
Backtesting tool comparison

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Are you a newbie programmer or you are newbie trader ? This is your tutorial, where you can find some samples of code for downloading of historical data and for backtesting some samples of strategies.

And you may also find some interesting details in the **Comparison** and **Conclusion** sections.

CHAPTER
ONE

GETTING STARTED

These contents can help you to start with your **quantitative trading** (quant trading or QT) system: you can find some samples for the main steps.

There are

- many platforms can give you historical data
- a lot of program languages that you can use for implementing your strategies
- many trading systems that you can use for backtesting your system

Read the documentation on [readthedocs](#) for

- a sample of the main backtesting steps for a few of the main languages are used for statistical analysis, graphics representation and reporting
- [comparison](#) among languages and methods for **backtesting** your strategies
- the [best practices](#) for your **quant trading system**

1.1 Goals

These contents can be useful at the beginning, when you are newbie programmer.

And it can help you to evaluate which data, language or trading system you need.

1.2 Disclaimer

The strategies contained in this tutorial, are some simple samples for having an idea how to use the libraries: those strategies are for the educational purpose only. All investments and trading in the stock market involve risk: any decisions related to buying/selling of stocks or other financial instruments should only be made after a thorough research, backtesting, running in demo and seeking a professional assistance if required.

1.3 Contribution

The documentation for **R** and **Python** languages, it has been powered by **Jupyter**:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/bilardi/backtesting-tool-comparison
$ cd backtesting-tool-comparison/
$ pip install --upgrade -r requirements.txt
$ docker run --rm -p 8888:8888 -e JUPYTER_ENABLE_LAB=yes -v "$PWD":/home/jovyan/ jupyter/
  → datascience-notebook
```

The images are hosted on S3 and not in this repository:

- use a PR for sharing a new version without images, only the new url
- it will be our care to move them to S3 with all the others

For testing on your local client the documentation, see this [README.md](#) file.

1.4 License

These contents are released under the MIT license. See [LICENSE](#) for details.

2.1 Prerequisites

For using the program language R, you have to install r.

For mac,

```
$ brew install r
```

There are a lot of guide for [getting started with R](#): knowing the basics will be taken for granted. For installing some packages, you can use [RStudio](#) or directly console

```
$ r
# general tools
install.packages("httr")
install.packages("jsonlite")
install.packages("plotly")
install.packages("devtools")
# for downloading data
install.packages("quantmod") # for Yahoo finance historical data of stock market
install.packages("Quandl")
devtools::install_github("amrrs/coinmarketcapr") # for Crypto currencies
devtools::install_github("amrrs/coindeskr") # for Crypto currencies
# for processing the data: in addition to Quantmod also QuantStrat
devtools::install_github("braverock/blotter")
devtools::install_github("braverock/quantstrat")
```

If you want to use [Jupyter](#), you can use directly the commands below

```
$ git clone https://github.com/bilardi/backtesting-tool-comparison
$ cd backtesting-tool-comparison/
$ docker run --rm -p 8888:8888 -e JUPYTER_ENABLE_LAB=yes -v "$PWD":/home/jovyan/ jupyter/
  -r-notebook
```

Jupyter is very easy for having a GUI virtual environment: knowing the basics will be taken for granted.

You can find all scripts described in this tutorial on [GitHub](#):

- the .r files in [src/r/](#) folder, the script that you can use on RStudio
- the .ipynb files in [docs/sources/r/](#) folder, that you can use on Jupyter or browse on this tutorial

2.2 Getting started

R is a programming language and software environment for statistical analysis, graphics representation and reporting. This is a summary of the r language syntax: you can find more details in [cran documentation](#).

2.2.1 Basics

```
[1]: # initialization of a variable
my_numeric_variable <- 1
my_string_variable <- "hello"
# print a variable
my_numeric_variable # and type enter
print(my_string_variable)
1
[1] "hello"
```

2.2.2 Vectors

```
[2]: # initialization of a vector
my_numeric_vector <- c(1,2,3,4,5,6)
my_sequence <- 1:25
my_string_vector <- c("hello", "world", "!")
my_logic_vector <- c(TRUE, FALSE, T, F)
assign("my_vector", c(1:6))
my_random_vector <- sample(1:5000, 25) # Vector with 25 elements with random number from
# 1 to 5000
```

```
[3]: # operations with vectors
sum(my_numeric_vector)
mean(my_numeric_vector)
median(my_numeric_vector)
21
3.5
3.5
```

```
[4]: # multiplication 2 with each element of a vector
my_vector*2
# division 2 with each element of a vector
my_vector/2
2
4
6
8
10
12
```

```
0.5
1
1.5
2
2.5
3
```

```
[5]: # sum each element of a vector with another vector by position
my_new_vector <- my_numeric_vector + my_vector # allow
my_new_vector <- my_numeric_vector + my_sequence # allow but with warning
my_new_vector <- my_numeric_vector + c(1:5) # allow but with warning

Warning message in my_numeric_vector + my_sequence:
“longer object length is not a multiple of shorter object length”
Warning message in my_numeric_vector + c(1:5):
“longer object length is not a multiple of shorter object length”
```

```
[6]: # get element from a vector
my_string_vector[1] # print hello
my_string_vector[-2] # print hello!
my_string_vector[1:2] # print hello world
my_string_vector[c(1,3)] # print hello!

'hello'
'hello'
'!'
'hello'
'world'
'hello'
'!'
```

```
[7]: # add labels to a vector
names(my_vector) <- c("one", "two", "three", "four", "five", "six")
print(my_vector)

  one   two three   four   five   six
  1     2     3     4     5     6
```

```
[8]: # get data type of a vector
class(my_vector) # print integer
typeof(my_string_vector) # print character
mode(my_vector) # print numeric

'integer'
'character'
'numeric'
```

```
[9]: # conversion of each element of a vector
as.character(my_vector)
```

```
'1'  
'2'  
'3'  
'4'  
'5'  
'6'
```

2.2.3 Matrixes

A matrix is a vector with more dimensions

```
[10]: # matrix  
my_matrix <- matrix(1:10, nrow = 2, ncol = 5) # creates a matrix bidimensional with 2 rows and 5 columns  
my_matrix  
my_matrix[2,2] # prints 4  
my_matrix[1,] # prints row 1  
my_matrix[,2] # prints column 2  
  
A matrix: 2 × 5 of type int  1   3   5   7   9  
                  2   4   6   8   10  
  
4  
1  
3  
5  
7  
9  
3  
4
```

```
[11]: # merge of vectors  
vector_one <- c("one", 0.1)  
vector_two <- c("two", 1)  
vector_three <- c("three", 10)  
my_vectors <- matrix(c(vector_one, vector_two, vector_three), nrow = 3, ncol = 2, byrow = 1)  
colnames(my_vectors) <- c("vector number", "quantity")  
rownames(my_vectors) <- c("yesterday", "today", "tomorrow")
```

```
[12]: my_vectors
```

		vector number	quantity
A matrix: 3 × 2 of type chr	yesterday	one	0.1
	today	two	1
	tomorrow	three	10

2.2.4 Weighted average

```
[13]: # performance
apple_performance <- 3
netflix_performance <- 7
amazon_performance <- 11
# weight
apple_weight <- .3
netflix_weight <- .4
amazon_weight <- .3
# portfolio performance
weighted_average <- apple_performance * apple_weight + netflix_performance * netflix_
weight + amazon_performance * amazon_weight
weighted_average
7
```

```
[14]: # the same sample but with vectors
performance <- c(3,7,11)
weight <- c(.3,.4,.3)
company <- c('apple','netflix','amazon')
names(performance) <- company
names(weight) <- company
performance_weight <- performance * weight
performance_weight
weighted_average <- sum(performance_weight)
weighted_average
0.9
2.8
3.3
7
```

2.2.5 Functions

```
[15]: # the weighted average but with a function
weighted_average_function <- function(performance, weight) {
  return(sum(performance * weight))
}
performance <- c(3,7,11)
weight <- c(.3,.4,.3)
weighted_average <- weighted_average_function(performance, weight)
weighted_average
7
```

2.3 Historical data

This page contains some samples for downloading historical data of your quant trading system.

2.3.1 Quantmod library

Stock markets from Yahoo finance by Quantmod library (doc)

```
[1]: library(quantmod)
symbol <- "AMZN"
getSymbols(symbol) # or getSymbols(symbol, src = "yahoo")
```

Loading required package: xts

Loading required package: zoo

Attaching package: 'zoo'

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

as.Date, as.Date.numeric

Loading required package: TTR

Registered S3 method overwritten by 'quantmod':
method from
as.zoo.data.frame zoo

'getSymbols' currently uses auto.assign=TRUE by default, but will use auto.assign=FALSE in 0.5-0. You will still be able to use 'loadSymbols' to automatically load data. getOption("getSymbols.env") and getOption("getSymbols.auto.assign") will still be checked for alternate defaults.

This message is shown once per session and may be disabled by setting options("getSymbols.warning4.0"=FALSE). See ?getSymbols for details.

'AMZN'

```
[2]: head(AMZN) # returns some data of AMZN vector
```

	AMZN.Open	AMZN.High	AMZN.Low	AMZN.Close	AMZN.Volume	AMZN.Adjusted
2007-01-03	38.68	39.06	38.05	38.70	12405100	38.70
2007-01-04	38.59	39.14	38.26	38.90	6318400	38.90
2007-01-05	38.72	38.79	37.60	38.37	6619700	38.37
2007-01-08	38.22	38.31	37.17	37.50	6783000	37.50
2007-01-09	37.60	38.06	37.34	37.78	5703000	37.78
2007-01-10	37.49	37.70	37.07	37.15	6527500	37.15

[3]: `colnames(AMZN) # returns column names of AMZN vector`

```
'AMZN.Open'  
'AMZN.High'  
'AMZN.Low'  
'AMZN.Close'  
'AMZN.Volume'  
'AMZN.Adjusted'
```

[4]: `#Op(AMZN) # only column of open of all data
#Hi(AMZN) # only column of high of all data
#Lo(AMZN) # only column of low of all data
#Cl(AMZN) # only column of close of all data
#Vo(AMZN) # only column of volume of all data
#Ad(AMZN) # value adjusted of the close (of all data)
#OHLC(AMZN) # columns open, high, low and close of all data`

Exchange rates (forex) from Yahoo finance

[5]: `library(quantmod)
cross_from <- c("EUR", "USD", "CAD")
cross_to <- c("USD", "JPY", "USD")
getQuote(paste0(cross_from, cross_to, "=X"))`

A data.frame: 3 × 8

	Trade Time <dttm>	Last <dbl>	Change <dbl>	% Change <dbl>	Open <dbl>	High <dbl>	Low <dbl>
EURUSD=X	2021-01-11 12:21:43	1.2162491	-0.006693244	-0.5473087	1.2226434	1.2239902	1.2158055
USDJPY=X	2021-01-11 12:22:10	104.2400000	0.291000370	0.2799453	103.9490000	104.2490000	103.6870000
CADUSD=X	2021-01-11 12:22:10	0.7822278	-0.006048977	-0.7673632	0.7882768	0.7886435	0.7822095

Exchange rates (forex) from Oanda

[6]: `library(quantmod)
currency <- "EUR/GBP"
the last 6 months
getSymbols(currency, src = "oanda")
head(EURGBP) # returns some data of EURGBP vector
'EUR/GBP'`

```
EUR.GBP  
2020-07-16 0.907685  
2020-07-17 0.909031  
2020-07-18 0.909320  
2020-07-19 0.909368  
2020-07-20 0.907640  
2020-07-21 0.903154
```

```
[7]: # the last 60 days
getSymbols(currency, from = Sys.Date() - 60, to = Sys.Date(), src = "oanda")
head(EURGBP) # returns some data of EURGBP vector
'EUR/GBP'
  EUR.GBP
 2020-11-12 0.895798
 2020-11-13 0.898187
 2020-11-14 0.896580
 2020-11-15 0.896644
 2020-11-16 0.897208
 2020-11-17 0.896298
```

2.3.2 CoinMarketCap API

Crypto currencies by [coinmarketcap](#) (doc) and [coindeskr](#) (doc) Many libraries are not supported for a long period or it may no longer be supported because it has violated a policy:

- the library coindeskr has violated the CRAN's policy and it has [archived](#) on 2020-09-04
 - its [GitHub repository](#) is already available, but it has not updated for a change of CoinMarketCap API

```
[8]: library(coinmarketcap)
library(coindeskr)
last_marketcap <- get_global_marketcap("EUR")
today_marketcap <- get_marketcap_ticker_all()
head(today_marketcap[,1:8])
last_month <- get_last31days_price() # default it is Bitcoin
current_price <- get_current_price() # default it is Bitcoin
```

Traceback:

```
1. get_global_marketcap("EUR")
2. check_response(d)
3. stop(cat(crayon::red(cli::symbol$cross, "The request was not succesfull! \n",
.     "Request URL:\n", req$url, "\n", "Response Content:\n", jsonlite:::
.     prettify(rawToChar(req$content)),
.     "\n")))
4. cat(crayon::red(cli::symbol$cross, "The request was not succesfull! \n",
.     "Request URL:\n", req$url, "\n", "Response Content:\n", jsonlite:::
.     prettify(rawToChar(req$content)),
.     "\n"))
5. crayon::red(cli::symbol$cross, "The request was not succesfull! \n",
.     "Request URL:\n", req$url, "\n", "Response Content:\n", jsonlite:::
.     prettify(rawToChar(req$content)),
.     "\n")
6. mypaste(...)
7. lapply(list(...), as.character)
```

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```

8. jsonlite::prettify(rawToChar(req$content))
9. reformat(txt, TRUE, indent_string = paste(rep(" ", as.integer(indent)),
  .      collapse = ""))
10. stop(out[[2]], call. = FALSE)
11. base::stop(..., call. = FALSE)

```

Below you can find a sample with sandbox API of CoinMarketCap.

[9]:

```

library(httr)
library(jsonlite)
base_url <- 'https://sandbox-api.coinmarketcap.com/'

get_coinmarketcap_data <- function(base_url, path, query) {
  response <- GET(url = base_url, path = paste('v1/', path, sep = ''), query = query)
  content <- content(response, 'text', encoding = 'utf-8')
  return(fromJSON(content, flatten = TRUE))
}

# returns all active cryptocurrencies
path <- 'cryptocurrency/map'
marketcap_map <- get_coinmarketcap_data(base_url, path, list())
head(marketcap_map$data)

A data.frame: 6 × 11
  id     name   symbol   slug   is_active   rank   platform.id   platform.name   platform.symbol   platform.slug
  <int> <chr> <chr> <chr>   <int>   <int>   <int> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 1     Bitcoin BTC     bitcoin 1       1     NA     NA     NA     NA
2 2     Litecoin LTC     litecoin 1       5     NA     NA     NA     NA
3 3     Namecoin NMC     namecoin 1       310    NA     NA     NA     NA
4 4     Terracoin TRC     terracoin 1       926    NA     NA     NA     NA
5 5     Peercoin PPC     peercoin 1       346    NA     NA     NA     NA
6 6     Novacoin NVC     novacoin 1       842    NA     NA     NA     NA

```

[10]:

```

# returns last market data of all active cryptocurrencies
path <- 'cryptocurrency/listings/latest'
query <- list(convert = 'EUR')
last_marketcap <- get_coinmarketcap_data(base_url, path, query)
head(last_marketcap$data)

A data.frame: 6 × 24
  id     name   symbol   slug   num_market_pairs   date_added   tags   max_supply
  <int> <chr> <chr> <chr>   <int> <chr> <list>   <dbl>
1 1     Bitcoin BTC     bitcoin 7919 2013-04-28T00:00:00.000Z mineable 2.1e+07
2 1027 Ethereum ETH     ethereum 5629 2015-08-07T00:00:00.000Z mineable NA
3 52     XRP     XRP     ripple 449 2013-08-04T00:00:00.000Z 1.0e+11
4 1831 Bitcoin Cash BCH     bitcoin-cash 378 2017-07-23T00:00:00.000Z mineable 2.1e+07
5 2     Litecoin LTC     litecoin 538 2013-04-28T00:00:00.000Z mineable 8.4e+07
6 825    Tether USDT    tether 3016 2015-02-25T00:00:00.000Z NA

```

[11]:

```

# returns last market data of Bitcoin
path <- 'cryptocurrency/quotes/latest'
query <- list(id = 1, convert = 'EUR')

```

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```
last_bitcoin <- get_coinmarketcap_data(base_url, path, query)
last_bitcoin$data`1`
last_bitcoin$data`1`$`quote` $EUR

$id 1
$name 'Bitcoin'
$symbol 'BTC'
$slug 'bitcoin'
$num_market_pairs 7919
$date_added '2013-04-28T00:00:00.000Z'
$tags 'mineable'
$max_supply 21000000
$circulating_supply 17906012
$total_supply 17906012
$is_active 1
$is_market_cap_included_in_calc 1
$platform NULL
$cmc_rank 1
$is_fiat 0
$last_updated '2019-08-30T18:51:28.000Z'
$quote $EUR =
  $price 8708.44273026964
  $volume_24h 12507935648.1974
  $percent_change_1h NULL
  $percent_change_24h NULL
  $percent_change_7d NULL
  $market_cap 155933480029.521
  $last_updated '2019-08-30T18:51:01.000Z'
$price 8708.44273026964
$volume_24h 12507935648.1974
$percent_change_1h NULL
$percent_change_24h NULL
$percent_change_7d NULL
```

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```
$market_cap 155933480029.521
$last_updated '2019-08-30T18:51:01.000Z'
```

[12]: # returns historical data from a time_start to a time_end

```
path <- 'cryptocurrency/quotes/historical'
query <- list(id = 1, convert = 'EUR', time_start = '2020-05-21T12:14', time_end = '2020-05-21T12:44')
data <- get_coinmarketcap_data(base_url, path, query)
head(data$data)

$id 1
$name 'Bitcoin'
$symbol 'BTC'
$is_fiat 0
```

	timestamp <chr>	quote.EUR.timestamp <chr>
1	2020-05-21T12:19:03.000Z	2020-05-21T12:19:03.000Z
2	2020-05-21T12:24:02.000Z	2020-05-21T12:24:02.000Z
3	2020-05-21T12:29:03.000Z	2020-05-21T12:29:03.000Z
4	2020-05-21T12:34:03.000Z	2020-05-21T12:34:03.000Z
5	2020-05-21T12:39:01.000Z	2020-05-21T12:39:01.000Z
6	2020-05-21T12:44:02.000Z	2020-05-21T12:44:02.000Z

2.3.3 Quandl library

OHLC (Open High Low Close) data by [Quandl library \(doc\)](#), for example crude oil

[13]: library(Quandl)

```
oil_data <- Quandl(code = "CHRIS/CME_QM1")
head(oil_data) # returns all free columns names
```

A data.frame: 6 × 9

	Date <date>	Open <dbl>	High <dbl>	Low <dbl>	Last <dbl>	Change <dbl>	Settle <dbl>	Volume <dbl>	Previous Day Open Interest <dbl>
1	2021-01-08	50.925	52.750	50.825	52.750	1.41	52.24	10770	1833
2	2021-01-07	50.525	51.275	50.400	50.950	0.20	50.83	10814	1800
3	2021-01-06	49.825	50.925	49.475	50.525	0.70	50.63	16675	1908
4	2021-01-05	47.400	50.200	47.275	49.850	2.31	49.93	23473	1799
5	2021-01-04	48.400	49.850	47.200	47.350	-0.90	47.62	21845	1350
6	2020-12-31	48.325	48.575	47.775	48.450	0.12	48.52	6698	1446

[14]: #getPrice(oil_data) # returns all free columns values
#getPrice(oil_data, symbol = "CHRIS/CME_QM1", prefer = "Open\$") # returns open values of a specific symbol
getPrice(oil_data, prefer = "Open\$") # returns open values

```
50.925
50.525
```

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49.825

47.4

48.4

48.325

48.125

47.7

48.2

48.1

46.775

47.85

49.3

48.35

47.825

47.55

47.05

46.65

47

45.725

45.55

45.6

46.125

45.625

45

44.375

45.05

45.45

45.9

44.8

42.825

42.55

41.85

41.6

41.325

41.525

40.175

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40.9

41.425

41.8

39.825

37.325

38.5

39.1

38.15

37.025

35.325

36.1

37.475

38.95

38.625

39.75

40.6

40.025

41.25

40.95

40.9

40.875

41.15

40.225

39.525

40.45

41.325

39.975

39.875

39.375

37

38.525

39.85

39.225

40.575

40.125

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40.175

39.6

39.725

39.875

40.85

40.95

40.175

38.325

37.3

37.325

37.1

37.8

36.85

39.45

41.25

41.575

43.05

42.825

42.925

43

43.475

43.375

42.375

42.425

42.75

42.95

42.65

42.65

42.15

42.325

42.55

41.575

42

41.55

41.925

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42.225

41.525

40.775

40.375

40.4

41.325

41.1

41.675

41.325

41.1

41.925

41.55

40.8

40.45

40.75

40.95

40.55

39.625

40.375

39.6

40.825

40.45

40.6

40.375

39.775

39.825

39.625

37.95

39.075

38.05

39.975

40.65

39.05

38.875

37.625

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37.95

37.1

35.975

36.25

39.05

38.425

38.2

39.4

37.325

36.725

36.825

35.525

35.075

33.675

32.025

34.1

33.3

33.95

33.5

31.9

32.35

30

27.575

25.7

25.35

24.575

24.425

23.5

24

25.5

21.15

19.1

19.075

15.6

13.275

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13
16.875
16.825
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2.4 Graphics

This is a sample for plotting with R.

```
[1]: library(quantmod)
# initialization
symbols = c("AMZN", "FB", "NFLX", "MSFT")
start <- as.Date("2017-01-01")
end <- as.Date("2020-01-01")
getSymbols(Symbols = symbols, src = "yahoo", from = start, to = end)
# get only Close values of AMZN and MSFT symbols
stocks <- as.xts(data.frame(AMZN = AMZN[, "AMZN.Close"], MSFT = MSFT[, "MSFT.Close"]))
```

Loading required package: xts

Loading required package: zoo

Attaching package: 'zoo'

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

as.Date, as.Date.numeric

Loading required package: TTR

Registered S3 method overwritten by 'quantmod':

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method           from
as.zoo.data.frame zoo

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use auto.assign=FALSE in 0.5-0. You will still be able to use
'loadSymbols' to automatically load data. getOption("getSymbols.env")
and getOption("getSymbols.auto.assign") will still be checked for
alternate defaults.
```

This message is shown once per session and may be disabled by setting
options("getSymbols.warning4.0"=FALSE). See ?getSymbols for details.

