**Quick Start Guide** 

# AlgoTrader

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# Introduction

The AlgoTrader Quick Start Guide is based on the AlgoTrader 30-day trial provided via  $Amazon AWS^{1}$  which can be requested *here*<sup>2</sup>.

The AlgoTrader 30-day trial version includes a fully functional AlgoTrader installation as well as the following example strategies:

- Box Strategy<sup>3</sup>
- Break Out Strategy<sup>4</sup>
- Exponential Moving Average Strategy<sup>5</sup>
- IPO Strategy<sup>6</sup>
- Pairs Trading Strategy<sup>7</sup>
- Random Strategy<sup>8</sup>

The AlgoTrader 30-day trial version contains the following pre-installed components:

- Java JDK
- AlgoTrader Server
- AlgoTrader Eclipse IDE
- MySql Database
- InfluxDB Database
- Toad for MySql Freeware
- InteractiveBrokers Gateway
- Tortoise Git
- Git for Windows
- Notepad++

- <sup>2</sup> https://www.algotrader.com/product/trial-version/
- <sup>3</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/Box\_Strategy.html
- <sup>4</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/BreakOut\_Strategy.html
- <sup>5</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/EMA\_Strategy.html
- <sup>6</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/IPO\_Strategy.html

<sup>8</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/Random\_Strategy.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://aws.amazon.com/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/PairsTrading\_Strategy.html

- Google Chrome
- MS Excel (not activated)



## Warning

Amazon AWS usage cost will apply based on the instance type select. For further details, please visit *https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/pricing/* 



## Warning

It is prohibited to reverse engineer, decompile, disassemble, or copy any parts of the AlgoTrader 30-day trial

# Installation

The following steps will guide through the installation of a Windows AWS Instance containing the AlgoTrader 30-day trial version

1. Open the Amazon AWS console:

https://console.aws.amazon.com/console/home

and Login using the Amazon username and password.

2. In the upper right-hand corner of the screen make sure the N. Virginia Region is selected:



3. Select EC2

Find a service by name or fe	ature (for example, EC2, S3 or VM, storage).		Q
<ul> <li>Recently visited servi</li> </ul>	ces		
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4. Click  ${\tt Launch}$   ${\tt Instance}$  in the middle of the screen



To start using Amazon EC2 you will want to launch a virtual server, known as an Amazon EC2 instance.



Note: Your instances will launch in the US East (N. Virginia) region

5. In the menu on the left-hand side select  ${\tt My}$  AMIs and check  ${\tt Shared}$  with me



6. Select the AlgoTrader-x.x.x-Trial-WIN-xxxx.xx.xx



7. On the next screen select the Instance Type. We recommend at least instance type t2.medium, ideally instance type m5.large

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m5.large	2	8



8. Click  ${\tt Review}$  and  ${\tt Launch}$  on the bottom right of the screen



9. Click Launch on the bottom right of the screen

Cancel	Previous	Launch

10.On the Dialog that shows select Proceed without a key pair, select I acknowledge... and click Launch Instance

Note: The selected key pair will be added to the set of keys authorized for this instance. Learn more about removing existing key pairs from a public AMI.

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password built into this AMI.	

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11Click View Instances on the bottom right of the screen



12.On the next screen, you can see the Instance starting up. Wait until it is running and note the Public IP address.

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13Use Microsoft Remote Desktop to connect to the instance by typing in the Public IP address that was noted in the previous step

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14Specify User name and Password that was provided in the Email after signing up for the AlgoTrader free 30-day trial.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/4028379/windows-10-how-to-use-remote-desktop

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/microsoft-remote-desktop-10/id1295203466?mt=12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://www.rdesktop.org/

#### Enter your credentials

These credentials will be used to connect to

8	User name Password Domain:
Remo	ember my credentials



15.On the next dialog select Don't ask... and click Yes

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The remote computer could not be authenticated due to problems with its security certificate. It may be unsafe to proceed.
Certificate name
Name in the certificate from the remote computer:
Certificate errors
The following errors were encountered while validating the remote computer's certificate:
The certificate is not from a trusted certifying authority.
Do you want to connect despite these certificate errors?
Don't ask me again for connections to this computer
View certificate Yes No

