in marine, motorcycle, aerospace, chemical, and architecture industries; and software-related services, such as consulting, implementation, and training services that focuses on the product design and development expertise and analysis from the component level up to complete product engineering at various stage of the lifecycle. The Client Engineering Services segment provides client engineering services. In addition, the company is involved in the development and sale of solid state lighting technology along with communication and control protocols based on its intellectual property for the direct replacement of fluorescent light tubes with LED lamps. Its integrated suite of software optimizes design performance across various disciplines, including structures, motion, fluids, thermal management, electromagnetics, system modeling, and embedded systems. The company serves universities, government agencies, manufacturers, pharmaceutical firms, banking, financial services, and insurance, weather prediction agencies, and electronics design companies. Altair Engineering Inc. was incorporated in 1985 and is headquartered in Troy, Michigan.

Latest Price (Mar 23, 2023, 3:00:05 PM)  
\$68.85 ▲ (\$0.64) (0.94%)

Last Close  
\$68.21

Open  
\$68.86

Volume  
232,805

Annual Div.  
N/A

Mkt Cap (mn)  
\$5,512.70

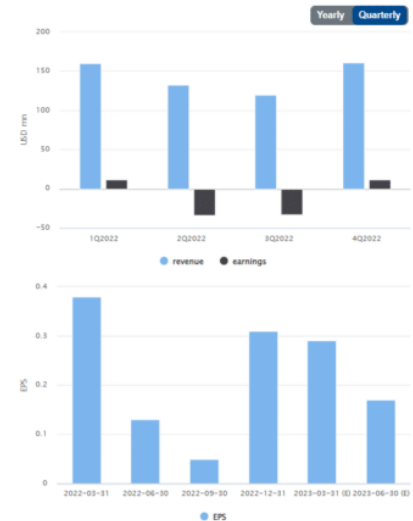
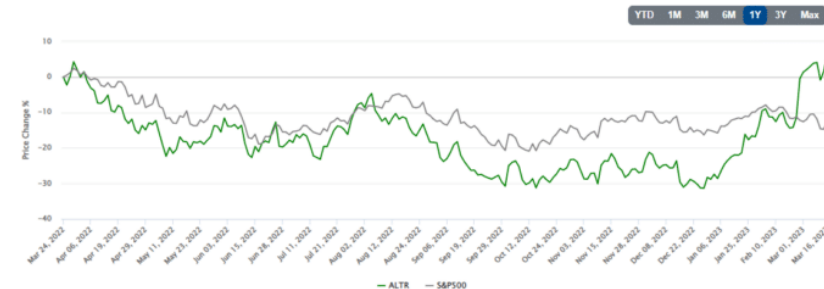
52 Week Range  
\$43.17

Day Range  
\$68.37

Avg. Volume (3m)  
316,708

Div. Yield  
N/A

Beta  
1.45



### Arista Networks, Inc. (ANET)

## Arista Networks, Inc. (ANET) - Computer Hardware

### Description [\(Read Less\)](#)

Arista Networks, Inc. develops, markets, and sells cloud networking solutions in the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and the Asia-Pacific. The company's cloud networking solutions consist of extensible operating systems, a set of network applications, as well as gigabit Ethernet switching and routing platforms. It also provides post contract customer support services, such as technical support, hardware repair and parts replacement beyond standard warranty, bug fix, patch, and upgrade services. The company serves a range of industries comprising internet companies, service providers, financial services organizations, government agencies, media and entertainment companies, telecommunication service providers, and others. It markets and sells its products through distributors, system integrators, value-added resellers, and original equipment manufacturer partners, as well as through its direct sales force. The company was formerly known as Arista, Inc. and changed its name to Arista Networks, Inc. in October 2008. Arista Networks, Inc. was incorporated in 2004 and is headquartered in Santa Clara, California.

Latest Price (Mar 23, 2023, 3:00:02 PM)

**\$169.39** ▲ (\$3.33) (2.0%)

Last Close

\$166.06

Open

\$168.32

Volume

2,988,545

Annual Div.

N/A

Mkt Cap (mn)

\$52,053.54

52 Week Range

\$89.12

\$171.44

Day Range

\$167.29

\$171.44

Avg. Volume (3m)

2,460,933

Div. Yield

N/A

Beta

1.24



## Cadence Design Systems, Inc. (CDNS)

### Cadence Design Systems, Inc. (CDNS) - Software—Application

#### Description [\(Read Less\)](#)

Cadence Design Systems, Inc. provides software, hardware, services, and reusable integrated circuit (IC) design blocks worldwide. The company offers functional verification services, including emulation and prototyping hardware. Its functional verification offering consists of JasperGold, a formal verification platform; Xcelium, a parallel logic simulation platform; Palladium, an enterprise emulation platform; and Protium, a prototyping platform for chip verification. The company also provides digital IC design and sign off products, including Genus logic synthesis and Joules RTL power solutions, as well as Modus software solution to reduce systems-on-chip design-for-test time; physical implementation tools, such as place and route, optimization, and multiple patterning preparation; and Innovus implementation system, a physical implementation system. In addition, it offers custom IC design and simulation products to create schematic and physical representations of circuits down to the transistor level for analog, mixed-signal, custom digital, memory, and radio frequency designs; and system design and analysis products to develop printed circuit boards and IC packages, as well as to analyze electromagnetic, electro-thermal, and other multi-physics effects. Further, the company provides intellectual property (IP) products comprising pre-verified and customizable functional blocks to integrate into customer's ICs; and verification IP with memory models to emulate and model the expected behavior and interaction of standard industry system interface protocols. Additionally, it offers services related to methodology, education, and hosted design solutions, as well as technical support and maintenance services. The company serves 5G communications, aerospace and defense, automotive, industrial and healthcare, mobile, consumer, and hyperscale computing markets. Cadence Design Systems, Inc. was incorporated in 1987 and is headquartered in San Jose, California.