```
'AMZN'
'FB'
'NFLX'
'MSFT'
```

```
[2]: # plotting
library(plotly)
plot(AMZN[, "AMZN.Close"], main = "AMZN") # prints linear graph
```

Loading required package: ggplot2

Attaching package: 'plotly'

The following object is masked from 'package:ggplot2':

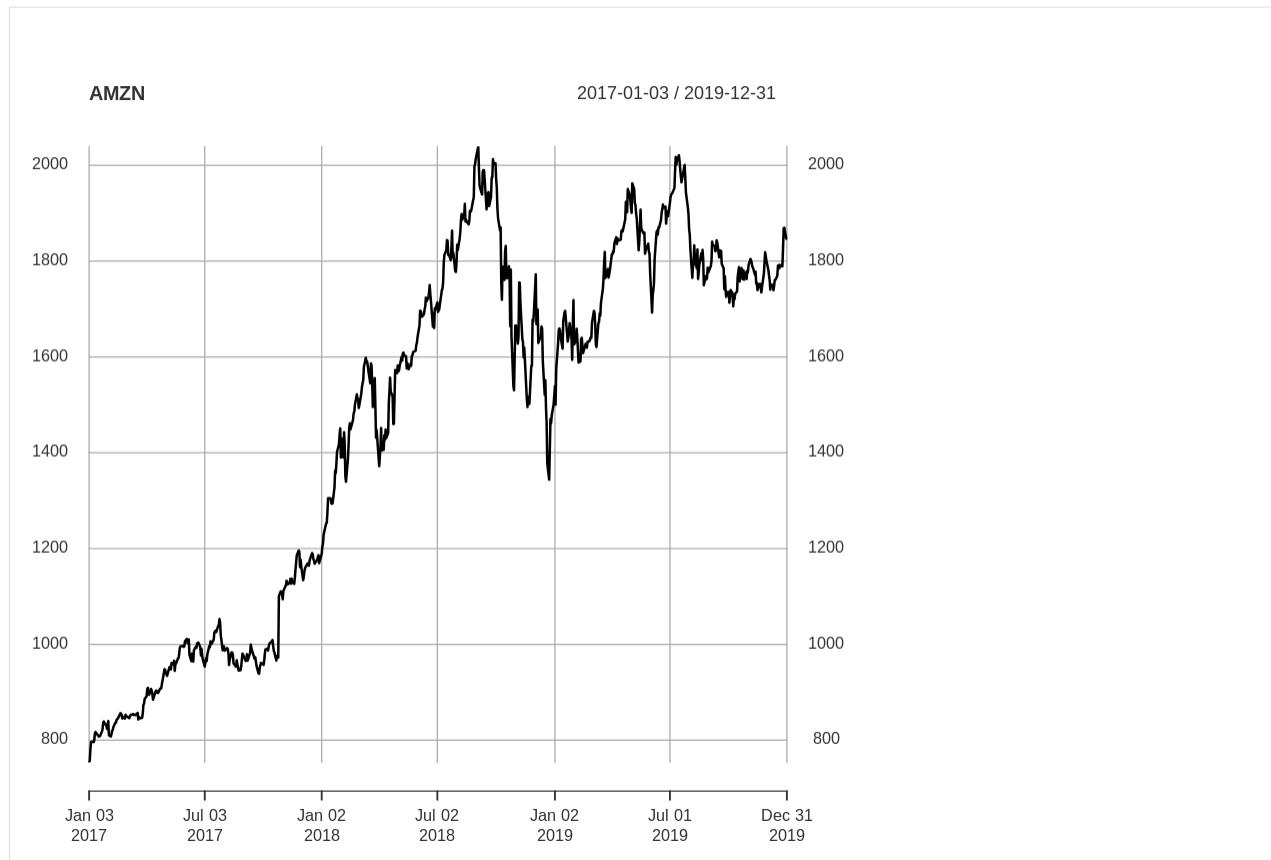
```
last_plot
```

The following object is masked from 'package:stats':

```
filter
```

The following object is masked from 'package:graphics':

```
layout
```



```
[3]: # create a custom theme
my_theme <- chart_theme()
my_theme$col$up.col <- "darkgreen"
my_theme$col$up.border <- "black"
my_theme$col$dn.col <- "darkred"
my_theme$col$dn.border <- "black"
my_theme$rylab <- FALSE
my_theme$col$grid <- "lightgrey"
```

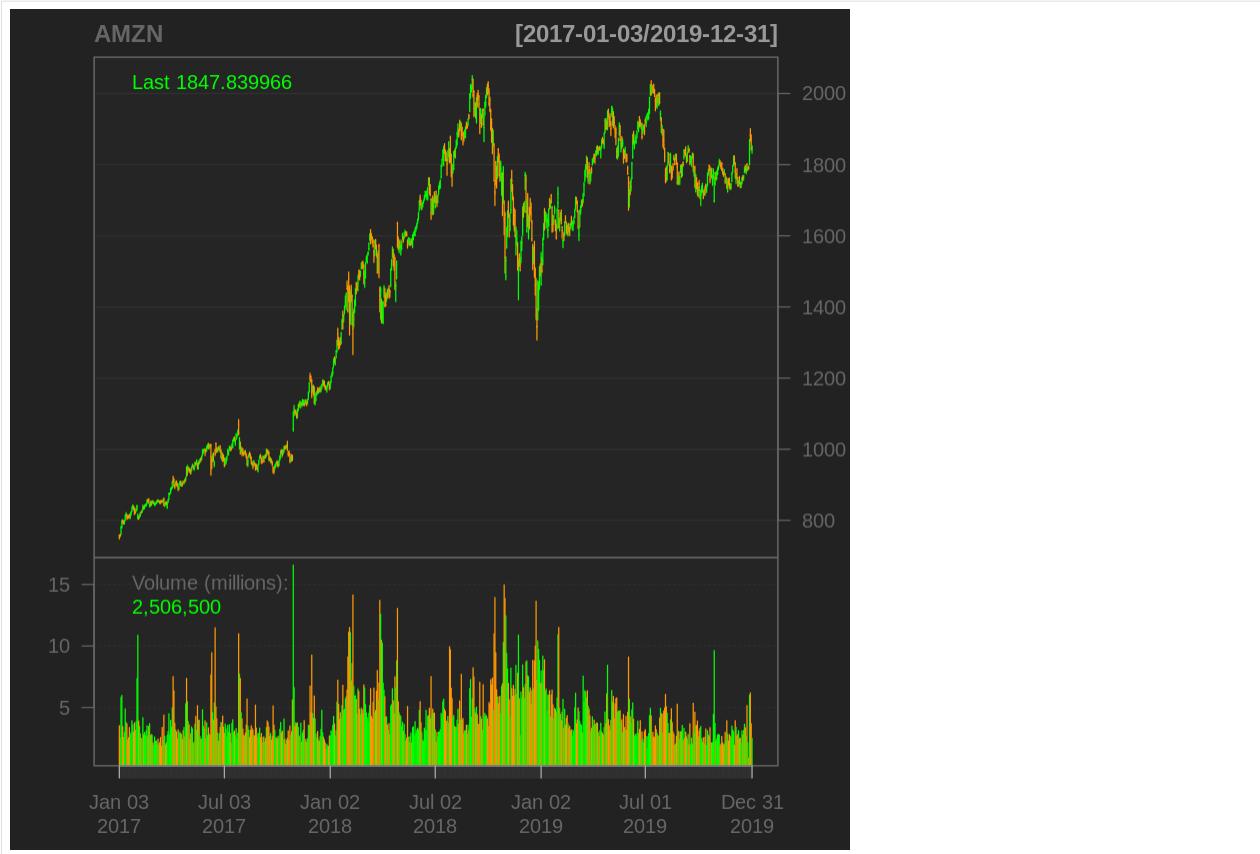
```
[4]: # using the custom theme with a range
chart_Series(AMZN, subset = "2017-10::2018-09", theme = my_theme)
```



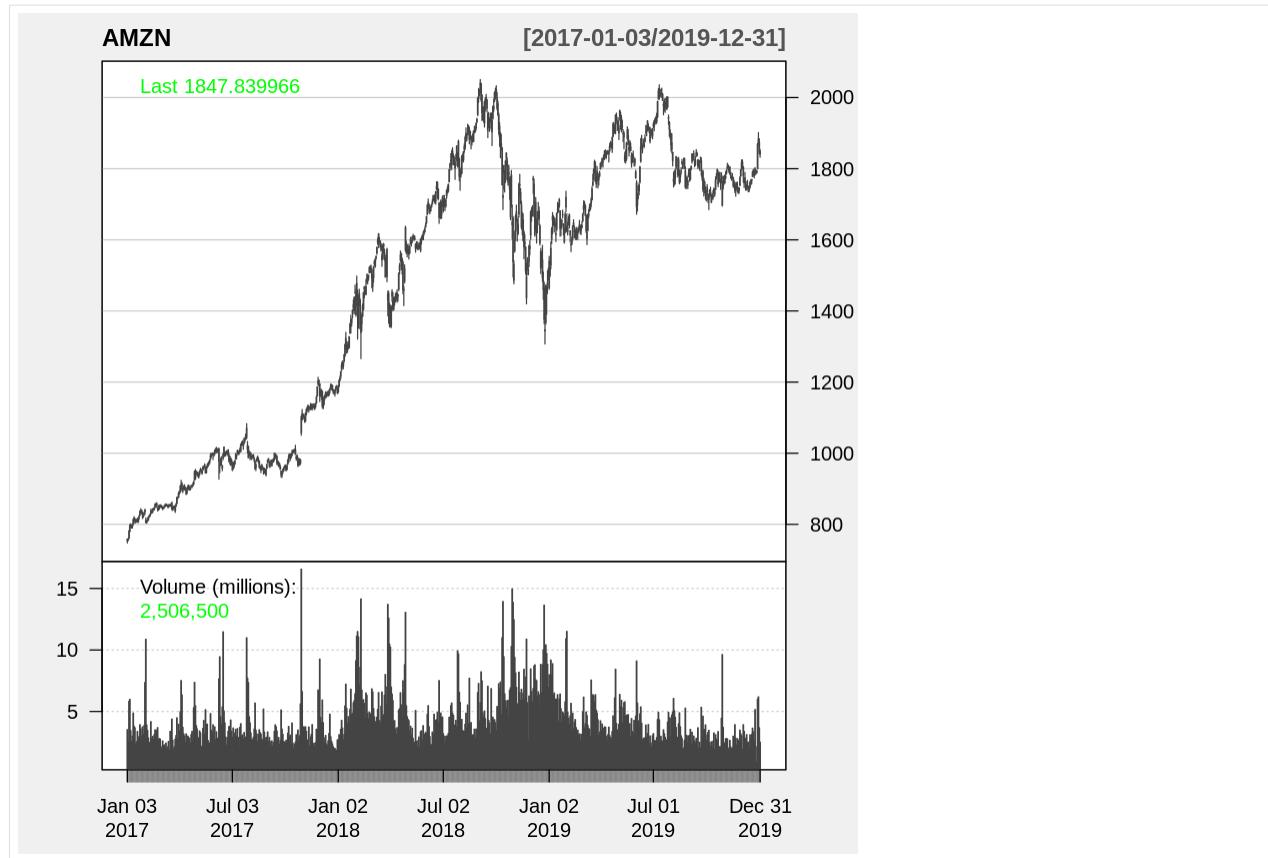
```
[5]: # using the custom theme with a range of one month
chart_Series(AMZN, subset = "2018-09", theme = my_theme)
```



```
[6]: # using the black theme of quantmod  
barChart(AMZN, theme = chartTheme('black'))
```



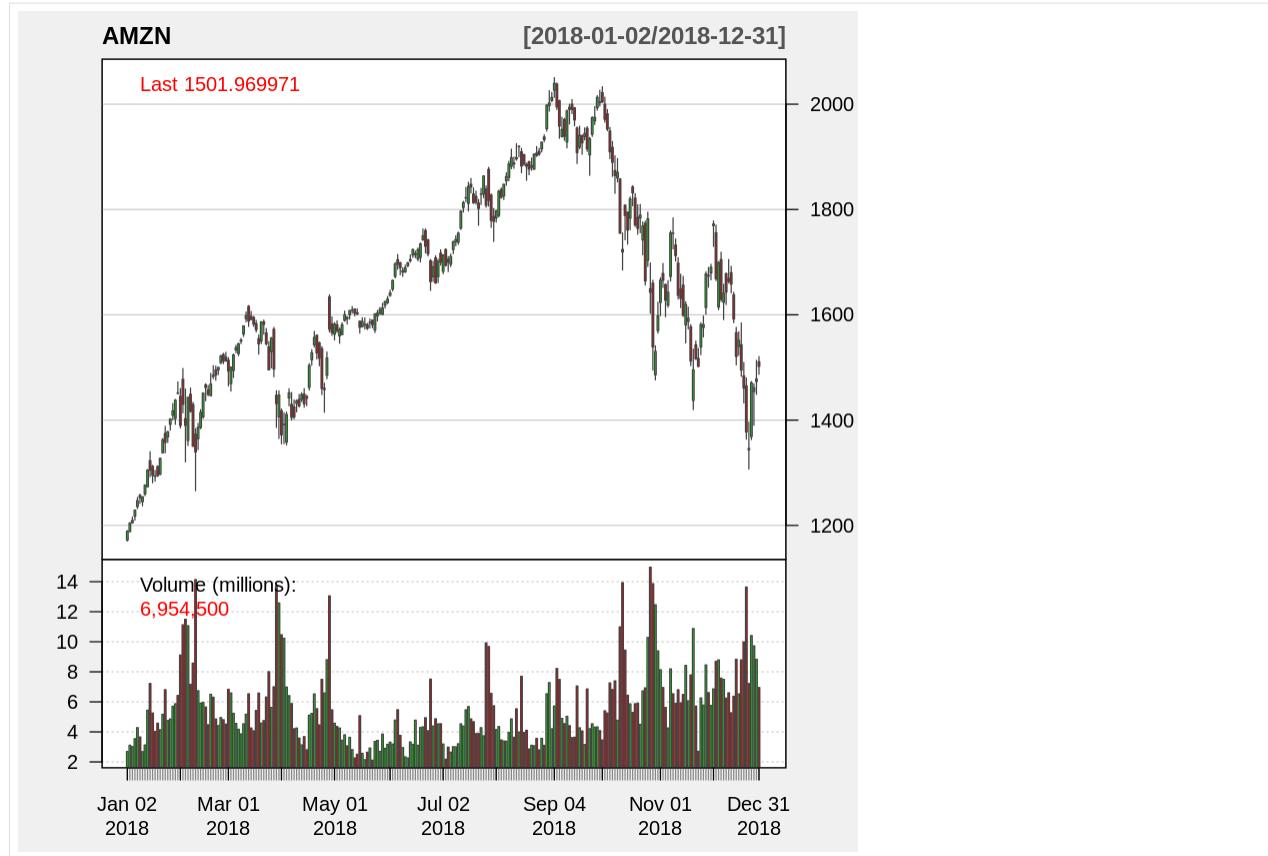
```
[7]: # using the candle theme of quantmod
candleChart(AMZN, up.col = "green", dn.col = "red", theme = "white")
```



```
[8]: # zoom of graph on one month
zoomChart("2018-09")
```



```
[9]: # zoom of graph on one year  
zoomChart("2018")
```



```
[10]: # add indicators
addSMA(n = c(20, 50, 200)) # adds simple moving averages
```



```
[11]: addBBands(n = 20, sd = 2, ma = "SMA", draw = "bands", on = -1) # sd = standard deviation,  
# ma = average
```



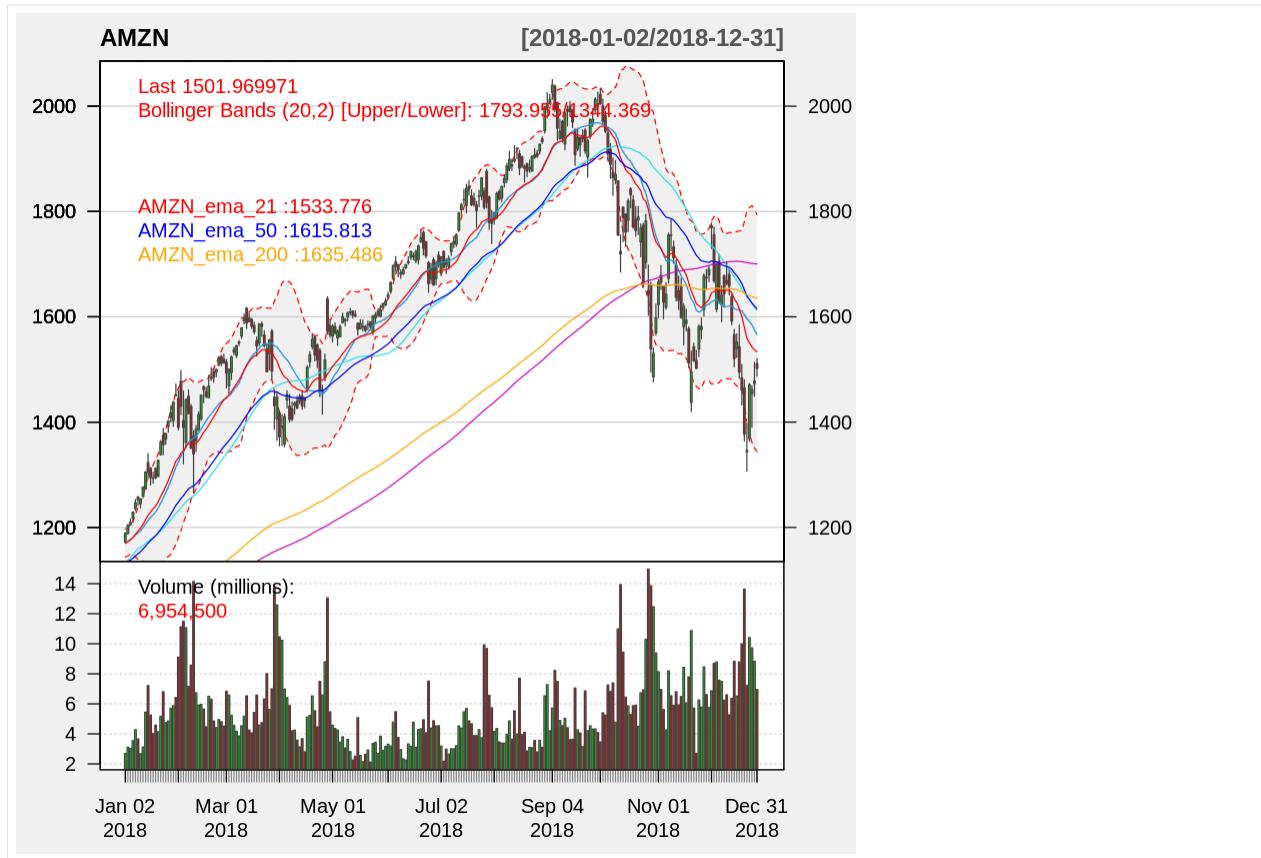
```
[12]: AMZN_ema_21 <- EMA(Cl(AMZN), n=21) # exponential moving average
addTA(AMZN_ema_21, on = 1, col = "red")
```