16Microsoft Excel is pre-installed on the machine to view the AlgoTrader Excel based Back Test Report. However due to licensing restrictions Microsoft Excel has not been activated yet. If a Microsoft Office license is available, please active Microsoft Excel using the license key. Alternatively, one can request a free 60day trial through:

#### https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/evalcenter/

17Copy the license key that was provided in the Email after signing up for the AlgoTrader free 30-day trial into the file /algotrader-conf/src/main/resources/conf.properties.



18. The Amazon Instance including AlgoTrader is now ready for usage!



### Note

- Amazon Windows Instances tend to run a bit slow when they are first created. Responsiveness will however increase after some time.
- The performance of the Amazon Instance also depends on the instance type selected in step 7.

# **Starting a Trading Strategy**

This section gives a quick introduction on how to start a trading strategy by discussing the *Box example* strategy<sup>1</sup>.

To start any of the other strategies please consult the relevant parts in the documentation:

- Break Out Strategy<sup>2</sup>
- Exponential Moving Average Strategy<sup>3</sup>
- IPO Strategy<sup>4</sup>
- Pairs Trading Strategy<sup>5</sup>
- Random Strategy<sup>6</sup>

First one needs to start the AlgoTrader Eclipse IDE (Integrated Development Environment) using the Eclipse icon in the task bar.



## **3.1. Starting a Back Test**

The back-test in this example strategy runs with CSV files. If you have a historical data provider that AlgoTrader supports, you could also run vs. InfluxDB and would have to load the historical data first by running a HistoricalDataStarter (see *Historical Data*<sup>7</sup>).

Launch the SimulationStarter-simulate-box by first clicking the downward facing arrow next to the green start icon.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/Box\_Strategy.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/BreakOut\_Strategy.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/EMA\_Strategy.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/IPO\_Strategy.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/PairsTrading\_Strategy.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/Random\_Strategy.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html\_single/index.html#Historical\_Data

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The system will now perform a back test based on historical data

Once the back test has finished, the Excel based back test report will open automatically.



For further information regarding back testing, visit the following chapters in the documentation:

- Strategy Backtesting<sup>8</sup>
- Starting a Strategy in Simulation Mode<sup>9</sup>



## Note

In case the console shows an error message like "Address already in use" this means that there is already an instance of AlgoTrader running. Please check the list of currently running process and stop the existing AlgoTrader instances before starting a new one.

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2018-07-23 10:57:31 🗾 2 EmbeddedStrategyStarter-ipo [Java Application] C:\Program Files\Java\jre1.8.0_172\bin\javaw.exe (Jul 23, 2018, 10:57:26 AM)
2018-07-23 10:57:53,806 INFO [main] [ch.algotrade
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at sun.nio.ch.Net.bind0(Native Method)
at sun.nio.ch.Net.bind(Unknown Source)
at sun.nio.ch.Net.bind(Unknown Source)
at sun.nio.ch.ServerSocketChannelImpl.bind(Unknown Source)
at sun.nio.ch.ServerSocketAdaptor.bind(Unknown Source)
at org.eclipse.jetty.server.ServerConnector.open( <u>ServerConnector.java:317</u> )
at org.eclipse.jetty.server.AbstractNetworkConnector.doStart(AbstractNetwor
at org.eclipse.jetty.server.ServerConnector.doStart( <u>ServerConnector.java:23</u>
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## **3.2. Starting Live Trading**

The following sections describes how to use AlgoTrader in Live Trading mode by using Interactive Brokers for market data and trading.

Before starting the strategy in live trading mode, the Interactive Brokers Gateway needs to be started using the API icon in the task bar.