Latest Price (Mar 23, 2023, 3:00:05 PM)

**\$207.00** ▲ (\$3.00) (1.47%)

Last Close

\$204.00

Open

\$204.84

Volume

2,120,154

Annual Div.

N/A

Mkt Cap (mn)

\$56,498.58

52 Week Range

\$132.32

\$209.50

Day Range

\$203.03

\$208.24

Avg. Volume (3m)

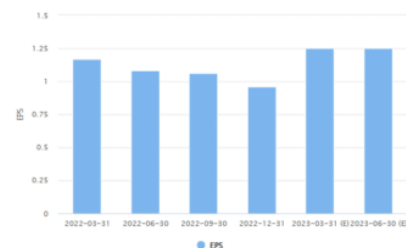
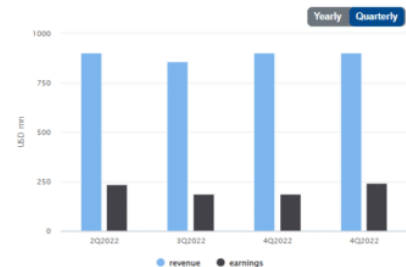
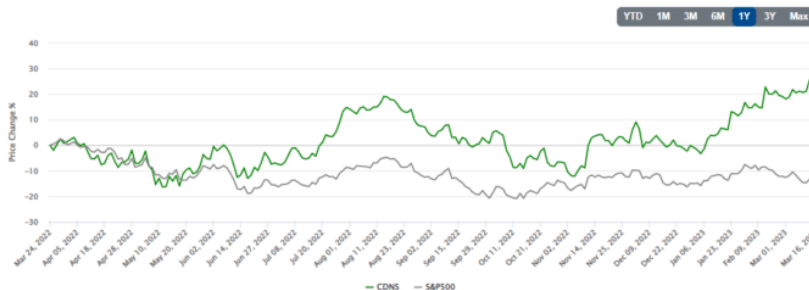
1,694,255

Div. Yield

N/A

Beta

1.07



## Microsoft Corporation (MSFT)

## Microsoft Corporation (MSFT) - Software—Infrastructure

### Description [Read Less](#)

Microsoft Corporation develops, licenses, and supports software, services, devices, and solutions worldwide. The company operates in three segments: Productivity and Business Processes, Intelligent Cloud, and More Personal Computing. The Productivity and Business Processes segment offers Office, Exchange, SharePoint, Microsoft Teams, Office 365 Security and Compliance, Microsoft Viva, and Skype for Business; Skype, Outlook.com, OneDrive, and LinkedIn; and Dynamics 365, a set of cloud-based and on-premises business solutions for organizations and enterprise divisions. The Intelligent Cloud segment licenses SQL, Windows Servers, Visual Studio, System Center, and related Client Access Licenses; GitHub that provides a collaboration platform and code hosting service for developers; Nuance provides healthcare and enterprise AI solutions; and Azure, a cloud platform. It also offers enterprise support, Microsoft consulting, and nuance professional services to assist customers in developing, deploying, and managing Microsoft server and desktop solutions; and training and certification on Microsoft products. The More Personal Computing segment provides Windows original equipment manufacturer (OEM) licensing and other non-volume licensing of the Windows operating system; Windows Commercial, such as volume licensing of the Windows operating system, Windows cloud services, and other Windows commercial offerings; patent licensing; and Windows Internet of Things. It also offers Surface, PC accessories, PCs, tablets, gaming and entertainment consoles, and other devices; Gaming, including Xbox hardware, and Xbox content and services; video games and third-party video game royalties; and Search, including Bing and Microsoft advertising. The company sells its products through OEMs, distributors, and resellers; and directly through digital marketplaces, online stores, and retail stores. Microsoft Corporation was founded in 1975 and is headquartered in Redmond, Washington.