```
[13]: AMZN_ema_50 <- EMA(Cl(AMZN), n=50) # exponential moving average
addTA(AMZN_ema_50, on = 1, col = "blue")
```



```
[14]: AMZN_ema_200 <- EMA(Cl(AMZN), n=200) # exponencial moving average
addTA(AMZN_ema_200, on = 1, col = "orange")
```



```
[15]: addRSI(n = 14, maType = "EMA", wilder = TRUE) # relative strength index
```



2.5 Strategies

You can initialize a strategy by R language.

The main libraries are

- [Quantmod \(doc\)](#), for loading data and managing the strategy
- [QuantStrat](#), for managing the strategy
- [PerformanceAnalytics](#), for performance and risk analysis

2.5.1 How to load indicators on your strategy

```
[1]: #install.packages("quantmod")
#require(devtools)
#devtools::install_github("braverock/blotter")
#devtools::install_github("braverock/quantstrat")
```

```
[2]: library(quantmod)
# initialization
Sys.setenv(TZ="UTC")
symbol = as.character("AMZN")
start <- as.Date("2017-01-01")
```

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```
end <- as.Date("2020-01-01")
getSymbols(Symbols = symbol, src = "yahoo", from = start, to = end)
```

Loading required package: xts

Loading required package: zoo

Attaching package: 'zoo'

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

as.Date, as.Date.numeric

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'AMZN'

[3]: AMZN <- na.omit(lag(AMZN))
calculate indicators
sma20 <- SMA(Cl(AMZN), n = 20)
ema20 <- EMA(Cl(AMZN), n = 20)

[4]: library(quantstrat)
strategy initialization
currency("USD")
stock(symbol, currency = 'USD', multiplier = 1)
tradeSize <- 100000
initEquity <- 100000
account.st <- portfolio.st <- strategy.st <- "my strategy"
rm.strat("my strategy")
out <- initPortf(portfolio.st, symbols = symbol, initDate = start, currency = "USD")
out <- initAcct(account.st, portfolios = portfolio.st, initDate = start, currency = "USD"
 ↴", initEq = initEquity)
initOrders(portfolio.st, initDate = start)
strategy(strategy.st, store = TRUE)

```

Loading required package: blotter
Loading required package: FinancialInstrument
Loading required package: PerformanceAnalytics

Attaching package: 'PerformanceAnalytics'

The following object is masked from 'package:graphics':
  legend

Loading required package: foreach

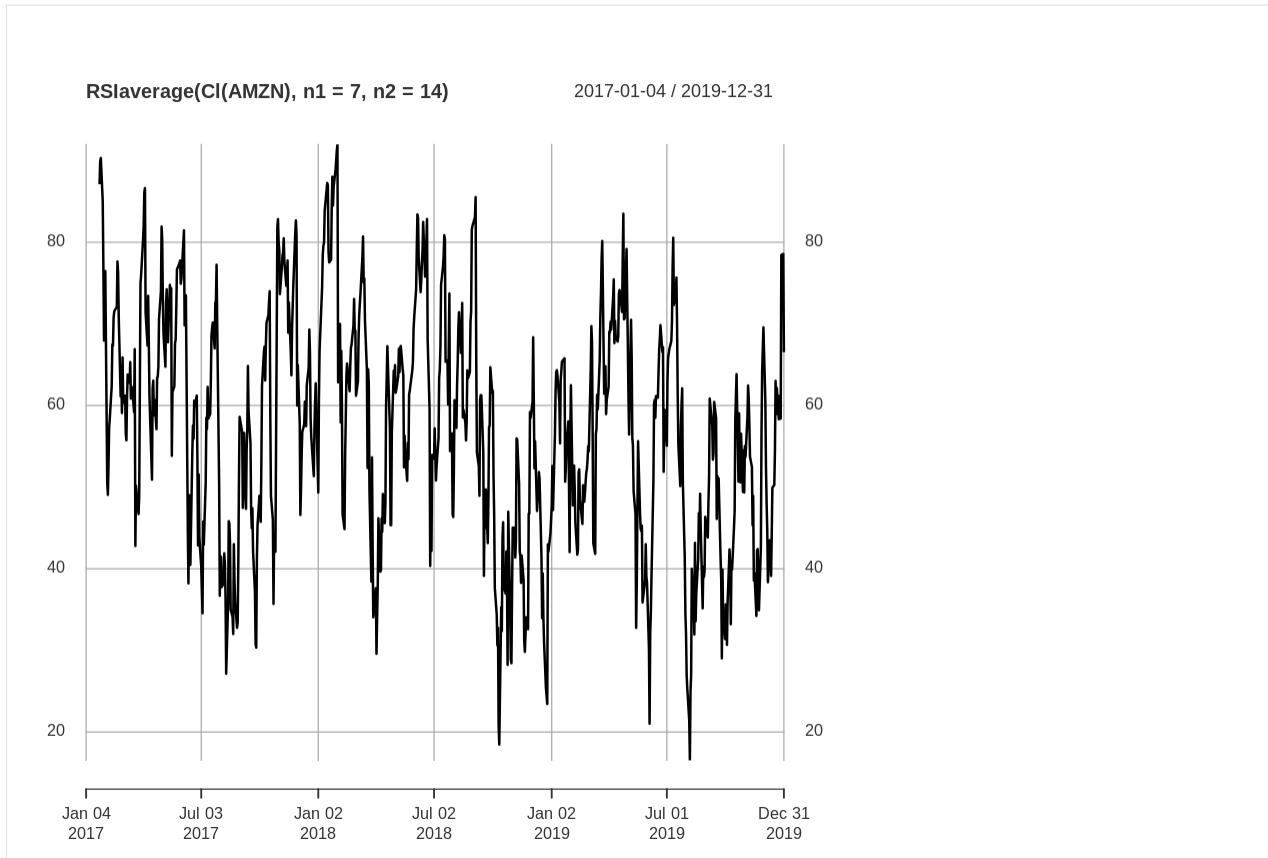
'USD'
'AMZN'

```

```
[5]: # indicators with QuantStrat
out <- add.indicator(strategy.st, name = "SMA", arguments = list(x = quote(Cl(AMZN)), n
  ↵= 20, maType = "SMA"), label = "SMA20periods")
out <- add.indicator(strategy.st, name = "SMA", arguments = list(x = quote(Cl(AMZN)), n
  ↵= 50, maType = "SMA"), label = "SMA50periods")
out <- add.indicator(strategy.st, name = "EMA", arguments = list(x = quote(Cl(AMZN)), n
  ↵= 20, maType = "EMA"), label = "EMA20periods")
out <- add.indicator(strategy.st, name = "EMA", arguments = list(x = quote(Cl(AMZN)), n
  ↵= 50, maType = "EMA"), label = "EMA50periods")
out <- add.indicator(strategy.st, name = "RSI", arguments = list(price = quote(Cl(AMZN)),
  ↵n = 7), label = "RSI720periods")
out <- add.indicator(strategy.st, name = "BBands", arguments = list(HLC =
  ↵quote(Cl(AMZN)), n = 20, maType = "SMA", sd = 2), label = "Bollinger Bands")
```

```
[6]: # custom indicator
RSIaverage <- function(price, n1, n2) {
  RSI_1 <- RSI(price = price, n = n1)
  RSI_2 <- RSI(price = price, n = n2)
  calculatedAverage <- (RSI_1 + RSI_2) / 2
  colnames(calculatedAverage) <- "RSI_average"
  return(calculatedAverage)
}
out <- add.indicator(strategy.st, name = "RSIaverage", arguments = list(price =
  ↵quote(Cl(AMZN)), n1 = 7, n2 = 14), label = "RSIaverage")
```

```
[7]: # first tests
plot(RSIaverage(Cl(AMZN), n1=7, n2=14)) # for graphing your function results
```



```
[8]: # load all indicators on my data
test <- applyIndicators(strategy = strategy.st, mktdata = OHLC(AMZN))
subsetTest <- test["2018-01-01/2019-01-01"]
head(subsetTest)
```

	AMZN.Open	AMZN.High	AMZN.Low	AMZN.Close	SMA.SMA20periods
2018-01-02	1182.35	1184.00	1167.50	1169.47	1168.841
2018-01-03	1172.00	1190.00	1170.51	1189.01	1170.174
2018-01-04	1188.30	1205.49	1188.30	1204.20	1173.687
2018-01-05	1205.00	1215.87	1204.66	1209.59	1177.088
2018-01-08	1217.51	1229.14	1210.00	1229.14	1180.927
2018-01-09	1236.00	1253.08	1232.03	1246.87	1185.281
	SMA.SMA50periods	EMA.EMA20periods	EMA.EMA50periods	rsi.RSI720periods	
2018-01-02	1129.739	1168.779	1130.025	44.92805	
2018-01-03	1133.787	1170.706	1132.338	60.65982	
2018-01-04	1138.213	1173.896	1135.156	68.75469	
2018-01-05	1143.078	1177.295	1138.075	71.20734	
2018-01-08	1148.143	1182.233	1141.646	78.38659	
2018-01-09	1153.622	1188.389	1145.773	82.89832	
	dn.Bollinger.Bands	mavg.Bollinger.Bands	up.Bollinger.Bands		
2018-01-02	1140.397	1168.841	1197.286		
2018-01-03	1140.596	1170.174	1199.753		
2018-01-04	1145.498	1173.687	1201.876		
2018-01-05	1148.806	1177.088	1205.370		
2018-01-08	1146.863	1180.927	1214.992		

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2018-01-09	1142.097	1185.281	1228.466
	pctB.Bollinger.Bands	RSI_average.RSIaverage	
2018-01-02	0.5110476	49.34830	
2018-01-03	0.8183989	60.54486	
2018-01-04	1.0412143	66.72199	
2018-01-05	1.0746036	68.64585	
2018-01-08	1.2076629	74.50261	
2018-01-09	1.2130873	78.45513	

2.5.2 How to load signals on your strategy

The best practice is to prepare one column for each signal that you want to use on your strategy. The strategy below use the moving averages that they are SMA and EMA. You can use one or the other.

Disclaimer

The strategies below are some simple samples for having an idea how to use the libraries: those strategies are for the educational purpose only. All investments and trading in the stock market involve risk: any decisions related to buying/selling of stocks or other financial instruments should only be made after a thorough research, backtesting, running in demo and seeking a professional assistance if required.

Moving Average Crossover Strategy - Sample 1

- when the price value crosses the MA value from below, it will close any existing short position and go long (buy) one unit of the asset
- when the price value crosses the MA value from above, it will close any existing long position and go short (sell) one unit of the asset

Reference: <https://www.learndatasci.com/tutorials/python-finance-part-3-moving-average-trading-strategy/>

```
[9]: # Moving Average Crossover Strategy - Sample 1
signalPosition <- function(price, ma) {
    # Taking the difference between the prices and the MA timeseries
    price_ma_diff <- price - ma
    price_ma_diff[is.na(price_ma_diff)] <- 0 # replace missing signals with no position
    # Taking the sign of the difference to determine whether the price or the MA is_
    ↵ greater
    position <- diff(price_ma_diff)
    position[is.na(position)] <- 0 # replace missing signals with no position
    colnames(position) <- "Signal_position"
    return(position)
}
```

```
[10]: #out <- add.indicator(strategy.st, name = "signalPosition", arguments = list(price =_
    ↵ Cl(AMZN), ma = sma20), label = "signalPosition")
out <- add.indicator(strategy.st, name = "signalPosition", arguments = list(price =_
    ↵ Cl(AMZN), ma = ema20), label = "signalPosition1")
out <- add.signal(strategy.st, name = "sigThreshold", arguments = list(column = "Signal_"
    ↵ position", threshold = 2, relationship = "gte", cross = TRUE), label = "buy1")
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out <- add.signal(strategy.st, name = "sigThreshold", arguments = list(column = "Signal_"
  ↵position", threshold = -2, relationship = "lte", cross = TRUE), label = "sell1")
#add.signal(strategy.st, name = "sigThreshold", arguments = list(data = position, column_
  ↵= "AMZN.Close", threshold = 2, relationship = "gte", cross = TRUE), label = "buy1")
#add.signal(strategy.st, name = "sigThreshold", arguments = list(data = position, column_
  ↵= "AMZN.Close", threshold = -2, relationship = "lte", cross = TRUE), label = "sell1")
# Creating rules
out <- add.rule(strategy.st, name = 'ruleSignal', arguments = list(sigcol = "buy1",_
  ↵sigval = TRUE, orderqty = 100, ordertype = 'market', orderside = 'long'), type = 'enter'
  ↵')
out <- add.rule(strategy.st, name = 'ruleSignal', arguments = list(sigcol = "sell1",_
  ↵sigval = TRUE, orderqty = 'all', ordertype = 'market', orderside = 'long'), type =
  ↵'exit')
#out <- add.rule(strategy.st, name = 'ruleSignal', arguments = list(sigcol = "sell1",_
  ↵sigval = TRUE, orderqty = -100, ordertype = 'market', orderside = 'short'), type = 'enter')
#out <- add.rule(strategy.st, name = 'ruleSignal', arguments = list(sigcol = "buy1",_
  ↵sigval = TRUE, orderqty = 'all', ordertype = 'market', orderside = 'short'), type = 'exit')

```

[11]: # backtesting

```

applyStrategy(strategy.st, portfolios=portfolio.st)
out <- updatePortf(portfolio.st)
dateRange <- time(getPortfolio(portfolio.st)$summary)[-1]
out <- updateAcct(portfolio.st, dateRange)
out <- updateEndEq(account.st)
chart.Posn(portfolio.st, Symbol=symbol, TA=c("add_SMA(n=20,col='red')"))

```

[1] "2017-02-02 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 832.349976"
[1] "2017-02-07 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 807.640015"
[1] "2017-02-09 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 819.710022"
[1] "2017-02-14 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 836.530029"
[1] "2017-02-17 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 844.140015"
[1] "2017-02-23 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 855.609985"
[1] "2017-02-24 00:00:00 AMZN -400 @ 852.190002"
[1] "2017-03-01 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 845.039978"
[1] "2017-03-02 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 853.080017"
[1] "2017-03-03 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 848.909973"
[1] "2017-03-06 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 849.880005"
[1] "2017-03-10 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 853"
[1] "2017-03-16 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 852.969971"
[1] "2017-03-22 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 843.200012"
[1] "2017-03-23 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 848.059998"
[1] "2017-03-24 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 847.380005"
[1] "2017-03-30 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 874.320007"
[1] "2017-04-04 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 891.51001"
[1] "2017-04-06 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 909.280029"
[1] "2017-04-10 00:00:00 AMZN -400 @ 894.880005"
[1] "2017-04-12 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 902.359985"
[1] "2017-04-13 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 896.22998"
[1] "2017-04-19 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 903.780029"
[1] "2017-04-21 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 902.059998"
[1] "2017-04-26 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 907.619995"
[1] "2017-05-01 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 924.98999"

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[1] "2017-05-04 00:00:00 AMZN -200 @ 941.030029"
[1] "2017-05-10 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 952.820007"
[1] "2017-05-12 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 947.619995"
[1] "2017-05-16 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 957.969971"
[1] "2017-05-17 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 966.070007"
[1] "2017-05-18 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 944.76001"
[1] "2017-05-19 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 958.48999"
[1] "2017-05-22 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 959.840027"
[1] "2017-05-24 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 971.539978"
[1] "2017-05-26 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 993.380005"
[1] "2017-06-01 00:00:00 AMZN -300 @ 994.619995"
[1] "2017-06-06 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 1011.340027"
[1] "2017-06-08 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 1010.070007"
[1] "2017-06-09 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 1010.27002"
[1] "2017-06-12 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 978.309998"
[1] "2017-06-15 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 976.469971"
[1] "2017-06-16 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 964.169983"
[1] "2017-06-20 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 995.169983"
[1] "2017-06-22 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 1002.22998"
[1] "2017-06-23 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 1001.299988"
[1] "2017-06-26 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 1003.73999"
[1] "2017-06-30 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 975.929993"
[1] "2017-07-03 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 968"
[1] "2017-07-07 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 965.140015"
[1] "2017-07-10 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 978.76001"
[1] "2017-07-11 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 996.469971"
[1] "2017-07-13 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 1006.51001"
[1] "2017-07-14 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 1000.630005"
[1] "2017-07-17 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 1001.809998"
[1] "2017-07-19 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 1024.449951"
[1] "2017-07-25 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 1038.949951"
[1] "2017-07-26 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 1039.869995"
[1] "2017-07-27 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 1052.800049"
[1] "2017-07-28 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 1046"
[1] "2017-07-31 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 1020.039978"
[1] "2017-08-03 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 995.890015"
[1] "2017-08-07 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 987.580017"
[1] "2017-08-08 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 992.27002"
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       data.frame(t(tstats))
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Num.Trades	160
Net.Trading.PL	103829
Avg.Trade.PL	648.9312
Med.Trade.PL	194.4946
Largest.Winner	24637.02
Largest.Loser	-12510.01
Gross.Profits	297592
Gross.Losses	-193763
Std.Dev.Trade.PL	4650.819
Std.Err.Trade.PL	367.6795
Percent.Positive	53.125
Percent.Negative	46.875
Profit.Factor	1.535856
Avg.Win.Trade	3501.083
Med.Win.Trade	1707.996
Avg.Losing.Trade	-2583.507
Med.Losing.Trade	-1808.008
Avg.Daily.PL	648.9312
Med.Daily.PL	194.4947
Std.Dev.Daily.PL	4650.819
Std.Err.Daily.PL	367.6795
Ann.Sharpe	2.214979
Max.Drawdown	-39630.02
Profit.To.Max.Draw	2.619958
Avg.WinLoss.Ratio	1.355167
Med.WinLoss.Ratio	0.9446838
Max.Equity	106120
Min.Equity	-2470.996
End.Equity	103829

```
[13]: #install.packages("magrittr") # package installations are only needed the first time you
      ↵use it
#install.packages("dplyr")    # alternative installation of the %>%
library(magrittr) # needs to be run every time you start R and want to use %>%
library(dplyr)    # alternatively, this also loads %>%
trades <- tstats %>%
  mutate(Trades = Num.Trades,
        Win.Percent = Percent.Positive,
        Loss.Percent = Percent.Negative,
        WL.Ratio = Percent.Positive/Percent.Negative) %>%
  select(Trades, Win.Percent, Loss.Percent, WL.Ratio)
data.frame(t(trades))
```

Attaching package: 'dplyr'

The following objects are masked from 'package:xts':

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first, last
```

The following objects are masked from ‘package:stats’:

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filter, lag
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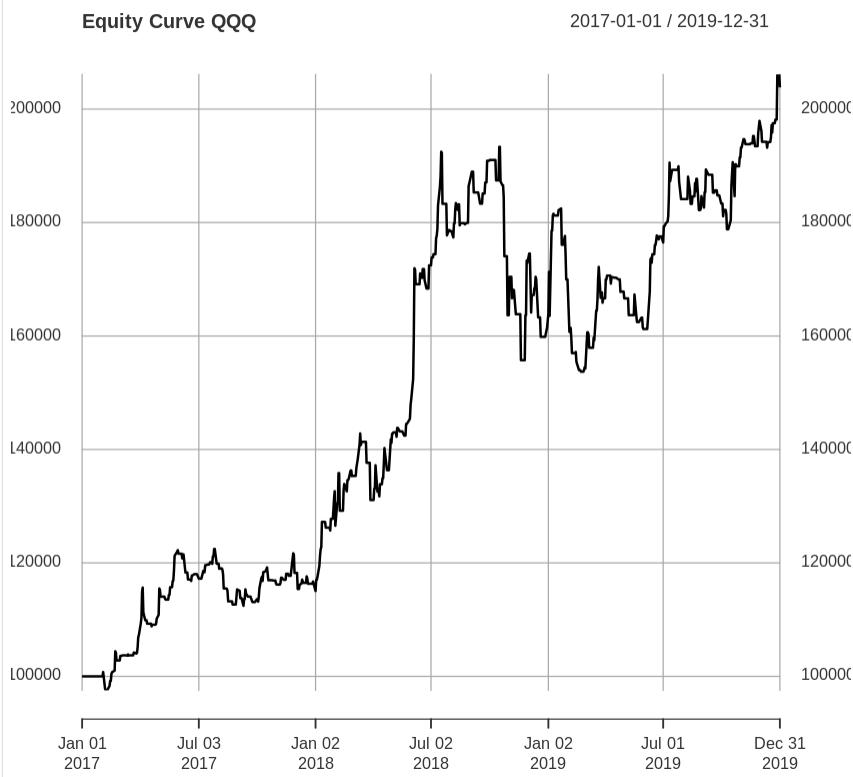
The following objects are masked from ‘package:base’:

```
intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
```

	t.trades. <dbl>
A data.frame: 4 × 1	Trades
	Win.Percent
	Loss.Percent
	WL.Ratio

160.000000
53.125000
46.875000
1.133333

[14]: `a <- getAccount(account.st)
equity <- a$summary$End.Eq
plot(equity, main = "Equity Curve QQQ")`



```
[15]: portfolio <- getPortfolio(portfolio.st)
portfolioSummary <- portfolio$summary
colnames(portfolio$summary)
tail(portfolio$summary)

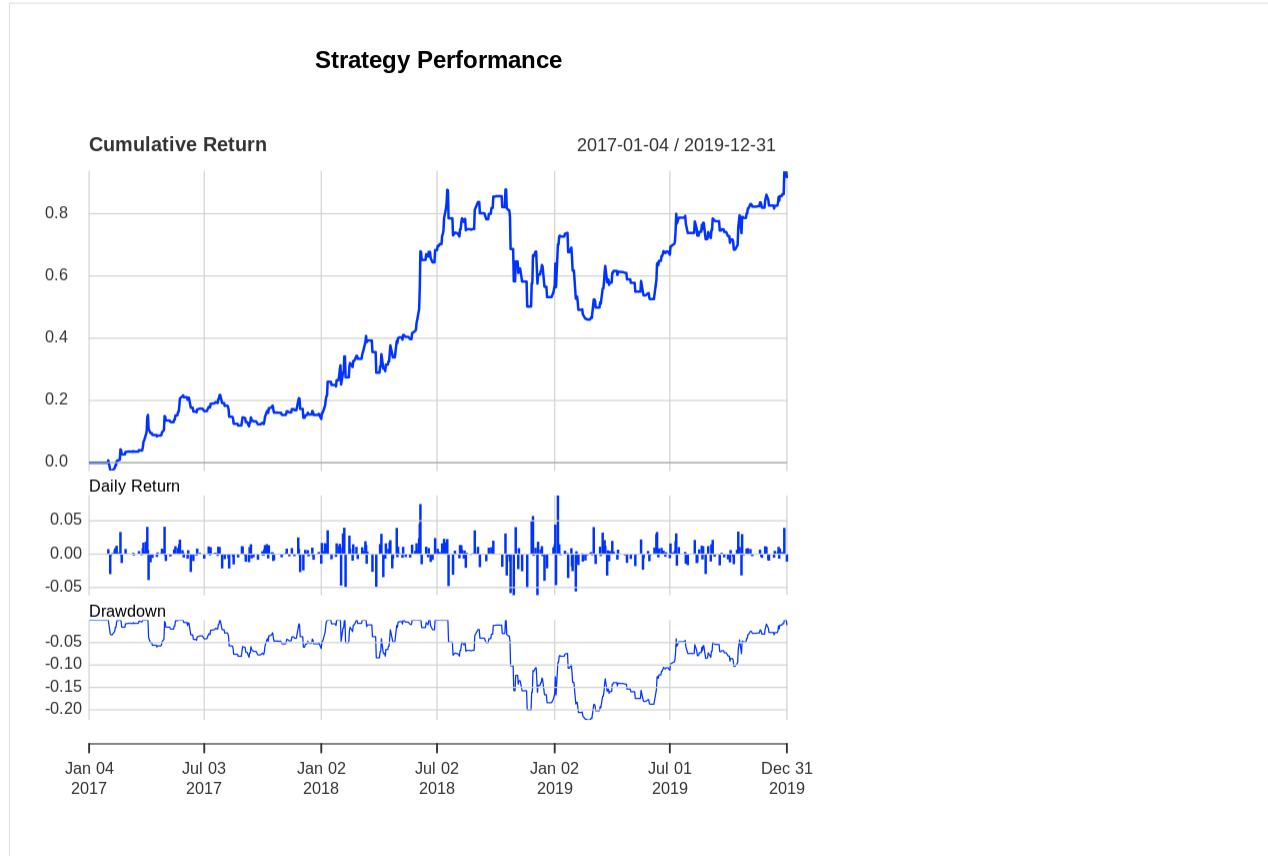
'Long.Value'
'Short.Value'
'Net.Value'
'Gross.Value'
'Period.Realized.PL'
'Period.Unrealized.PL'
'Gross.Trading.PL'
'Txn.Fees'
'Net.Trading.PL'

  Long.Value Short.Value Net.Value Gross.Value Period.Realized.PL
2019-12-23    178650        0    178650    178650          0.000
2019-12-24      0        0        0        0       650.000
2019-12-26    178921        0    178921    178921          0.000
2019-12-27      0        0        0        0       7956.006
2019-12-30    186980        0    186980    186980          0.000
2019-12-31      0        0        0        0      -2291.003

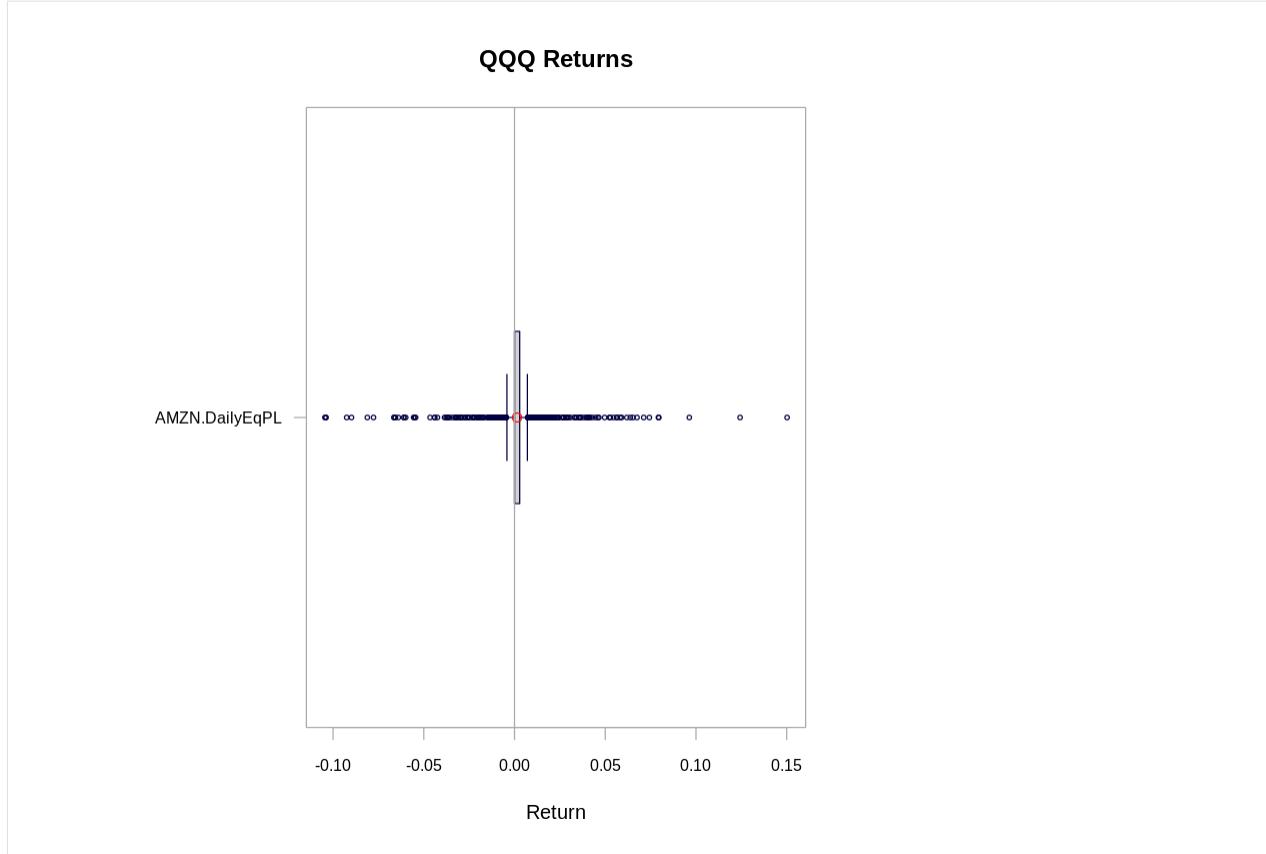
  Period.Unrealized.PL Gross.Trading.PL Txn.Fees Net.Trading.PL
2019-12-23        0        0.000        0        0.000
2019-12-24        0       650.000        0       650.000
2019-12-26        0        0.000        0        0.000
2019-12-27        0       7956.006        0       7956.006
2019-12-30        0        0.000        0        0.000
2019-12-31        0      -2291.003        0      -2291.003
```

```
[16]: ret <- Return.calculate(equity, method = "log")
tail(ret)
charts.PerformanceSummary(ret, colorset = bluefocus, main = "Strategy Performance")

  End.Eq
2019-12-23  0.000000000
2019-12-24  0.003285503
2019-12-26  0.000000000
2019-12-27  0.039363582
2019-12-30  0.000000000
2019-12-31 -0.011177133
```



```
[17]: rets <- PortfReturns(Account = account.st)
chart.Boxplot(rets, main = "QQQ Returns", colorset= rich10equal)
```



[18]: `table.Drawdowns(rets, top=10)`

	From <date>	Trough <date>	To <date>	Depth <dbl>	Length <dbl>	To Trough <dbl>	Recovery <dbl>
A data.frame: 10 × 7	2018-07-19	2019-02-22	2019-12-27	-0.3726	364	150	214
	2018-03-14	2018-03-29	2018-05-10	-0.1135	41	12	29
	2017-07-31	2017-09-11	2018-01-12	-0.0966	116	30	86
	2017-04-07	2017-04-20	2017-05-23	-0.0671	32	9	23
	2018-02-09	2018-02-09	2018-02-26	-0.0663	11	1	10
	2018-02-02	2018-02-02	2018-02-07	-0.0609	4	1	3
	2017-06-01	2017-06-21	2017-07-27	-0.0535	40	15	25
	2018-06-07	2018-06-25	2018-06-29	-0.0362	17	13	4
	2017-02-06	2017-02-07	2017-02-21	-0.0322	11	2	9
	2019-12-31	2019-12-31	NA	-0.0229	2	1	NA

[19]: `table.CalendarReturns(rets)`

	A data.frame: 3 × 13												AMZN.DailyEqP <dbl>
	Jan <dbl>	Feb <dbl>	Mar <dbl>	Apr <dbl>	May <dbl>	Jun <dbl>	Jul <dbl>	Aug <dbl>	Sep <dbl>	Oct <dbl>	Nov <dbl>	Dec <dbl>	AMZN.DailyEqP <dbl>
2017	0	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.0	-2.6	1.4	0.0	0.0	-3.2	0.4	-2.6
2018	2	-1.0	-6.6	5.5	2.4	4.1	0.0	0.4	3.8	0.0	-0.4	1.6	12.0
2019	0	0.5	0.8	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	2.2	-1.4	1.7	2.2	-2.3	3.3

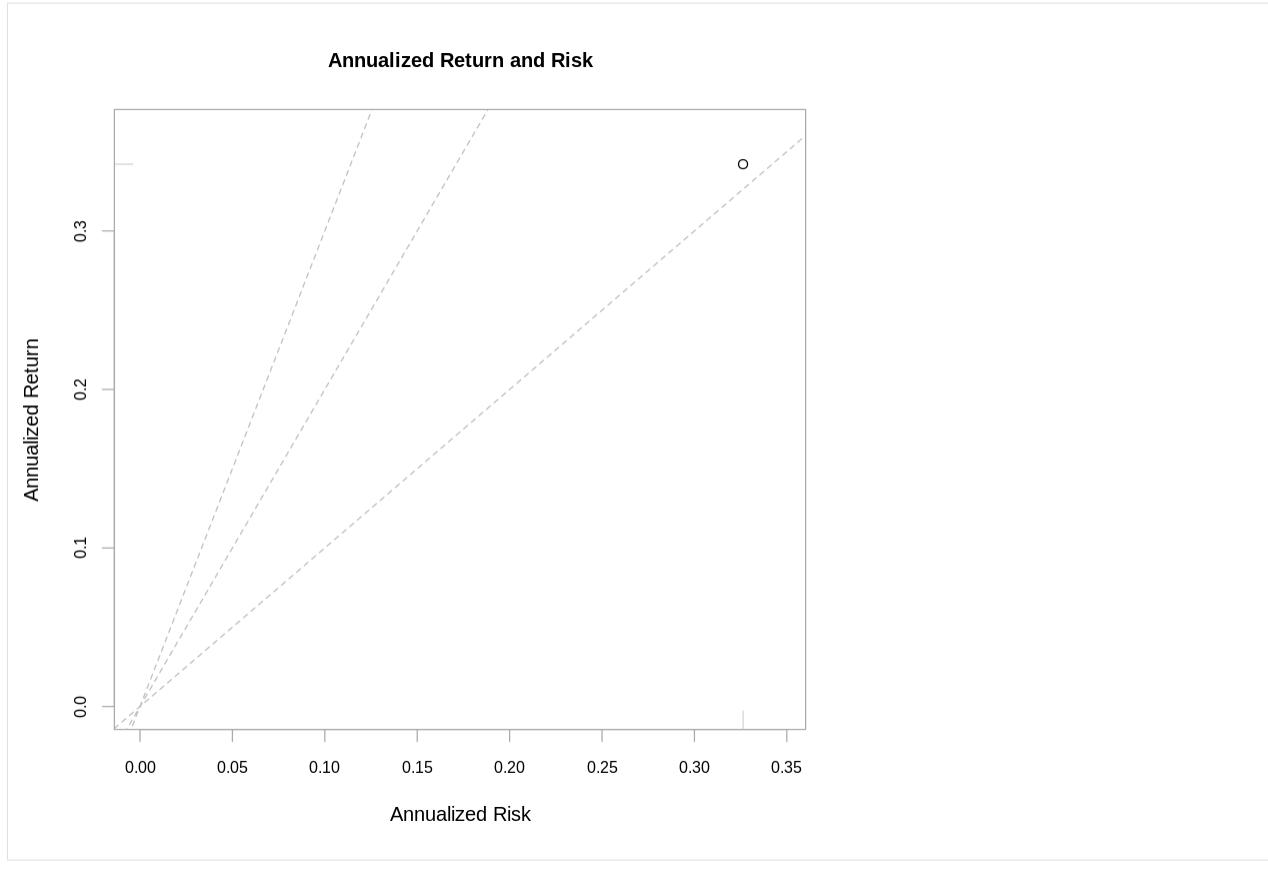
[20]: `table.DownsideRisk(rets)`

	AMZN.DailyEqPL <dbl>
Semi Deviation	0.0143
Gain Deviation	0.0208
Loss Deviation	0.0225
Downside Deviation (MAR=210%)	0.0177
A data.frame: 11 × 1	Downside Deviation (Rf=0%)
	0.0138
	Downside Deviation (0%)
	0.0138
	Maximum Drawdown
	0.3726
	Historical VaR (95%)
	-0.0277
	Historical ES (95%)
	-0.0528
	Modified VaR (95%)
	-0.0264
	Modified ES (95%)
	-0.0264

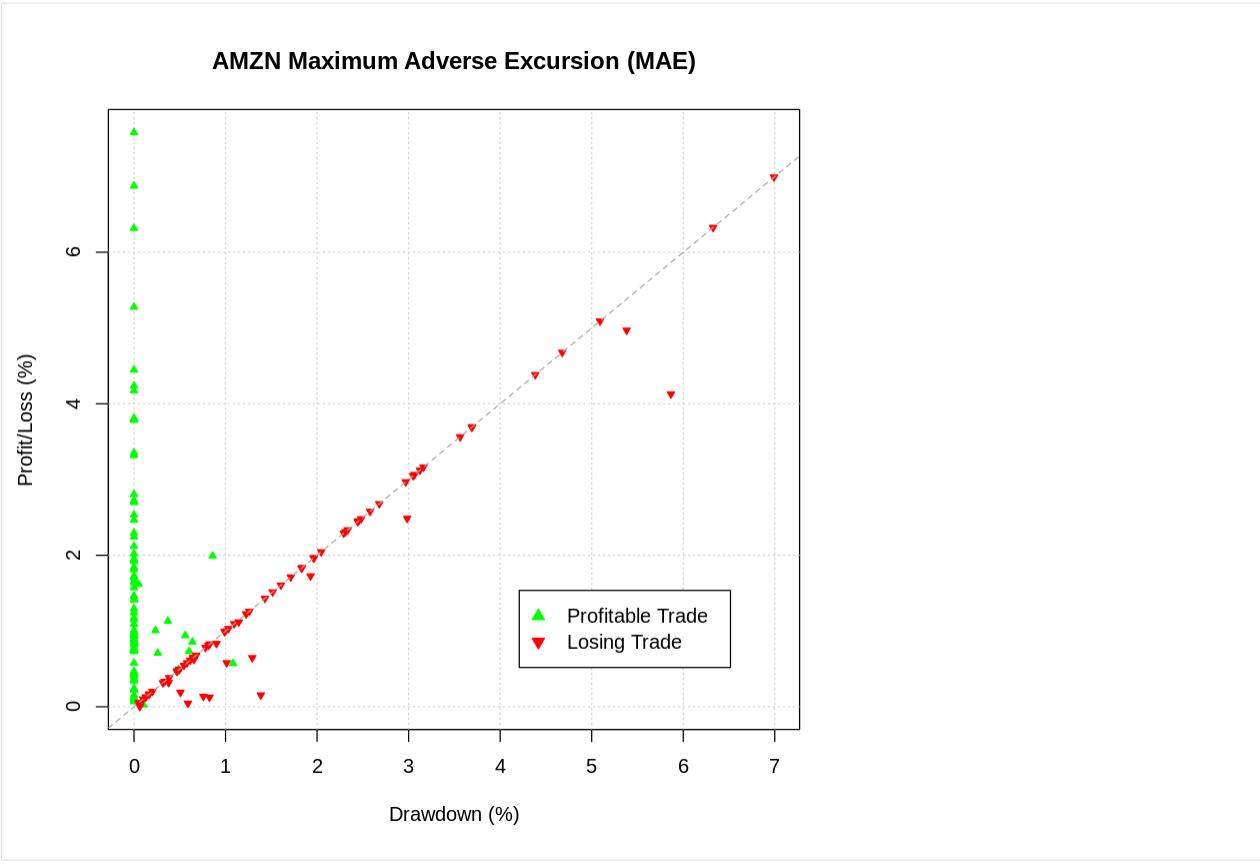
[21]: `table.Stats(rets)`

	AMZN.DailyEqPL <dbl>
Observations	753.0000
NAs	0.0000
Minimum	-0.1045
Quartile 1	0.0000
Median	0.0000
Arithmetic Mean	0.0014
A data.frame: 16 × 1	Geometric Mean
	0.0012
	Quartile 3
	0.0029
	Maximum
	0.1502
	SE Mean
	0.0007
	LCL Mean (0.95)
	-0.0001
	UCL Mean (0.95)
	0.0028
	Variance
	0.0004
	Stdev
	0.0206
	Skewness
	0.2160
	Kurtosis
	11.3408

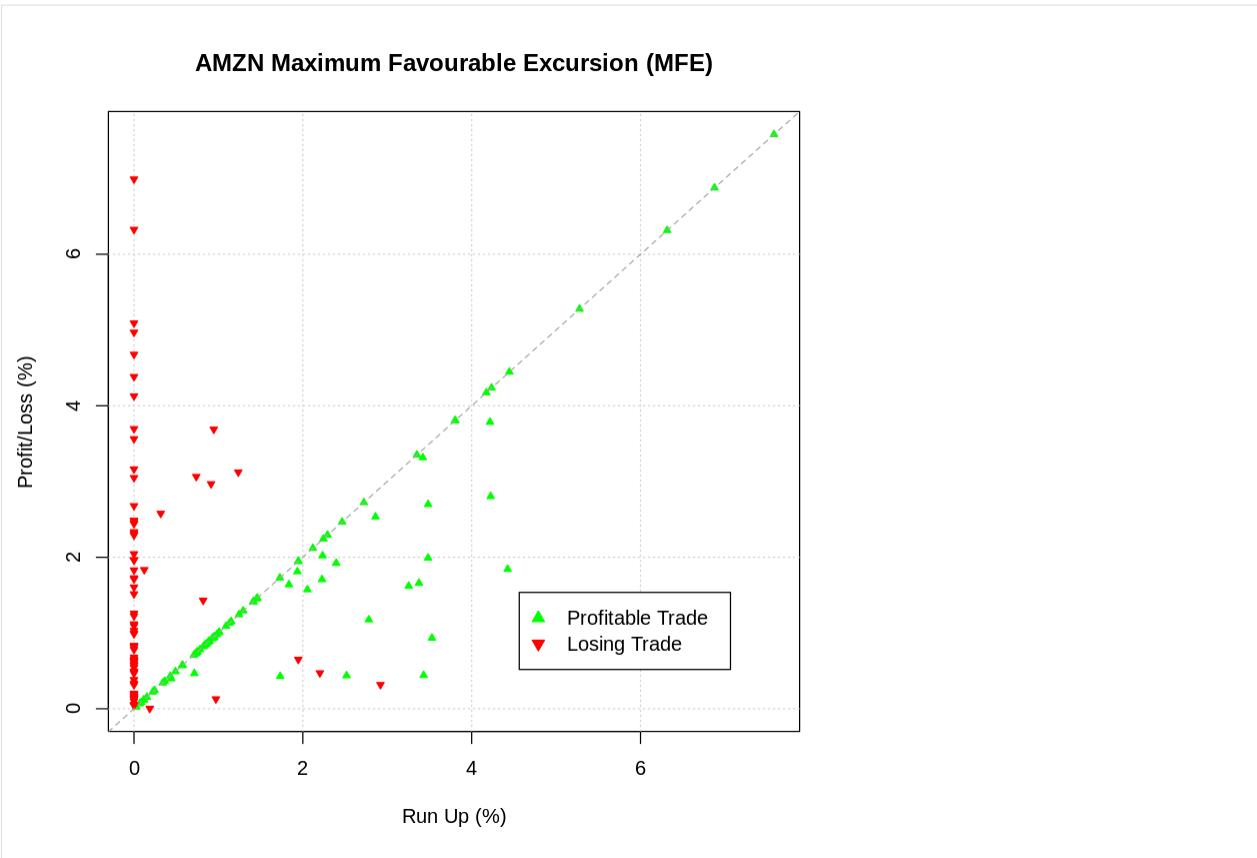
[22]: `chart.RiskReturnScatter(rets)`