Then select IB API, enter the Interactive Brokers username and password and select Paper Trading:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/Strategy\_Backtesting.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/Starting\_AlgoTrader.html#Simulation\_Mode

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### Warning

Do not use a live account until absolutely sure that the trading strategy works as expected. Until then use an IB paper trading account.



## Note

If no Interactive Brokers account is available yet, one can use the following demo account which is available to everybody. This account however provides faux market data and does not provide historical data.

- Username: pmdemo
- Password: demouser

Once the Interactive Broker Gateway has started, go to Configure / Settings, then select API / Settings, make sure that Read-Only API is disabled and Socket port is set to 4001.

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<u>:</u>	☑ Send status updates for EFP and Volatility orders with "Continuous Update" flag	
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## Note

In case the Interactive Broker Gateway shows a blank window this means that your screen resolution is probably lower than the size of the Interactive Brokers Gateway. In this case please try the keyboard combination **Alt+Space Bar** followed by **R**. Then repeat **Alt+Space Bar** followed by **M** for move or **S** for resize.

For further information please see this article<sup>10</sup>.

If the above does not solve your problem, try to execute **Alt + Spacebar** and tap 4 times on the down arrow on the keyboard and hit **Enter**.

Now launch the EmbeddedStrategyStarter-box by first clicking the downward facing arrow next to the green start icon. This will start the AlgoTrader server as well as the Box strategy and will connect to the InteractiveBrokers Gateway.



Once the system is started up it will automatically open the HTML5 front-end (within the Chrome browser).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> https://www.techsupportalert.com/content/how-use-keyboard-move-or-resize-window-too-big-screen.htm

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## Note

In case the frame on the right side of the screen named Box Strategy does not show up, please click Shift + Reload

For further information on live trading, please visit Starting a Strategy in Live Trading Mode<sup>11</sup>

For further information on the AlgoTrader Web Front-end please visit the AlgoTrader documentation regarding the *HTML5 client*<sup>12</sup>

 $<sup>^{11} \</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/Starting_AlgoTrader.html#Live_Trading_Mode$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/Client.html#HTML5\_Client

# **Creating a Trading Strategy**

This section will give a quick introduction on how to create a trading strategy by discussing the EMA (Exponential Moving Average) Strategy



### Note

The AlgoTrader 30-day free trial already contains the final EMA strategy with all artifacts. In case you want to follow below steps please delete the existing EMA strategy first.

## 4.1. AlgoTrader Strategy Wizard

The AlgoTrader Strategy Wizard provides an easy way to automatically create all artifacts necessary for an AlgoTrader based trading strategy. The Wizard can be started via the File / New / Other which will bring up the following screen where the Maven Project wizard can be selected:

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Select a wizard	
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On the next screen please click  ${\tt Next}.$ 

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On the next screen please select the Catalog AlgoTrader select algotrader-archetype-simple and click Next.

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algotrader algotrader-archetype-esper		
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On the next screen, the following items have to be entered:

#### Group Id

The maven group id (e.g. algotrader), all lower-case, can contain periods

Artifact Id

The maven artifact id (e.g. ema), all lower-case, can contain dashes

#### Version

The maven version (e.g. 1.0.0-SNAPSHOT), x.y.z, plus optionally -SNAPSHOT

#### Package

The java package name (ch.algotrader.strategy), all lower-case, can contain periods.

#### name

The name of the strategy (e.g. ema), all lower-case, no periods, no dashes

serviceName

The name of the strategy service (e.g. EMA), first letter upper-case or all upper-case, do not include Service at the end (e.g. do not specify EMAService)



## Note

For Spring Auto-Wiring to work the package name needs to be ch.algotrader.strategy. If a different package is assigned services (e.g. OrderService and LookupService) will not be available.

### 

New Maven Project

### New Maven project

Specify Archetype parameters

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When clicking Finish the Strategy Wizard will create a new Eclipse project called ema.



## 4.2. Adding Strategy Logic

The Strategy Wizard also generated boiler plate code that needs to be replaced with the actual logic of the EMA strategy.