**Latest Price** (Mar 23, 2023, 3:00:05 PM)  
**\$277.66** ▲ (\$5.37) (1.97%)

**Last Close**  
\$272.29

**Open**  
\$277.94

**Volume**  
36,630,879

**Annual Div.**  
\$2.60

**Mkt Cap (mn)**  
\$2,066,845.53

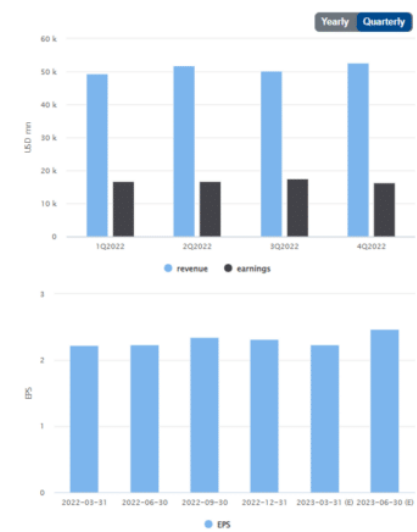
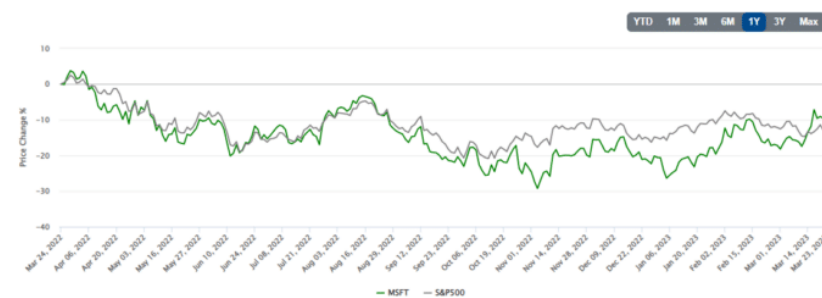
**52 Week Range**  
\$213.43

**Day Range**  
\$275.20

**Avg. Volume (3m)**  
32,421,251

**Div. Yield**  
0.95%

**Beta**  
0.92



## Insight Enterprises, Inc. (NSIT)

### Insight Enterprises, Inc. (NSIT) - Electronics & Computer Distribution

#### Description [Read Less](#)

Insight Enterprises, Inc., together with its subsidiaries, provides information technology (IT) hardware, software services and solutions in the United States and internationally. The company's solution portfolio includes cloud enablement, data and AI, digital strategy, intelligent applications and edge, and IoT solutions, as well as digital transformation services. It also offers cloud and data center platforms; modern workplace; and supply chain optimization solutions. In addition, the company provides software maintenance solutions that offers clients to obtain software upgrades, bug fixes, help desk, and other support services; vendor direct support services; and offers Software-as-a-Service subscription products. Further, it designs, procures, deploys, implements, and manages solutions that combine hardware, software, and services to help businesses. Additionally, the company sources, procures, stages, configures, integrates, tests, refurbishes, and redeploys IT products spanning endpoints to infrastructure; and offers software life cycle and hardware warranty services. It serves construction technology, enterprise business, financial services, health care and life sciences, manufacturing technology, retail, restaurant, service providers, small to medium business, and travel and tourism industries. Insight Enterprises, Inc., was founded in 1988 and is headquartered in Chandler, Arizona.

**Latest Price** (Mar 23, 2023, 3:00:05 PM)  
**\$138.77** ▲ (\$1.17) (0.85%)

**Last Close**  
\$137.60

**Open**  
\$137.96

**Volume**  
170,324

**Annual Div.**  
N/A

**Mkt Cap (mn)**  
\$4,691.48

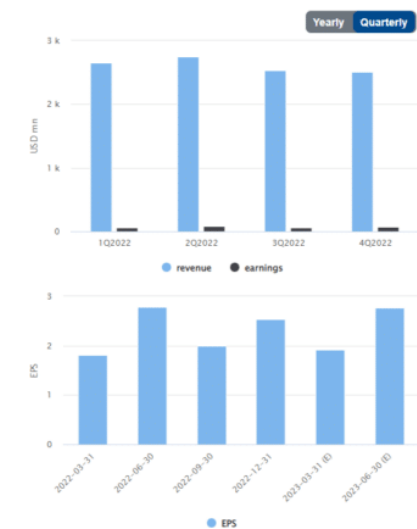
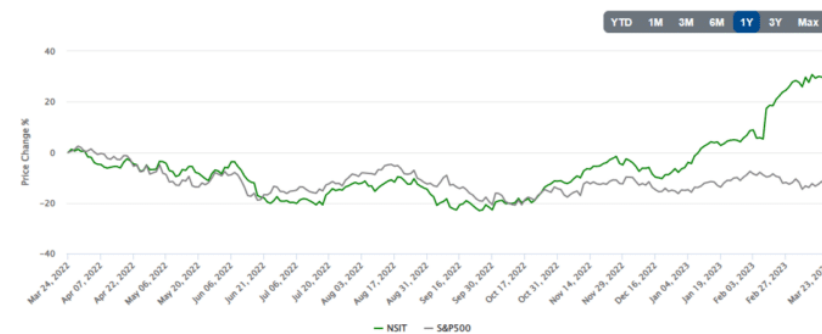
**52 Week Range**  
\$81.31

**Day Range**  
\$137.51

**Avg. Volume (3m)**  
267,323

**Div. Yield**  
N/A

**Beta**  
1.56



## Five for Friday

Five for Friday uses stock screens to produce five stocks that we expect will outperform if a particular investment theme plays out in the future. Investment themes may be relevant to the current or expected market, industry and/or economic trends. Investment themes may not always represent our current forecast.

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