```
[23]: chart.ME(Portfolio = portfolio.st, Symbol = symbol, type = "MAE", scale = "percent")
```



```
[24]: chart.ME(Portfolio = portfolio.st, Symbol = symbol, type = "MFE", scale = "percent")
```



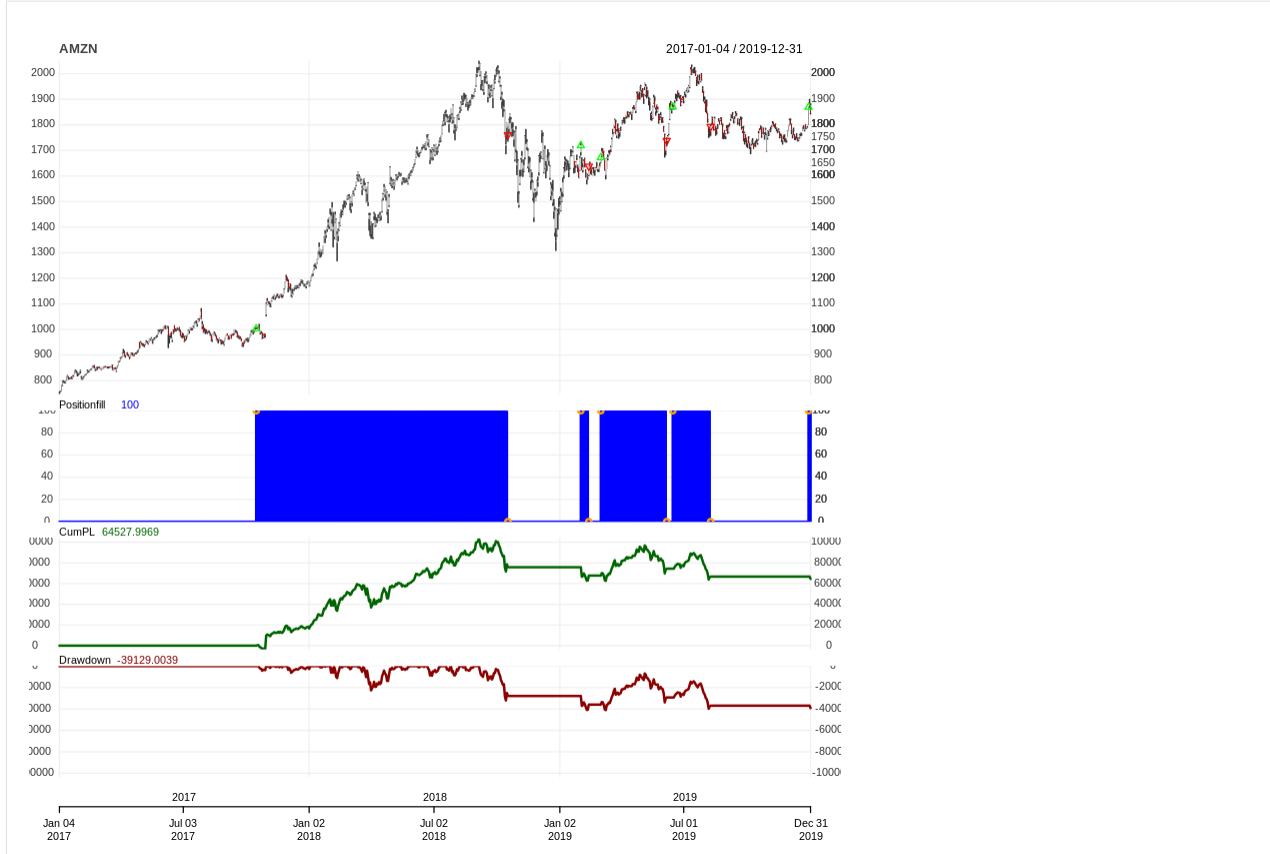
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```
# Signals
#out <- add.signal(strategy.st, name = "sigCrossover", arguments = list(columns = c(
  ↪ "SMA20periods", "SMA50periods"), relationship = "gte", cross = TRUE), label = "buy")
#out <- add.signal(strategy.st, name = "sigCrossover", arguments = list(columns = c(
  ↪ "SMA20periods", "SMA50periods"), relationship = "lte", cross = TRUE), label = "sell")
out <- add.signal(strategy.st, name = "sigCrossover", arguments = list(columns = c(
  ↪ "EMA20periods", "EMA50periods"), relationship = "gte", cross = TRUE), label = "buy2")
out <- add.signal(strategy.st, name = "sigCrossover", arguments = list(columns = c(
  ↪ "EMA20periods", "EMA50periods"), relationship = "lte", cross = TRUE), label = "sell2")
# Rules
out <- add.rule(strategy.st, name = 'ruleSignal', arguments = list(sigcol = "buy2", ↪
  ↪ sigval = TRUE, orderqty = 100, ordertype = 'market', orderside = 'long'), type = 'enter'
  ↪')
out <- add.rule(strategy.st, name = 'ruleSignal', arguments = list(sigcol = "sell2", ↪
  ↪ sigval = TRUE, orderqty = 'all', ordertype = 'market', orderside = 'long'), type =
  ↪'exit')
#out <- add.rule(strategy.st, name = 'ruleSignal', arguments = list(sigcol = "sell2", ↪
  ↪ sigval = TRUE, orderqty = -100, ordertype = 'market', orderside = 'short'), type = 'enter')
#out <- add.rule(strategy.st, name = 'ruleSignal', arguments = list(sigcol = "buy2", ↪
  ↪ sigval = TRUE, orderqty = 'all', ordertype = 'market', orderside = 'short'), type = 'exit')
```

[26]: # backtesting

```
applyStrategy(strategy.st, portfolios=portfolio.st)
out <- updatePortf(portfolio.st)
dateRange <- time(getPortfolio(portfolio.st)$summary)[-1]
out <- updateAcct(portfolio.st, dateRange)
out <- updateEndEq(account.st)
chart.Posn(portfolio.st, Symbol=symbol) #, TA=c("add_SMA(n=20,col='red')"))

[1] "2017-10-16 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 1002.940002"
[1] "2018-10-16 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 1760.949951"
[1] "2019-02-01 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 1718.72998"
[1] "2019-02-13 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 1638.01001"
[1] "2019-03-04 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 1671.72998"
[1] "2019-06-06 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 1738.5"
[1] "2019-06-14 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 1870.300049"
[1] "2019-08-08 00:00:00 AMZN -100 @ 1793.400024"
[1] "2019-12-27 00:00:00 AMZN 100 @ 1868.77002"
```



```
[27]: tstats <- tradeStats(portfolio.st, use="trades", inclZeroDays=FALSE)
data.frame(t(tstats))
```

	AMZN <chr>
Portfolio	my strategy
Symbol	AMZN
Num.Txns	9
Num.Trades	5
Net.Trading.PL	64528
Avg.Trade.PL	12905.6
Med.Trade.PL	-2188
Largest.Winner	75800.99
Largest.Loser	-8071.997
Gross.Profits	82478
Gross.Losses	-17950
Std.Dev.Trade.PL	35660.49
Std.Err.Trade.PL	15947.85
Percent.Positive	40
Percent.Negative	60
Profit.Factor	4.594874
Avg.Win.Trade	41239
Med.Win.Trade	41239
Avg.Losing.Trade	-5983.333
Med.Losing.Trade	-7690.003
Avg.Daily.PL	16679
Med.Daily.PL	-506.5003
Std.Dev.Daily.PL	40007.96
Std.Err.Daily.PL	20003.98
Ann.Sharpe	6.617956
Max.Drawdown	-41021
Profit.To.Max.Draw	1.573048
Avg.WinLoss.Ratio	6.892312
Med.WinLoss.Ratio	5.362677
Max.Equity	103657
Min.Equity	-3664.001
End.Equity	64528

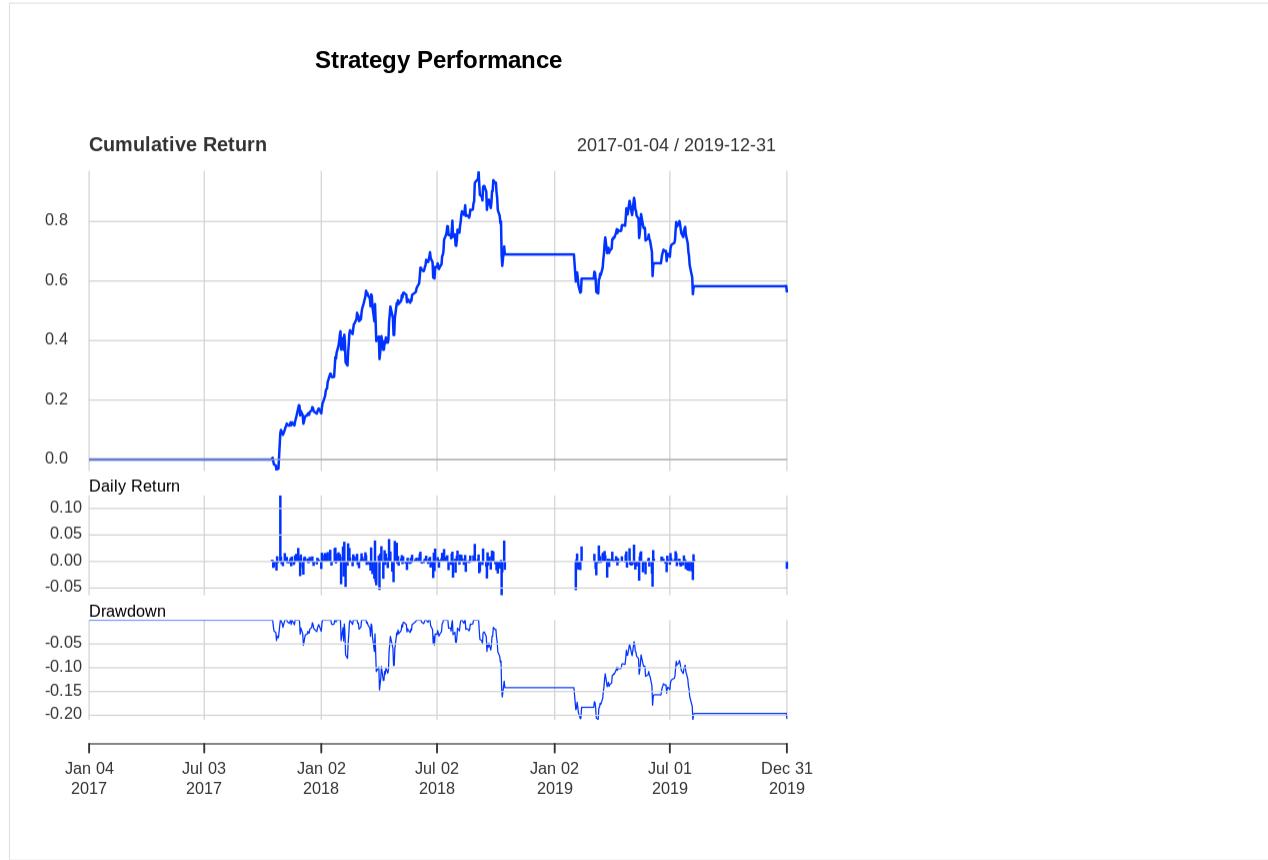
```
[28]: #install.packages("magrittr") # package installations are only needed the first time you ↵
      ↵use it
#install.packages("dplyr")    # alternative installation of the %>%
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#library(dplyr)    # alternatively, this also loads %>%
trades <- tstats %>%
  mutate(Trades = Num.Trades,
        Win.Percent = Percent.Positive,
        Loss.Percent = Percent.Negative,
        WL.Ratio = Percent.Positive/Percent.Negative) %>%
  select(Trades, Win.Percent, Loss.Percent, WL.Ratio)
data.frame(t(trades))
```

	t.trades. <dbl>
A data.frame: 4 × 1	Trades
	Win.Percent
	Loss.Percent
	WL.Ratio
	5.0000000
	40.0000000
	60.0000000
	0.6666667

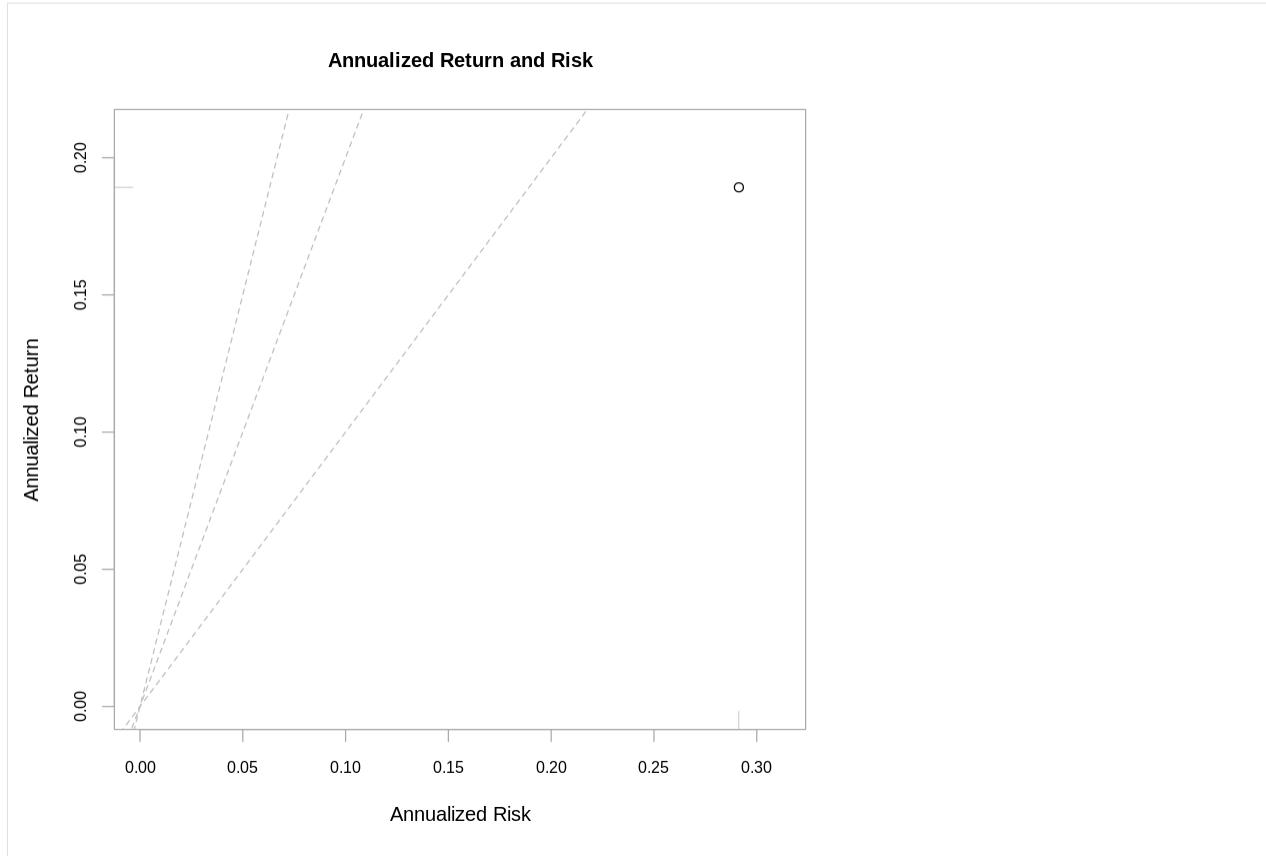
```
[29]: a <- getAccount(account.st)
equity <- a$summary$End.Eq
plot(equity, main = "Equity Curve QQQ")
```



```
[30]: ret <- Return.calculate(equity, method = "log")
charts.PerformanceSummary(ret, colorset = bluefocus, main = "Strategy Performance")
```



```
[31]: rets <- PortfReturns(Account = account.st)
chart.RiskReturnScatter(rets)
```



PYTHON

3.1 Prerequisites

For using the program language Python, you don't have to install nothing: Python is already installed.

There are a lot of guide for [getting started with Python](#): knowing the basics will be taken for granted.

But you have to install some specific packages and it is a best practice to use a virtual environment. For unix,

```
$ git clone https://github.com/bilardi/backtesting-tool-comparison
$ cd backtesting-tool-comparison/
$ python3 -m venv .env # create virtual environment
$ source .env/bin/activate # enter in the virtual environment
$ pip install --upgrade -r requirements.txt # install your dependences
```

And when you want to delete all environment,

```
$ deactivate # exit when you will have finished the job
$ rm -rf .env # remove the virtual environment it is a best practice
```

A short description of each package that you have to import is below.

```
$ python
import yfinance # for Yahoo Finance historical data of stock market
import yahoo-fin # for Yahoo Finance historical data of stock market
import yahoofinancials # for Yahoo Finance historical data of stock market
import pandas_datareader # for historical data many sources
import datetime # for datetime management
import requests # for getting contents by url
import quandl # for Quandl historical data
import matplotlib # for plots
import mplfinance # for financial plots
import pandas # for data management
import numpy # for data management
import backtesting # for strategy management
```

If you want to use [Jupyter](#), you can use directly the commands below

```
$ git clone https://github.com/bilardi/backtesting-tool-comparison
$ cd backtesting-tool-comparison/
$ pip install --upgrade -r requirements.txt
$ docker run --rm -p 8888:8888 -e JUPYTER_ENABLE_LAB=yes -v "$PWD":/home/jovyan/ jupyter/
  -scipy-notebook
```

Jupyter is very easy for having a GUI virtual environment: knowing the basics will be taken for granted.

You can find all scripts described in this tutorial on [GitHub](#).

- the .py files in `src/python/` folder, that you can use on shell
- the .ipynb files in `docs/sources/python/` folder, that you can use on Jupyter or browse on this tutorial

3.2 Getting started

Python is a programming language and it has more libraries dedicated for statistical analysis, graphics representation and reporting.

This is a summary of the Python language syntax: you can find more details in [python documentation](#).

3.2.1 Basics

```
[1]: # initialization of a variable  
my_numeric_variable = 1  
my_string_variable = "hello"
```

```
[2]: # print a variable directly  
my_numeric_variable
```

```
[2]: 1
```

```
[3]: # print method  
print(my_string_variable)  
hello
```

3.2.2 Vectors

```
[4]: # initialization of a vector  
my_numeric_vector = [1,2,3,4,5,6]  
my_sequence = list(range(1,7))  
my_string_vector = ["hello", "world", "!"]  
my_logic_vector = [True, False]  
import random  
my_random_vector = random.sample(list(range(1,5000)), 25) # Vector with 25 elements with  
# random number from 1 to 5000
```

```
[5]: my_numeric_vector
```

```
[5]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

Operations with vectors

There are many libraries for statistics analysis, so you can use the same operations on different libraries.