AlgoTrader strategies are regular Java programs. Due to this any type of java library or add-ons can be used. The EMA strategy is based on the  $TA4J^1$  library which contains a collection of over 100 technical indicators.

Now, double click the EMAService.java file which contains the main logic of the EMA strategy.

The header of the EMAService.java is already generated and no further changes are necessary. It contains the java class name (EMAService) as well as the name of the interface it is derived from (StrategyService). Also, it contains an @Component annotation which marks the Java class as a Spring bean and automatically gets references to necessary service like the OrderService and the LookupService.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://github.com/mdeverdelhan/ta4j-origins



### Note

For Spring Auto-Wiring to work the package name needs to be ch.algotrader.strategy. If a different package is assigned services (e.g. OrderService and LookupService) will not be available.

@Component
public class EMAService extends StrategyService {

The next part of the EMAService.java contains settings the strategy will use. Three of them are already generated by the Wizard but a few more need to be added.

```
private final long accountId = 204;
private final long securityId = 860;
private final BigDecimal orderQuantity = new BigDecimal("0.002");
private final int emaPeriodShort = 10;
private final int emaPeriodLong = 20;
private final String defaultFeedType = "BNC";
private TimeSeries series;
private DifferenceIndicator emaDifference;
```

- The accountId defines the id of the account the strategy will use for trading.
- The securityId will define the id of the instrument the strategy will trade.
- The orderQuantity is the number of contracts the strategy will trade.
- The emaPeriodSort is the look back period of the shorter EMA indicator.
- The emaPeriodLong is the look back period of the longer EMA indicator.
- The defaultFeedType indicates we want to get market data from Binance by default.

In addition, the following two fields need to be defined:

- The TimeSeries object used by the exponential moving average indicators
- The DifferenceIndicator which will contain the difference between the short and the long EMA

Next, the Java Constructor for the EMAService class needs to be created:

```
public EMAService() {
    setStrategyName("EMA");
    this.series = new BaseTimeSeries();
    this.series.setMaximumTickCount(this.emaPeriodLong);
    ClosePriceIndicator closePriceIndicator = new ClosePriceIndicator(this.series);
    EMAIndicator emaShort = new EMAIndicator(closePriceIndicator, this.emaPeriodShort);
    EMAIndicator emaLong = new EMAIndicator(closePriceIndicator, this.emaPeriodLong);
    this.emaDifference = new DifferenceIndicator(emaShort, emaLong);
}
```

- First the EMAService constructor sets the name of the Strategy used during the back test.
- Next the TimeSeries object is initialized to a length of one Bar. In addition, the number of bars the Time Series is set (in this case 20 Bars).
- Next a ClosePriceIndicator is created which causes the system to look at closing prices of Bar events.
- Then both the short and the long EMA indicator need to be created by associating them with the ClosePriceIndicator and setting the lookbackPeriod (in this case 10 and 20).
- Last the DifferenceIndicator needs to be created which contains the difference between the sort EMA and the long EMA indicator.

Next, update the onStart (an AlgoTrader Live Cycle Method) method, which will be called when the strategy starts up.

```
@Override
public void onStart(final LifecycleEventVO event) {
    getSubscriptionService().subscribeMarketDataEvent(getStrategyName(), this.securityId, defaultFee
}
```

For further details please visit the AlgoTrader documentation regarding *Life Cycle Events*<sup>2</sup>.

The onStart methods calls subscribeMarketDataEvent of the SubscriptionService by passing the strategyName and the securityId of the instrument the strategy wants to receive market data for. The SubscriptionService is automatically made available to the strategy through Spring Auto Wiring.

Next, update the onBar method, which will be invoked on every incoming Bar:

#### @Override

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html\_single/index.html#Strategy\_Life\_Cycle\_Events

```
public void onBar(BarVO bar) {
    this.series.addTick(toTick(bar));
    int i = this.series.getEndIndex();
    Decimal currentValue = this.emaDifference.getValue(i);
    Decimal previousValue = this.emaDifference.getValue(i - 1);
    if (currentValue.isPositive() && previousValue.isNegativeOrZero()) {
        sendOrder(Side.BUY);
    } else if (currentValue.isNegative() && previousValue.isPositiveOrZero()) {
        sendOrder(Side.BUY);
    }
}
```

- The method first calls the addTick method which will add the incoming Bar to the Time Series defined above
- Next, the index i of the last element of the Time Series is retrieved
- Then the value of the last and the second-last element of the DifferenceIndicator is retrieved

Then the actual trading rules need to be defined:

- If the current value of the DifferenceIndicator is positive and the previous value was negative or zero a BUY order is sent. In other words, if the short EMA crossed above the long EMA a BUY order is sent.
- If the current value of the DifferenceIndicator is negative and the previous value was positive or zero a SELL order is sent. In other words, if the short EMA crossed below the long EMA a SELL order is sent.

The trading logic is depicted in the following chart also.



As the last item, create the sendorder method, which will take care of constructing an order object and handing it over to the OrderService:

```
private void sendOrder(Side side) {
    MarketOrderVO order = MarketOrderVOBuilder.create()
        .setStrategyId(getStrategy().getId())
        .setAccountId(this.accountId)
        .setSecurityId(this.securityId)
        .setQuantity(this.orderQuantity)
        .setSide(side)
        .build();
    getOrderService().sendOrder(order);
}
```

The sendorder method creates a MarketOrder by using the MarketOrderVOBuilder and assigns the strategyId, the accountId, the securityId, the orderQuantity, the order side (BUY or SELL) and finally calls build to create the MarketOrder object. The order object is then handed over to the OrderService which will execute the order. The OrderService is automatically made available to the strategy through Spring Auto Wiring.

For further details on how order are please visit the AlgoTrader documentation regarding Order Management<sup>3</sup>

In addition the following Java import statements need to be added to the top:

```
import org.ta4j.core.BaseTimeSeries;
import org.ta4j.core.Decimal;
import org.ta4j.core.TimeSeries;
import org.ta4j.core.indicators.EMAIndicator;
import org.ta4j.core.indicators.helpers.ClosePriceIndicator;
import org.ta4j.core.indicators.helpers.DifferenceIndicator;
import static ch.algotrader.util.TA4JUtil.toTick;
```

The implementation of the trading strategy is now finished a first back test can be started according to *Chapter 3, Starting a Trading Strategy*.

The EMA strategy is an example strategy based on Java code only. For details on how to build a trading strategy using Esper please visit the AlgoTrader documentation regarding *Strategy Development*<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/OrderManagement.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/Strategy\_Development.html

# **Managing data**

During live trading, all relevant information like orders, positions and transactions are stored in the MySql database.

To view database data please open TOAD for MySql.



On the left-hand side of the application double click on root@localhost (algotrader).



You now see all AlgoTrader tables listed below

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	1549	Forex	BTCUSD	BTC/USD@BITS	
	860	Forex	BTCUSDT	BTC/USDT@BINA	

The table security contains a list of all available instruments that can be traded with the system. This table can for example be used to find the securityId for the BTC/USDT pair traded on Binance.

## 5.1. Reference Data

Reference Data like instrument definitions, strategies etc. are also stored in MySQL (in tables like security\_family, strategy, etc.)

Before an AlgoTrader based trading strategy can trade a particular instrument in needs to be defined in the database.



For further details visit the AlgoTrader documentation regarding *Reference Data*<sup>1</sup>.

## 5.2. Historical Data

For Back Testing AlgoTrader can use historical data provided by .csv files. For the EMA strategy the AlgoTrader Strategy Wizard created a sample historical bar data file /algotrader-ema/files/bardata/fx/ EURUSD.csv. The file name (EURUSD) needs to match the symbol column in the database table security of the instrument the strategy is going to trade.