```
[6]: sum(my_numeric_vector) # sum
import statistics
print(statistics.mean(my_numeric_vector)) # mean
print(statistics.median(my_numeric_vector)) # median
import numpy
print(numpy.median(my_numeric_vector)) # median

3.5
3.5
3.5
```

```
[7]: # multiplication 2 with each element of a vector
# each variable my_new_vector is the same
my_new_vector = [e * 2 for e in my_numeric_vector]
my_new_vector = list(map(lambda x: x * 2, my_numeric_vector))
import pandas
serie = pandas.Series(my_numeric_vector)
my_new_vector = (serie * 2).tolist()
import numpy
my_new_vector = list(numpy.array(my_numeric_vector) * 2)
my_new_vector
```

```
[7]: [2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12]
```

```
[8]: # division 2 with each element of a vector
# each variable my_new_vector is the same
my_new_vector = [e / 2 for e in my_numeric_vector]
my_new_vector = list(map(lambda x: x / 2, my_numeric_vector))
serie = pandas.Series(my_numeric_vector)
my_new_vector = (serie / 2).tolist()
my_new_vector = list(numpy.array(my_numeric_vector) / 2)
my_new_vector
```

```
[8]: [0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0]
```

```
[9]: # sum each element of a vector with another vector by position
# each variable my_new_vector is the same
my_new_vector = [sum(e) for e in zip(my_numeric_vector, my_sequence)]
my_new_vector = [x + y for x, y in zip(my_numeric_vector, my_sequence)]
import operator
my_new_vector = list(map(operator.add, my_numeric_vector, my_sequence))
import pandas
my_new_vector = list(pandas.Series(my_numeric_vector).add(pandas.Series(my_sequence)))
import numpy
my_new_vector = list(numpy.array(my_numeric_vector) + numpy.array(my_sequence))
my_new_vector
```

```
[9]: [2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12]
```

```
[10]: # get element from a vector
print(my_string_vector[0]) # print hello
print(my_string_vector[::-len(my_string_vector)-1]) # print hello!
print(my_string_vector[0:2]) # print hello world

hello
['hello', '!']
['hello', 'world']
```

```
[11]: # add labels to a vector
import pandas
names = ["one", "two", "three", "four", "five", "six"]
my_vector = pandas.DataFrame(my_numeric_vector, index=names).T
print(my_vector)

   one  two  three  four  five  six
0    1     2      3     4     5     6
```

```
[12]: # get data type of a vector
import numpy
print(numpy.array(my_vector).dtype.type) # print numpy.int64
print(numpy.array(my_string_vector).dtype.type) # print numpy.str_

<class 'numpy.int64'>
<class 'numpy.str_'>
```

```
[13]: # conversion of each element of a vector
# each variable my_new_string_vector is the same
my_new_string_vector = [str(e) for e in my_numeric_vector]
my_new_string_vector = list(map(str, my_numeric_vector))
my_new_string_vector
```

```
[13]: ['1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6']
```

3.2.3 Matrixes

A matrix is a vector with more dimensions

```
[14]: my_matrix = [[0] * 5 for e in range(2)] # creates a matrix bidimensional with 2 rows and
      ↪ 5 columns
my_matrix

[14]: [[0, 0, 0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0, 0, 0]]
```

```
[15]: my_matrix = [list(range(1,6)) for e in range(2)] # creates a matrix bidimensional with 2
      ↪ rows and 5 columns
my_matrix

[15]: [[1, 2, 3, 4, 5], [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]]
```

```
[16]: import numpy
my_matrix = numpy.arange(1,11).reshape(2, 5) # creates a matrix bidimensional with 2
      ↪ rows and 5 columns
my_matrix
```

```
[16]: array([[ 1,  2,  3,  4,  5],
           [ 6,  7,  8,  9, 10]])
```

```
[17]: my_matrix = numpy.arange(1,11).reshape(5, 2).T # creates a matrix bidimensional with 2 rows and 5 columns like R language
my_matrix
```

```
[17]: array([[ 1,  3,  5,  7,  9],
           [ 2,  4,  6,  8, 10]])
```

```
[18]: print(my_matrix[1,1]) # prints 4
print(my_matrix[0,:]) # prints row 1
print(my_matrix[:,1]) # prints column 2
```

```
4
[1 3 5 7 9]
[3 4]
```

```
[19]: # merge of vectors
vector_one = ["one", 0.1]
vector_two = ["two", 1]
vector_three = ["three", 10]
my_vectors = [vector_one, vector_two, vector_three]
import pandas
colnames = ["vector number", "quantity"]
rownames = ["yesterday", "today", "tomorrow"]
pandas.DataFrame(my_vectors, index=rownames, columns=colnames)
```

```
[19]:      vector number  quantity
yesterday          one        0.1
today              two        1.0
tomorrow          three       10.0
```

3.2.4 Weighted average

```
[20]: # performance
apple_performance = 3
netflix_performance = 7
amazon_performance = 11
# weight
apple_weight = .3
netflix_weight = .4
amazon_weight = .3
```

```
[21]: # portfolio performance
weighted_average = apple_performance * apple_weight + netflix_performance * netflix_
weight + amazon_performance * amazon_weight
weighted_average
```

```
[21]: 7.0
```

```
[22]: # the same sample but with vectors
performance = [3,7,11]
weight = [.3,.4,.3]
company = ['apple','netflix','amazon']
import pandas
performance = pandas.DataFrame(performance, index=company).T
weight = pandas.DataFrame(weight, index=company).T
print(performance)
print(weight)
```

```
apple    netflix    amazon
0          3           7         11
apple    netflix    amazon
0        0.3         0.4         0.3
```

```
[23]: # with headers
performance_weight = performance.multiply(weight)
print(performance_weight)
weighted_average = performance_weight.sum(axis=1)
print(weighted_average)

apple    netflix    amazon
0      0.9        2.8        3.3
0      7.0
dtype: float64
```

```
[24]: # without headers
import numpy
performance_weight = numpy.array(performance) * numpy.array(weight)
print(performance_weight)
weighted_average = numpy.sum(performance_weight)
print(weighted_average)

[[0.9 2.8 3.3]]
7.0
```

3.2.5 Functions

```
[25]: import numpy
# the weighted average but with a function
def weighted_average_function(performance, weight):
    return numpy.sum(numpy.array(performance) * numpy.array(weight))
performance = [3,7,11]
weight = [.3,.4,.3]
weighted_average = weighted_average_function(performance, weight)
weighted_average
```

```
[25]: 7.0
```

3.3 Historical data

This page contains some samples for downloading historical data of your quant trading system.

3.3.1 Yahoo Finance API

There are many libraries for downloading historical data of stock markets from Yahoo finance, you can try some of them to discovery which you prefer:

- `pandas_datareader` (with a [stable documentation](#) and it works for [many sources](#))
- `yfinance` (with a [nice table](#) of the arguments of the history method)
- `yahoofinancials`
- `yahoo_fin`

Exchange rates (forex) from Yahoo finance

```
[1]: !pip install pandas_datareader
from pandas_datareader import data as pdr
cross_from = ['EUR', 'USD', 'CAD']
cross_to = ['USD', 'JPY', 'USD']
symbols = [x + y + '=X' for x, y in zip(cross_from, cross_to)]
data = pdr.DataReader(symbols, 'yahoo')
data

Requirement already satisfied: pandas_datareader in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-
-packages (0.9.0)
Requirement already satisfied: requests>=2.19.0 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-
-packages (from pandas_datareader) (2.25.1)
Requirement already satisfied: lxml in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages (from_
-pandas_datareader) (4.6.2)
Requirement already satisfied: pandas>=0.23 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages_
(from pandas_datareader) (1.1.5)
Requirement already satisfied: python-dateutil>=2.7.3 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-
-packages (from pandas>=0.23->pandas_datareader) (2.8.1)
Requirement already satisfied: pytz>=2017.2 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages_
(from pandas>=0.23->pandas_datareader) (2020.5)
Requirement already satisfied: numpy>=1.15.4 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages_
(from pandas>=0.23->pandas_datareader) (1.19.4)
Requirement already satisfied: six>=1.5 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages (from_
python-dateutil>=2.7.3->pandas>=0.23->pandas_datareader) (1.15.0)
Requirement already satisfied: chardet<5,>=3.0.2 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-
-packages (from requests>=2.19.0->pandas_datareader) (4.0.0)
Requirement already satisfied: certifi>=2017.4.17 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-
-packages (from requests>=2.19.0->pandas_datareader) (2020.12.5)
Requirement already satisfied: idna<3,>=2.5 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages_
(from requests>=2.19.0->pandas_datareader) (2.10)
Requirement already satisfied: urllib3<1.27,>=1.21.1 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-
-packages (from requests>=2.19.0->pandas_datareader) (1.26.2)
```

[1]: Attributes Adj Close \						
Symbols	EURUSD=X	USDJPY=X	CADUSD=X	EURUSD=X	USDJPY=X	CADUSD=X
Date						
2016-01-13	1.084399	117.830002	0.701508	1.084399	117.830002	0.701508
2016-01-14	1.088601	117.425003	0.696816	1.088601	117.425003	0.696816
2016-01-15	1.085894	118.203003	0.697126	1.085894	118.203003	0.697126
2016-01-18	1.092001	116.989998	0.685965	1.092001	116.989998	0.685965
2016-01-19	1.089503	117.384003	0.687545	1.089503	117.384003	0.687545
...
2021-01-05	1.225160	103.125000	0.782411	1.225160	103.125000	0.782411
2021-01-06	1.230027	102.678001	0.788973	1.230027	102.678001	0.788973
2021-01-07	1.234111	103.024002	0.789553	1.234111	103.024002	0.789553
2021-01-08	1.227144	103.790001	0.788407	1.227144	103.790001	0.788407
2021-01-11	1.216841	104.209999	0.782411	1.216841	104.209999	0.782411
Attributes High \						
Symbols	EURUSD=X	USDJPY=X	CADUSD=X	EURUSD=X	USDJPY=X	CADUSD=X
Date						
2016-01-13	1.088400	118.362999	0.704871	1.080600	117.779999	0.700334
2016-01-14	1.095000	118.161003	0.697515	1.083999	117.309998	0.694734
2016-01-15	1.098200	118.255997	0.697253	1.085776	116.650002	0.687474
2016-01-18	1.092705	117.433998	0.690274	1.087600	116.931000	0.685857
2016-01-19	1.091000	118.099998	0.692953	1.086200	117.266998	0.687238
...
2021-01-05	1.229483	103.180000	0.787402	1.224995	102.671997	0.781959
2021-01-06	1.235025	103.431000	0.791766	1.226693	102.589996	0.786250
2021-01-07	1.234568	103.950996	0.789640	1.224665	102.956001	0.785379
2021-01-08	1.228215	104.078003	0.789952	1.221493	103.616997	0.786201
2021-01-11	1.223990	104.249001	0.788644	1.215806	103.686996	0.782142
Attributes Open Volume \						
Symbols	EURUSD=X	USDJPY=X	CADUSD=X	EURUSD=X	USDJPY=X	CADUSD=X
Date						
2016-01-13	1.084399	117.831001	0.701459	0.0	0.0	0.0
2016-01-14	1.088803	117.400002	0.696811	0.0	0.0	0.0
2016-01-15	1.085776	118.223000	0.697204	0.0	0.0	0.0
2016-01-18	1.091906	117.010002	0.685857	0.0	0.0	0.0
2016-01-19	1.089503	117.397003	0.687564	0.0	0.0	0.0
...
2021-01-05	1.225295	103.141998	0.782473	0.0	0.0	0.0
2021-01-06	1.229861	102.699997	0.788868	0.0	0.0	0.0
2021-01-07	1.233776	103.028000	0.789472	0.0	0.0	0.0
2021-01-08	1.226873	103.794998	0.788308	0.0	0.0	0.0
2021-01-11	1.222643	103.948997	0.788277	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Other asset classes from Yahoo finance

```
[2]: symbol = 'AMZN'
start = '1997-05-15'
end = '2020-09-30'
period = 'daily'
```

```
[3]: from pandas_datareader import data as pdr
data = pdr.DataReader(symbol, 'yahoo', start, end)
len(data) # 5884 # until 2020-09-30 included
#data.to_csv('pdr_data.csv')
data
```

	High	Low	Open	Close	Volume	\
Date						
1997-05-15	2.500000	1.927083	2.437500	1.958333	72156000.0	
1997-05-16	1.979167	1.708333	1.968750	1.729167	147000000.0	
1997-05-19	1.770833	1.625000	1.760417	1.708333	6106800.0	
1997-05-20	1.750000	1.635417	1.729167	1.635417	5467200.0	
1997-05-21	1.645833	1.375000	1.635417	1.427083	18853200.0	
...
2020-09-24	3069.300049	2965.000000	2977.790039	3019.790039	5529400.0	
2020-09-25	3101.540039	2999.000000	3054.860107	3095.129883	4615200.0	
2020-09-28	3175.040039	3117.169922	3148.850098	3174.050049	4224200.0	
2020-09-29	3188.260010	3132.540039	3175.389893	3144.879883	3495800.0	
2020-09-30	3212.879883	3133.989990	3141.139893	3148.729980	4896100.0	
	Adj Close					
Date						
1997-05-15	1.958333					
1997-05-16	1.729167					
1997-05-19	1.708333					
1997-05-20	1.635417					
1997-05-21	1.427083					
...	...					
2020-09-24	3019.790039					
2020-09-25	3095.129883					
2020-09-28	3174.050049					
2020-09-29	3144.879883					
2020-09-30	3148.729980					

[5884 rows x 6 columns]

```
[4]: import pandas
!pip install yfinance
import yfinance
data = yfinance.Ticker(symbol)
data.info
df = pandas.DataFrame(data.history(period='max'))
len(df) # 5885 # until 2020-09-30 included + headline
#df.to_csv('yfinance_data.ticker.csv')
df
```

```
Requirement already satisfied: yfinance in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages (0.1.  
˓→55)  
Requirement already satisfied: multitasking>=0.0.7 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-  
˓→packages (from yfinance) (0.0.9)  
Requirement already satisfied: lxml>=4.5.1 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages  
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Requirement already satisfied: pandas>=0.24 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages  
˓→(from yfinance) (1.1.5)  
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˓→packages (from pandas>=0.24->yfinance) (2.8.1)  
Requirement already satisfied: pytz>=2017.2 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages  
˓→(from pandas>=0.24->yfinance) (2020.5)  
Requirement already satisfied: six>=1.5 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages (from  
˓→python-dateutil>=2.7.3->pandas>=0.24->yfinance) (1.15.0)  
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Requirement already satisfied: chardet<5,>=3.0.2 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-  
˓→packages (from requests>=2.20->yfinance) (4.0.0)  
Requirement already satisfied: idna<3,>=2.5 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages  
˓→(from requests>=2.20->yfinance) (2.10)
```

[4]:

	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	\
Date						
1997-05-15	2.437500	2.500000	1.927083	1.958333	72156000	
1997-05-16	1.968750	1.979167	1.708333	1.729167	147000000	
1997-05-19	1.760417	1.770833	1.625000	1.708333	6106800	
1997-05-20	1.729167	1.750000	1.635417	1.635417	5467200	
1997-05-21	1.635417	1.645833	1.375000	1.427083	18853200	
...
2021-01-04	3270.000000	3272.000000	3144.020020	3186.629883	4411400	
2021-01-05	3166.010010	3223.379883	3165.060059	3218.510010	2655500	
2021-01-06	3146.479980	3197.510010	3131.159912	3138.379883	4394800	
2021-01-07	3157.000000	3208.540039	3155.000000	3162.159912	3514500	
2021-01-08	3180.000000	3190.639893	3142.199951	3182.699951	3534300	
Dividends Stock Splits						
Date						
1997-05-15	0	0.0				
1997-05-16	0	0.0				
1997-05-19	0	0.0				
1997-05-20	0	0.0				
1997-05-21	0	0.0				
...				
2021-01-04	0	0.0				
2021-01-05	0	0.0				
2021-01-06	0	0.0				
2021-01-07	0	0.0				

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2021-01-08 0 0.0

[5953 rows x 7 columns]

```
[5]: data = yfinance.download(symbol, start=start, end=end, group_by='ticker')
len(data) # 5883 # until 2020-09-30 excluded
#data.to_csv('yfinance_data.download.csv')
data
```

[*****100%*****] 1 of 1 completed

Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Adj Close	\
1997-05-15	2.437500	2.500000	1.927083	1.958333	1.958333	
1997-05-16	1.968750	1.979167	1.708333	1.729167	1.729167	
1997-05-19	1.760417	1.770833	1.625000	1.708333	1.708333	
1997-05-20	1.729167	1.750000	1.635417	1.635417	1.635417	
1997-05-21	1.635417	1.645833	1.375000	1.427083	1.427083	
...
2020-09-23	3120.429932	3127.000000	2992.379883	2999.860107	2999.860107	
2020-09-24	2977.790039	3069.300049	2965.000000	3019.790039	3019.790039	
2020-09-25	3054.860107	3101.540039	2999.000000	3095.129883	3095.129883	
2020-09-28	3148.850098	3175.040039	3117.169922	3174.050049	3174.050049	
2020-09-29	3175.389893	3188.260010	3132.540039	3144.879883	3144.879883	

Volume

Date	
1997-05-15	72156000
1997-05-16	14700000
1997-05-19	6106800
1997-05-20	5467200
1997-05-21	18853200
...	...
2020-09-23	5652700
2020-09-24	5529400
2020-09-25	4615200
2020-09-28	4224200
2020-09-29	3495800

[5883 rows x 6 columns]

```
[6]: yfinance.pdr_override()
data = pdr.get_data_yahoo(symbol, start=start, end=end)
len(data) # 5883 # until 2020-09-30 excluded
#data.to_csv('yfpdr_data.csv')
data
```

[*****100%*****] 1 of 1 completed

Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Adj Close	\
1997-05-15	2.437500	2.500000	1.927083	1.958333	1.958333	
1997-05-16	1.968750	1.979167	1.708333	1.729167	1.729167	

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1997-05-19	1.760417	1.770833	1.625000	1.708333	1.708333
1997-05-20	1.729167	1.750000	1.635417	1.635417	1.635417
1997-05-21	1.635417	1.645833	1.375000	1.427083	1.427083
...
2020-09-23	3120.429932	3127.000000	2992.379883	2999.860107	2999.860107
2020-09-24	2977.790039	3069.300049	2965.000000	3019.790039	3019.790039
2020-09-25	3054.860107	3101.540039	2999.000000	3095.129883	3095.129883
2020-09-28	3148.850098	3175.040039	3117.169922	3174.050049	3174.050049
2020-09-29	3175.389893	3188.260010	3132.540039	3144.879883	3144.879883
Volume					
Date					
1997-05-15	72156000				
1997-05-16	14700000				
1997-05-19	6106800				
1997-05-20	5467200				
1997-05-21	18853200				
...	...				
2020-09-23	5652700				
2020-09-24	5529400				
2020-09-25	4615200				
2020-09-28	4224200				
2020-09-29	3495800				

[5883 rows x 6 columns]

```
[7]: !pip install yahoofinancials
from yahoofinancials import YahooFinancials
data = YahooFinancials(symbol)
json = data.get_historical_price_data(start_date=start, end_date=end, time_
    ↴interval=period)
df = pandas.DataFrame(json[symbol]['prices'])
len(df) # 5883 # until 2020-09-30 excluded and seconds instead of date
#df.to_csv('yahoofinancials_data.csv')
df
```

Requirement already satisfied: yahoofinancials in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
 ↴(1.6)

Requirement already satisfied: beautifulsoup4 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
 ↴(from yahoofinancials) (4.9.3)

Requirement already satisfied: pytz in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages (from
 ↴yahoofinancials) (2020.5)

Requirement already satisfied: soupsieve>1.2 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
 ↴(from beautifulsoup4->yahoofinancials) (2.0.1)

	date	high	low	open	close	\
0	863703000	2.500000	1.927083	2.437500	1.958333	
1	863789400	1.979167	1.708333	1.968750	1.729167	
2	864048600	1.770833	1.625000	1.760417	1.708333	
3	864135000	1.750000	1.635417	1.729167	1.635417	
4	864221400	1.645833	1.375000	1.635417	1.427083	
...	
5878	1600867800	3127.000000	2992.379883	3120.429932	2999.860107	

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5879	1600954200	3069.300049	2965.000000	2977.790039	3019.790039
5880	1601040600	3101.540039	2999.000000	3054.860107	3095.129883
5881	1601299800	3175.040039	3117.169922	3148.850098	3174.050049
5882	1601386200	3188.260010	3132.540039	3175.389893	3144.879883
0	volume	adjclose	formatted_date		
0	72156000	1.958333	1997-05-15		
1	14700000	1.729167	1997-05-16		
2	6106800	1.708333	1997-05-19		
3	5467200	1.635417	1997-05-20		
4	18853200	1.427083	1997-05-21		
...		
5878	5652700	2999.860107	2020-09-23		
5879	5529400	3019.790039	2020-09-24		
5880	4615200	3095.129883	2020-09-25		
5881	4224200	3174.050049	2020-09-28		
5882	3495800	3144.879883	2020-09-29		
	[5883 rows x 8 columns]				

```
[8]: !pip install yahoo_fin
from yahoo_fin import stock_info as si
data = si.get_data(symbol)
len(data) # 5885 # until 2020-09-30 included (+ headline)
#data.to_csv('yahoo_fin_data.csv')
data

Requirement already satisfied: yahoo_fin in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages (0.8.6)

Warning - Certain functionality
    requires requests_html, which is not installed.