For further details on naming conventions and the location of historical data .csv files see the AlgoTrader documentation regarding *Market Data File Format*<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/Reference\_Data.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/Market\_Data.html#Market\_Data\_File\_Format

As a more sophisticated alternative to providing historical data through .csv files, the Time Series database *InfluxDB*<sup>3</sup> can be used for storage and retrieval of historical data. For further details on downloading, storing and using InfluxDB data for back testing please visit the AlgoTrader documentation on *Historical Data*<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.influxdata.com/time-series-platform/influxdb/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> http://doc.algotrader.ch/html/Historical\_Data.html

# **Cryptocurrency Trading**

The AlgoTrader 30-day trial version can also be used to trade Bitcoin and other Cryptocurrencies via the following exchange adapters:

• Binance<sup>1</sup>

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- Bitfinex<sup>2</sup>
- Bitstamp<sup>3</sup>
- Bitflyer<sup>4</sup>
- BitMEX<sup>5</sup>
- Coinigy<sup>6</sup>

This chapter describes how to setup trading with the Binance exchange.

To setup a connection to Binance the following steps have to be taken:

- Sign-up for a Binance account on *Register with Binance*<sup>7</sup>
- Enable two factor authentication (2FA) on the account following the 2FA instructions (either SMS or Google Authenticator) on the Account Page<sup>8</sup>
- On the account page generate a new Binance API key and Secret Key and use it in the settings below.

First the Binance API key, then the Secret Key noted above need to be added by clicking the downward facing arrow next to the green start icon and then selecting Run Configurations.



<sup>1</sup> http://binance.com

- <sup>2</sup> http://bitfinex.com
- <sup>3</sup> https://bitstamp.net
- <sup>4</sup> https://bitflyer.com
- <sup>5</sup> https://bitmex.com
- <sup>6</sup> https://www.coinigy.com
- <sup>7</sup> https://www.binance.com/register.html
- <sup>8</sup> https://www.binance.com/userCenter/myAccount.html

In this example we are going to use the existing EMA strategy to trade via Binance. For this purpose the Binance API key and Secret Key need to be added to the Eclipse launch configuration EmbeddedStrategyStarterema-binance by selecting it on the left-hand side and going to the Arguments Tab

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<ul> <li>SimulationStarter-simulate-ema</li> <li>StrategyStarter-box</li> </ul>		Variables

Here the Binance API key and Secret Key noted above need to be added. Then click Apply.

Per default the EMA strategy trades the EUR/USD currency pair through Interactive Brokers. To now switch the strategy to trade through Binance we need to update the settings at the top of the EMAService:

- Update the accountId to match the Binance account in the database.
- Update the securityId (securityId 860 represents the BTC/USDT cryptocurrency pair on Binance).
- Update the orderQuantity to a small enough number
- Update the defaultFeedType BNC in order for the strategy to subscribe for market data through the Binance adapter.
- Update the order quantity in the SendOrder method to match the new data type set above.

```
@Component
public class EMAService extends StrategyService {
    private final long accountId = 204;
    private final long securityId = 860;
    private final BigDecimal orderQuantity = new BigDecimal("0.002");
    private final int emaPeriodShort = 10;
    private final int emaPeriodLong = 20;
    private final String defaultFeedType = "BNC";
```



Now the strategy can be started by selecting the EmbeddedStrategyStarter-ema-binance and click Run.

# Shutting down the System

You can shut down the system by clicking on the Start Menu in the lower left-hand corner of the Windows Desktop and then select Power Options in the upper right-hand corner:



Alternatively, the system can be shutdown via the Amazon AWS Console *https://console.aws.amazon.com/ console/home* by first selecting the Amazon Instance and the under Actions select Instance State and then either Stop Or Terminate





## Note

- If stop is clicked the instance can be restarted at a later point in time. In the stopped state the Amazon Instance will still incur disc space using costs as mentioned in: https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/pricing/
- If Terminate is clicked the instance cannot be restarted. In the terminated state, no further Amazon instance costs apply