    Install using:
    pip install requests_html

    After installation, you may have to restart your Python session.
```

1997-05-15	open	high	low	close	adjclose	\
1997-05-15	2.437500	2.500000	1.927083	1.958333	1.958333	
1997-05-16	1.968750	1.979167	1.708333	1.729167	1.729167	
1997-05-19	1.760417	1.770833	1.625000	1.708333	1.708333	
1997-05-20	1.729167	1.750000	1.635417	1.635417	1.635417	
1997-05-21	1.635417	1.645833	1.375000	1.427083	1.427083	
...
2021-01-04	3270.000000	3272.000000	3144.020020	3186.629883	3186.629883	
2021-01-05	3166.010010	3223.379883	3165.060059	3218.510010	3218.510010	
2021-01-06	3146.479980	3197.510010	3131.159912	3138.379883	3138.379883	
2021-01-07	3157.000000	3208.540039	3155.000000	3162.159912	3162.159912	
2021-01-08	3180.000000	3190.639893	3142.199951	3182.699951	3182.699951	
	volume	ticker				
1997-05-15	72156000	AMZN				
1997-05-16	14700000	AMZN				

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1997-05-19	6106800	AMZN
1997-05-20	5467200	AMZN
1997-05-21	18853200	AMZN
...
2021-01-04	4411400	AMZN
2021-01-05	2655500	AMZN
2021-01-06	4394800	AMZN
2021-01-07	3514500	AMZN
2021-01-08	3534300	AMZN

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3.3.2 Exchange rates (forex) from Oanda

Oanda API allows to download the historical data with the API key of a free Oanda account: you can find the [Oanda library](#) or you can use many other backtesting libraries for this.

But this is a general tutorial, so you can find the data by `oanda.URL` that the `getSymbols` method of R `quantmod` library uses. When you use this method, you can only download the historical data of the last six months.

```
[9]: import json
import pandas
import requests
from datetime import datetime, timedelta
base_url = 'https://www.oanda.com/fx-for-business/historical-rates/api/data/update/?&
    ↪source=OANDA&adjustment=0&base_currency={to_currency}&start_date={start_date}&end_date=
    ↪{end_date}&period={period}&price=mid&view=table&quote_currency_0={from_currency}'
today = datetime.strftime(datetime.now(), '%Y-%m-%d')
def get_oanda_currency_historical_rates(base_url, start, end, quote_currency, base_
    ↪currency, period):
    url = base_url.format(from_currency=quote_currency, to_currency=base_currency, start_
    ↪date=start, end_date=end, period=period)
    response = json.loads(requests.get(url).content.decode('utf-8'))
    return pandas.DataFrame(response['widget'][0]['data'])
# the last 6 months
df = get_oanda_currency_historical_rates(base_url, datetime.strftime(datetime.now() -
    ↪timedelta(180), '%Y-%m-%d'), today, 'EUR', 'USD', period)
df
```

```
[9]:          0      1
0  1610236800000  0.818336
1  1610150400000  0.818270
2  1610064000000  0.816854
3  1609977600000  0.813786
4  1609891200000  0.812080
..      ...
175 1595116800000  0.875000
176 1595030400000  0.875028
177 1594944000000  0.876130
178 1594857600000  0.877077
179 1594771200000  0.875957
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```

```
[10]: # the last 60 days
df = get_oanda_currency_historical_rates(base_url, datetime.strptime(datetime.now() - timedelta(60), '%Y-%m-%d'), today, 'EUR', 'USD', period)
df.head()
```

	0	1
0	1610236800000	0.818336
1	1610150400000	0.818270
2	1610064000000	0.816854
3	1609977600000	0.813786
4	1609891200000	0.812080

3.3.3 Crypto currencies from CoinMarketCap

CoinMarketCap API allows to download the historical data with the API key of a free CoinMarketCap account: you can find the [CoinMarketCap library](#) or you can use many other backtesting libraries for this.

Like for the all assets, there are many libraries that they implement Coinmarketcap API, but many are open source so the updates could be slowly:

- the [CoinMarketCap library](#) have the error message **JSONDecodeError('Expecting value: line 1 column 1 (char 0)?)**
- the [CCXT library](#) uses an old version of [CoinMarketCap API](#)

Below you can find a sample with sandbox API of CoinMarketCap.

```
[11]: import json
import pandas
import requests
base_url = 'https://sandbox-api.coinmarketcap.com/v1/'
def get_coinmarketcap_data(url):
    response = json.loads(requests.get(url).content.decode('utf-8'))
    return pandas.DataFrame(response['data'])

# returns all active cryptocurrencies
url = base_url + 'cryptocurrency/map'
marketcap_map = get_coinmarketcap_data(url)
marketcap_map
```

	id	name	symbol	slug	is_active	rank	\
0	1	Bitcoin	BTC	bitcoin	1	1	
1	2	Litecoin	LTC	litecoin	1	5	
2	3	Namecoin	NMC	namecoin	1	310	
3	4	Terracoin	TRC	terracoin	1	926	
4	5	Peercoin	PPC	peercoin	1	346	
...	
2322	4266	Monarch	MT	monarch	1	2059	
2323	4268	NewYork Exchange	NYSE	newyork-exchange	1	2012	
2324	4273	Sessia	KICKS	sessia	1	2118	

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```

2325 4275          Cocos-BCX  COCOS      cocos-bcx      1  1960
2326 4276          Defi     DEFI       defi         1  1965

                                         platform
0                               None
1                               None
2                               None
3                               None
4                               None
...
2322 {'id': 1027, 'name': 'Ethereum', 'symbol': 'ET...    None
2323                               ...
2324 {'id': 1027, 'name': 'Ethereum', 'symbol': 'ET...    None
2325 {'id': 1027, 'name': 'Ethereum', 'symbol': 'ET...    None
2326 {'id': 1027, 'name': 'Ethereum', 'symbol': 'ET...

[2327 rows x 7 columns]

```

```
[12]: # returns last market data of all active cryptocurrencies
url = base_url + 'cryptocurrency/listings/latest?convert=EUR'
last_marketcap = get_coinmarketcap_data(url)
last_marketcap
```

	id	name	symbol	slug	num_market_pairs	\
0	1	Bitcoin	BTC	bitcoin	7919	
1	1027	Ethereum	ETH	ethereum	5629	
2	52	XRP	XRP	ripple	449	
3	1831	Bitcoin Cash	BCH	bitcoin-cash	378	
4	2	Litecoin	LTC	litecoin	538	
..	
95	3709	Grin	GRIN	grin	53	
96	2694	Nexo	NEXO	nexo	22	
97	2900	Project Pai	PAI	project-pai	17	
98	2137	Electroneum	ETN	electroneum	20	
99	1681	PRIZM	PZM	prizm	7	
		date_added	tags	max_supply	circulating_supply	\
0	2013-04-28T00:00:00.000Z	[mineable]	2.100000e+07	1.790601e+07		
1	2015-08-07T00:00:00.000Z	[mineable]		NaN	1.075379e+08	
2	2013-08-04T00:00:00.000Z	[]	1.000000e+11	4.293287e+10		
3	2017-07-23T00:00:00.000Z	[mineable]	2.100000e+07	1.797598e+07		
4	2013-04-28T00:00:00.000Z	[mineable]	8.400000e+07	6.314712e+07		
..	
95	2019-01-27T00:00:00.000Z	[mineable]		NaN	1.954596e+07	
96	2018-05-01T00:00:00.000Z	[]		NaN	5.600000e+08	
97	2018-07-05T00:00:00.000Z	[]		NaN	1.451234e+09	
98	2017-11-02T00:00:00.000Z	[mineable]	2.100000e+10	9.792946e+09		
99	2017-05-19T00:00:00.000Z	[]	6.000000e+09	9.820737e+07		
		total_supply		platform	cmc_rank	\
0	1.790601e+07			None	1	
1	1.075379e+08			None	2	

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2	9.999137e+10	None	3
3	1.797598e+07	None	4
4	6.314712e+07	None	5
..
95	1.954596e+07	None	96
96	1.000000e+09	{'id': 1027, 'name': 'Ethereum', 'symbol': 'ET...}	97
97	1.618050e+09	None	98
98	9.792946e+09	None	99
99	9.820737e+07	None	100
	last_updated \		
0	2019-08-30T18:51:28.000Z		
1	2019-08-30T18:51:21.000Z		
2	2019-08-30T18:51:03.000Z		
3	2019-08-30T18:51:08.000Z		
4	2019-08-30T18:51:04.000Z		
..	...		
95	2019-08-30T18:51:18.000Z		
96	2019-08-30T18:51:12.000Z		
97	2019-08-30T18:51:14.000Z		
98	2019-08-30T18:51:08.000Z		
99	2019-08-30T18:51:05.000Z		
	quote		
0	{'EUR': {'price': 8708.442730269642, 'volume_2...}}		
1	{'EUR': {'price': 153.68597253794135, 'volume_...}}		
2	{'EUR': {'price': 0.23181863120417767, 'volume...}}		
3	{'EUR': {'price': 256.03512635975414, 'volume_...}}		
4	{'EUR': {'price': 58.62607480610576, 'volume_...}}		
..	...		
95	{'EUR': {'price': 1.7584409339670577, 'volume_...}}		
96	{'EUR': {'price': 0.06125607986488225, 'volume...}}		
97	{'EUR': {'price': 0.022456686270928363, 'volum...}}		
98	{'EUR': {'price': 0.0032193992228962184, 'volu...}}		
99	{'EUR': {'price': 0.3204834704804656, 'volume_...}}		
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```
[13]: # returns last market data of Bitcoin
url = base_url + 'cryptocurrency/quotes/latest?id=1&convert=EUR'
last_bitcoin = get_coinmarketcap_data(url)
last_bitcoin
```

[13]:	circulating_supply	17906012
	cmc_rank	1
	date_added	2013-04-28T00:00:00.000Z
	id	1
	is_active	1
	is_fiat	0
	is_market_cap_included_in_calc	1
	last_updated	2019-08-30T18:51:28.000Z

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max_supply	21000000
name	Bitcoin
num_market_pairs	7919
platform	None
quote	{'EUR': {'price': 8708.442730269642, 'volume_2...}}
slug	bitcoin
symbol	BTC
tags	[mineable]
total_supply	17906012

```
[14]: # returns historical data from a time_start to a time_end
url = base_url + 'cryptocurrency/quotes/historical?id=1&convert=EUR&time_start=2020-05-21T12:14&time_end=2020-05-21T12:44'
data = get_coinmarketcap_data(url)
data
```

	id	name	symbol	is_fiat	quotes
0	1	Bitcoin	BTC	0	{'timestamp': '2020-05-21T12:19:03.000Z', 'quo...
1	1	Bitcoin	BTC	0	{'timestamp': '2020-05-21T12:24:02.000Z', 'quo...
2	1	Bitcoin	BTC	0	{'timestamp': '2020-05-21T12:29:03.000Z', 'quo...
3	1	Bitcoin	BTC	0	{'timestamp': '2020-05-21T12:34:03.000Z', 'quo...
4	1	Bitcoin	BTC	0	{'timestamp': '2020-05-21T12:39:01.000Z', 'quo...
5	1	Bitcoin	BTC	0	{'timestamp': '2020-05-21T12:44:02.000Z', 'quo...

3.3.4 Other asset classes from Quandl

You can see details of asset classes of Quandl, by its research, for example crude oil.

Quandl API allows to download the historical data with the API key of a free Quandl account: you can find the Quandl library (doc) or you can use many other backtesting libraries for this.

However, it is possible to execute 50 calls per day without API key.

```
[15]: symbol = 'CHRIS/CME_QM1'

import pandas
from datetime import datetime
base_url = 'https://www.quandl.com/api/v3/datasets/{symbol}.csv?start_date={start_date}&end_date={end_date}&collapse={period}'
today = datetime.strftime(datetime.now(), '%Y-%m-%d')
def get_quandl_financial_data(base_url, symbol, start, end, period):
    url = base_url.format(symbol=symbol, start_date=start, end_date=end, period=period)
    return pandas.read_csv(url)
# returns all free columns values
```

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```
df = get_quandl_financial_data(base_url, symbol, start, end, period)
df
```

	Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Change	Settle	Volume	\
0	2020-09-30	39.225	40.375	38.675	39.850	0.93	40.22	10605.0	
1	2020-09-29	40.575	40.700	38.425	39.075	-1.31	39.29	12589.0	
2	2020-09-28	40.125	40.800	39.775	40.600	0.35	40.60	8194.0	
3	2020-09-25	40.175	40.625	39.700	40.075	-0.06	40.25	7024.0	
4	2020-09-24	39.600	40.350	39.125	40.200	0.38	40.31	8349.0	
...
1646	2014-03-12	99.500	99.575	97.550	97.990	2.04	97.99	9437.0	
1647	2014-03-11	100.925	101.500	99.350	100.030	1.09	100.03	7337.0	
1648	2014-03-07	101.900	102.900	101.575	102.580	1.02	102.58	5304.0	
1649	2014-03-06	101.000	102.050	100.150	101.560	0.11	101.56	6850.0	
1650	2014-03-05	103.325	103.525	100.825	101.450	1.88	101.45	7459.0	
		Previous Day Open Interest							
0			1252.0						
1			784.0						
2			787.0						
3			879.0						
4			869.0						
...			...						
1646			2462.0						
1647			2300.0						
1648			2315.0						
1649			2383.0						
1650			2305.0						

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```
[16]: # returns only open values
df['Open'] # or
df = get_quandl_financial_data(base_url + '&column_index=1', symbol, start, end, period)
df
```

```
[16]:
```

	Date	Open
0	2020-09-30	39.225
1	2020-09-29	40.575
2	2020-09-28	40.125
3	2020-09-25	40.175
4	2020-09-24	39.600
...
1646	2014-03-12	99.500
1647	2014-03-11	100.925
1648	2014-03-07	101.900
1649	2014-03-06	101.000
1650	2014-03-05	103.325

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```
[17]: !pip install quandl
```

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```

import quandl
# returns all free columns values
data = quandl.get(symbol)
data

Requirement already satisfied: quandl in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages (3.5.3)
Requirement already satisfied: requests>=2.7.0 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
  ↪(from quandl) (2.25.1)
Requirement already satisfied: six in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages (from
  ↪quandl) (1.15.0)
Requirement already satisfied: python-dateutil in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
  ↪(from quandl) (2.8.1)
Requirement already satisfied: inflection>=0.3.1 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-
  ↪packages (from quandl) (0.5.1)
Requirement already satisfied: more-itertools in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
  ↪(from quandl) (8.6.0)
Requirement already satisfied: numpy>=1.8 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
  ↪(from quandl) (1.19.4)
Requirement already satisfied: pandas>=0.14 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
  ↪(from quandl) (1.1.5)
Requirement already satisfied: pytz>=2017.2 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
  ↪(from pandas>=0.14->quandl) (2020.5)
Requirement already satisfied: certifi>=2017.4.17 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-
  ↪packages (from requests>=2.7.0->quandl) (2020.12.5)
Requirement already satisfied: urllib3<1.27,>=1.21.1 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-
  ↪packages (from requests>=2.7.0->quandl) (1.26.2)
Requirement already satisfied: chardet<5,>=3.0.2 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-
  ↪packages (from requests>=2.7.0->quandl) (4.0.0)
Requirement already satisfied: idna<3,>=2.5 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
  ↪(from requests>=2.7.0->quandl) (2.10)

```

[17]:

	Open	High	Low	Last	Change	Settle	Volume	\
Date								
2014-03-05	103.325	103.525	100.825	101.450	1.88	101.45	7459.0	
2014-03-06	101.000	102.050	100.150	101.560	0.11	101.56	6850.0	
2014-03-07	101.900	102.900	101.575	102.580	1.02	102.58	5304.0	
2014-03-11	100.925	101.500	99.350	100.030	1.09	100.03	7337.0	
2014-03-12	99.500	99.575	97.550	97.990	2.04	97.99	9437.0	
...
2021-01-04	48.400	49.850	47.200	47.350	-0.90	47.62	21845.0	
2021-01-05	47.400	50.200	47.275	49.850	2.31	49.93	23473.0	
2021-01-06	49.825	50.925	49.475	50.525	0.70	50.63	16675.0	
2021-01-07	50.525	51.275	50.400	50.950	0.20	50.83	10814.0	
2021-01-08	50.925	52.750	50.825	52.750	1.41	52.24	10770.0	

	Previous	Day	Open	Interest
Date				

2014-03-05				2305.0
2014-03-06				2383.0
2014-03-07				2315.0
2014-03-11				2300.0
2014-03-12				2462.0
...				...

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```
2021-01-04      1350.0
2021-01-05      1799.0
2021-01-06      1908.0
2021-01-07      1800.0
2021-01-08      1833.0
```

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```
[18]: # returns only open values
data['Open']
```

```
Date
2014-03-05    103.325
2014-03-06    101.000
2014-03-07    101.900
2014-03-11    100.925
2014-03-12    99.500
...
2021-01-04    48.400
2021-01-05    47.400
2021-01-06    49.825
2021-01-07    50.525
2021-01-08    50.925
Name: Open, Length: 1720, dtype: float64
```

3.4 Graphics

This is a sample for plotting with Python. There are 2 principal libraries for plotting,

- the library `matplotlib` that it has many utilities like `mplfinance` for the visualization, and visual analysis, of financial data
- the library `plotly` that it is a very interesting tool makes interactive and publication-quality graphs

With `pandas_datareader` library you can download the historical data and with `pandas` library you can make the data range.

```
[1]: # initialization
import pandas as pd
from pandas_datareader import data as pdr
start='2017-10-30'
end='2020-10-08'
amzn = pdr.DataReader('AMZN', 'yahoo', start, end)
# simple indicators
amzn['SMA25'] = amzn['Close'].rolling(25).mean()
amzn['EMA25'] = amzn['Close'].ewm(span=25, adjust=False).mean()
amzn['STD25'] = amzn['Close'].rolling(25).std()
amzn['Upper Band'] = amzn['SMA25'] + (amzn['STD25'] * 2)
amzn['Lower Band'] = amzn['SMA25'] - (amzn['STD25'] * 2)
# data ranges
all_bm = pd.date_range(start=start, end=end, freq='BM')
all_range = pd.date_range(start=start, end=end)
```

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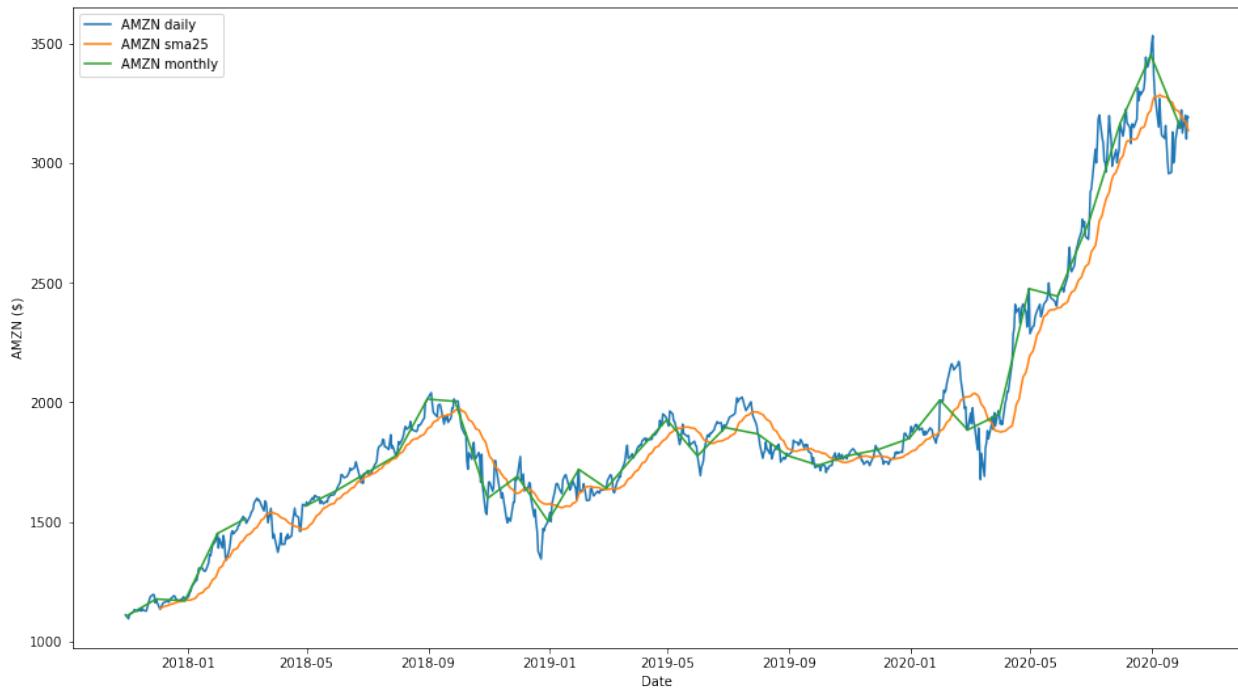
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```
amzn_bm = amzn.reindex(all_bm)
amzn_bm_all = amzn_bm.reindex(all_range)
amzn_all = amzn.reindex(all_range)
piece_d = pd.date_range(start='2020-01-01', end='2020-10-01')
amzn_bm_piece_d = amzn_bm.reindex(piece_d)
amzn_piece_d = amzn.reindex(piece_d)
piece_bm = pd.date_range(start='2020-01-01', end='2020-10-01', freq='BM')
amzn_bm_piece_bm = amzn_bm.reindex(piece_bm)
```

Matplotlib is very powerful: you can add tracks with different date range.

[2]:

```
# plot with daily, monthly and sma 25
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(16,9))
ax.plot(amzn['Close'].index, amzn['Close'], label='AMZN daily')
ax.plot(amzn['SMA25'].index, amzn['SMA25'], label='AMZN sma25')
ax.plot(amzn_bm['Close'].index, amzn_bm['Close'], label='AMZN monthly')
ax.set_xlabel('Date')
ax.set_ylabel('AMZN ($)')
ax.legend()
plt.show()
# plt.savefig('plot.with.daily.monthly.sma.25.png')
```



mplfinance contains the matplotlib finance API that makes it easier to create financial plots.

[3]:

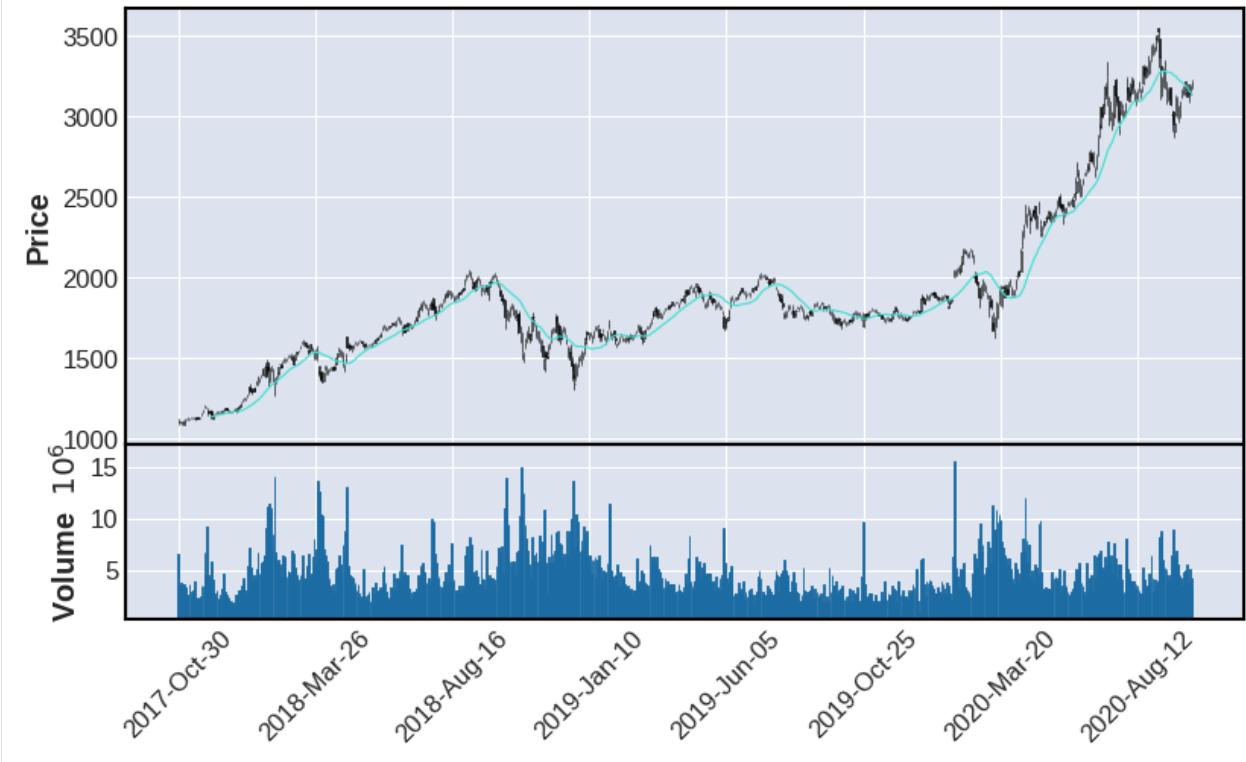
```
# plot with candle daily and sma 25
!pip install mplfinance
import mplfinance as mpf
kwargs = dict(type='candle', mav=(25), volume=True, figratio=(16,9), figscale=1)
mpf.plot(amzn, **kwargs)
```

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```
#plt.savefig('plot.with.candle.daily.sma.25.png')

Requirement already satisfied: mplfinance in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages (0.
→ 12.7a4)
Requirement already satisfied: pandas in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages (from
→ mplfinance) (1.1.5)
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→ (from mplfinance) (3.3.3)
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→ packages (from matplotlib->mplfinance) (1.3.1)
Requirement already satisfied: cycler>=0.10 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
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Requirement already satisfied: pillow>=6.2.0 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
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Requirement already satisfied: python-dateutil>=2.1 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-
→ packages (from matplotlib->mplfinance) (2.8.1)
Requirement already satisfied: pyparsing!=2.0.4,!>=2.1.2,!>=2.1.6,>=2.0.3 in /opt/conda/
→ lib/python3.8/site-packages (from matplotlib->mplfinance) (2.4.7)
Requirement already satisfied: six in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages (from
→ cycler>=0.10->matplotlib->mplfinance) (1.15.0)
Requirement already satisfied: pytz>=2017.2 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
→ (from pandas->mplfinance) (2020.5)
```



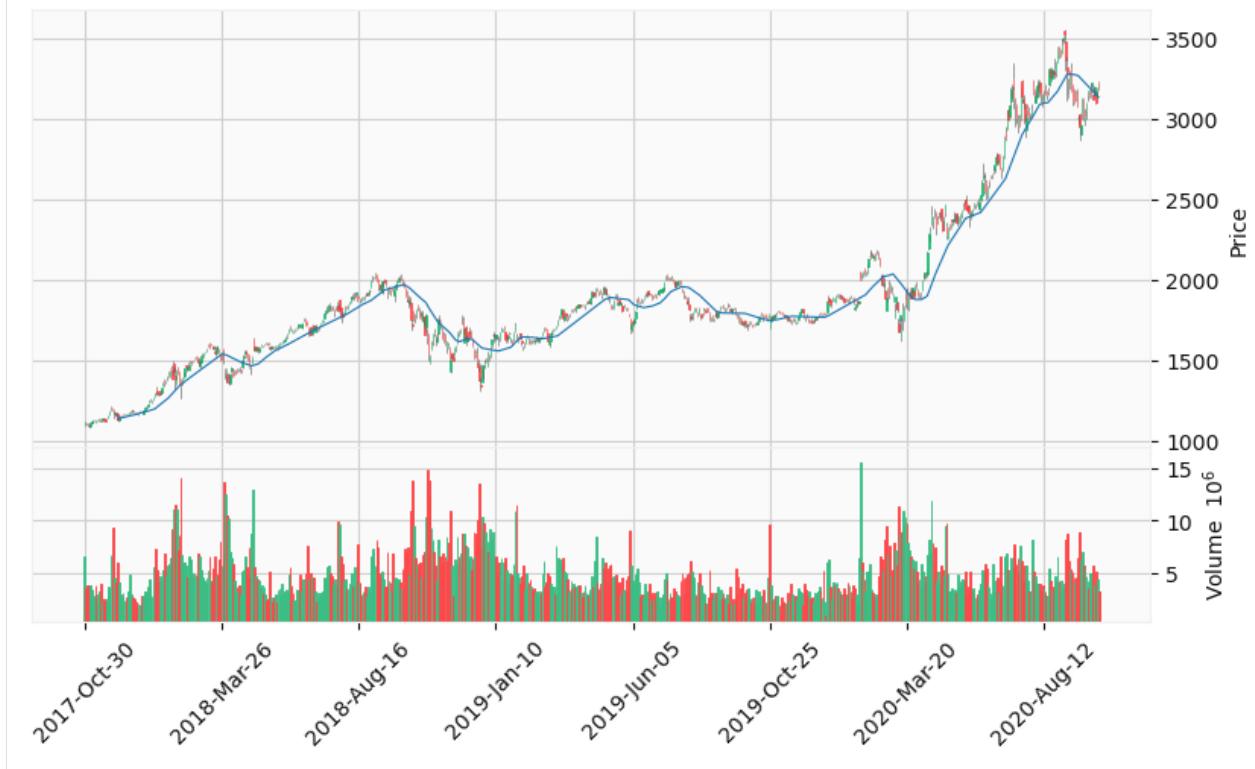
There are many [styles](#) to customize your graphs.

```
[4]: # plot with candle daily, sma 25 and yahoo style
```

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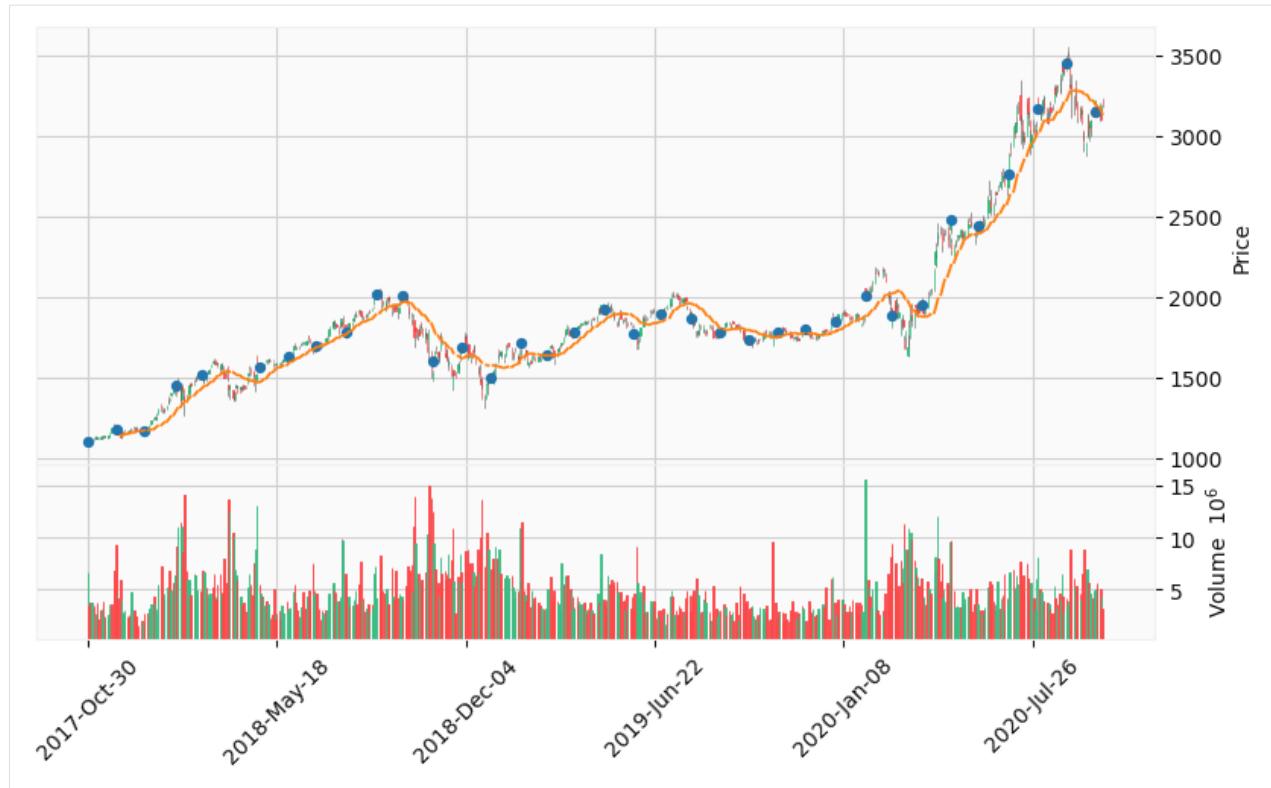
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```
mpf.plot(amzn,**kwargs,style='yahoo')
#plt.savefig('plot.with.candle.daily.sma.25.yahoo.style.png')
```



You can add an array of plots that each has to be a dataframe.

```
[5]: # plot with candle daily, monthly points, sma 25 and yahoo style
aps = [
    mpf.make_addplot(amzn_all['SMA25']),
    mpf.make_addplot(amzn_bm_all['Close'],type='scatter')
]
mpf.plot(amzn_all,**kwargs,style='yahoo',addplot=aps)
#plt.savefig('plot.with.candle.daily.monthly.points.sma.25.yahoo.style.png')
```



You can enlarge a window to observe that the weeks are not contiguous.

```
[6]: # plot with candle daily, monthly points, sma 25 and yahoo style on a little date range
aps = [
    mpf.make_addplot(amzn_piece_d['SMA25']),
    mpf.make_addplot(amzn_bm_piece_d['Close'], type='scatter')
]
mpf.plot(amzn_piece_d, **kwargs, style='yahoo', addplot=aps)
# plt.savefig('plot.with.candle.daily.monthly.points.sma.25.yahoo.style.little.range.png')
```



You can add an array of simple lines date-value or other specific lines for trends, support, resistance, and trading.

```
[7]: # plot with candle daily, monthly points and monthly line, sma 25 and yahoo style on a
    # little date range
subset = pd.DataFrame(amzn_bm_piece_bm['Close'])
amzn_bm_line = list(subset.itertuples(index=True, name=None))
aps = [
    mpf.make_addplot(amzn_piece_d['SMA25']),
    mpf.make_addplot(amzn_bm_piece_d['Close'], type='scatter', markersize=78)
]
mpf.plot(amzn_piece_d, **kwargs, style='yahoo', addplot=aps, alines=amzn_bm_line)
# plt.savefig('plot.with.candle.daily.monthly.points.monthly.line.sma.25.yahoo.style.
    # little.range.png')
```



You can also plot with matplotlib style for having more customization like legend.

```
[8]: # the previous plot with matplotlib style plus old finance modules
import matplotlib.dates as mdates
from matplotlib.dates import MONDAY, DateFormatter, DayLocator, WeekdayLocator
from mplfinance.original_flavor import candlestick_ohlc

# configurations
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(16,9))

mondays = WeekdayLocator(MONDAY)           # major ticks on the mondays
alldays = DayLocator()                    # minor ticks on the days
weekFormatter = DateFormatter('%b %d')    # e.g., Jan 12
dayFormatter = DateFormatter('%d')         # e.g., 12
ax.xaxis.set_major_locator(mondays)
#ax.xaxis.set_minor_locator(alldays)
ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(weekFormatter)
#ax.xaxis.set_minor_formatter(dayFormatter)
plt.setp=plt.setp(plt.gca().get_xticklabels(), rotation=45, horizontalalignment='right')

# grid
plt.rc('axes', grid=True)

# the plots
candlestick_ohlc(ax, zip(mdates.date2num(amzn_piece_d.index.to_pydatetime()),
                           amzn_piece_d['Open'], amzn_piece_d['High'], amzn_piece_d['Low'], amzn_
                           -piece_d['Close']),
                           colorup='g', colordown='r', width=0.6)
ax.plot(amzn_bm_piece_bm['Close'].index, amzn_bm_piece_bm['Close'], label='AMZN monthly')

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ax.plot(amzn_bm_piece_bm['Close'].index, amzn_bm_piece_bm['Close'], label='AMZN marker', marker='o', markersize=16, color='C0')
ax.plot(amzn_piece_d['SMA25'].index, amzn_piece_d['SMA25'], label='AMZN sma25')

# other configurations
ax.set_title('AMZN')
#ax.set_xlabel('Date')
ax.set_ylabel('Price')
ax.legend()
plt.show()
#plt.savefig('plot.with.candle.daily.monthly.points.monthly.line.sma.25.matplotlib.style.
little.range.png')
```



Another customization could be to remove the gaps.

```
[9]: # the previous plot with matplotlib style without gaps
import numpy as np

# configurations
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(16,9))

# remove the gaps
data = pd.DataFrame(amzn_piece_d.dropna())
# Preserve dates to be re-labelled later.
x_dates = data.index.to_pydatetime()
# Override data['date'] with a list of incrementatil integers.
#   This will not create gaps in the candle stick graph.
data_size = len(x_dates)
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data['Date'] = np.arange(start = 0, stop = data_size, step = 1, dtype='int')
# Re-arrange so that each line contains values of a day: 'date','open','high','low',
# 'close'.
quotes = [tuple(x) for x in data[['Date','Open','High','Low','Close']].values]

# Go through each x-tick label and rename it.
x_tick_labels = []
x_tick_positions = []
x_bm_line = []
for l_date in x_dates:
    date_str = ''
#    if l_date.strftime('%A') == 'Monday':
#        if l_date.strftime('%A') == 'Tuesday':
#            date_str = l_date.strftime('%b %d')
#            x_tick_labels.append(date_str)
#            x_tick_positions.append(list(x_dates).index(l_date))
    for date in amzn_bm_piece_bm.index:
        if l_date == date:
            x_bm_line.append(list(x_dates).index(l_date))
ax.set(xticks=x_tick_positions, xticklabels=x_tick_labels)
plt.setp(plt.gca().get_xticklabels(), rotation=45, horizontalalignment='right')

# grid
plt.rc('axes', grid=True)

# the plots
candlestick_ohlc(ax, quotes, colorup='g', colordown='r', width=0.6)
ax.plot(x_bm_line, amzn_bm_piece_bm['Close'], label='AMZN monthly')
ax.plot(x_bm_line, amzn_bm_piece_bm['Close'], label='AMZN marker', marker='o',  

# markersize=16, color='C0')
ax.plot(data['Date'], data['SMA25'], label='AMZN sma25')

# other configurations
ax.set_title('AMZN')
#ax.set_xlabel('Date')
ax.set_ylabel('Price')
ax.legend()
plt.show()
#plt.savefig('plot.with.candle.daily.monthly.points.monthly.line.sma.25.matplotlib.style.  

#little.range.without.gaps.png')

```



And to add the volume like bars.

```
[10]: # the previous plot with matplotlib style without gaps plus volume

# configurations
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(16,9))
ax = plt.subplot2grid((3,3), (0,0), colspan=3, rowspan=2)
ax.yaxis.set_label_position('right')
ax.yaxis.tick_right()
ax2 = plt.subplot2grid((3,3), (2,0), colspan=3)
ax2.yaxis.set_label_position('right')
ax2.yaxis.tick_right()
#ax.axes.get_xaxis().set_visible(False)
fig.subplots_adjust(hspace=0)

# remove the gaps
data = pd.DataFrame(amzn_piece_d.dropna())
# Preserve dates to be re-labelled later.
x_dates = data.index.to_pydatetime()
# Override data['date'] with a list of incrementatl integers.
# This will not create gaps in the candle stick graph.
data_size = len(x_dates)
data['Date'] = np.arange(start = 0, stop = data_size, step = 1, dtype='int')
# Re-arrange so that each line contains values of a day: 'date','open','high','low',
# 'close'.
quotes = [tuple(x) for x in data[['Date','Open','High','Low','Close']].values]

# Go through each x-tick label and rename it.
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```

x_tick_labels_empty = []
x_tick_labels = []
x_tick_positions = []
x_bm_line = []
for l_date in x_dates:
    date_str = ''
#    if l_date.strftime('%A') == 'Monday':
    if l_date.strftime('%A') == 'Tuesday':
        date_str = l_date.strftime('%b %d')
        x_tick_labels.append(date_str)
        x_tick_labels_empty.append('')
        x_tick_positions.append(list(x_dates).index(l_date))
    for date in amzn_bm_piece_bm.index:
        if l_date == date:
            x_bm_line.append(list(x_dates).index(l_date))
#ax.set(xticks=x_tick_positions, xticklabels=x_tick_labels)
ax.set(xticks=x_tick_positions, xticklabels=x_tick_labels_empty)
ax2.set(xticks=x_tick_positions, xticklabels=x_tick_labels)
plt.setp(plt.gca().get_xticklabels(), rotation=45, horizontalalignment='right')

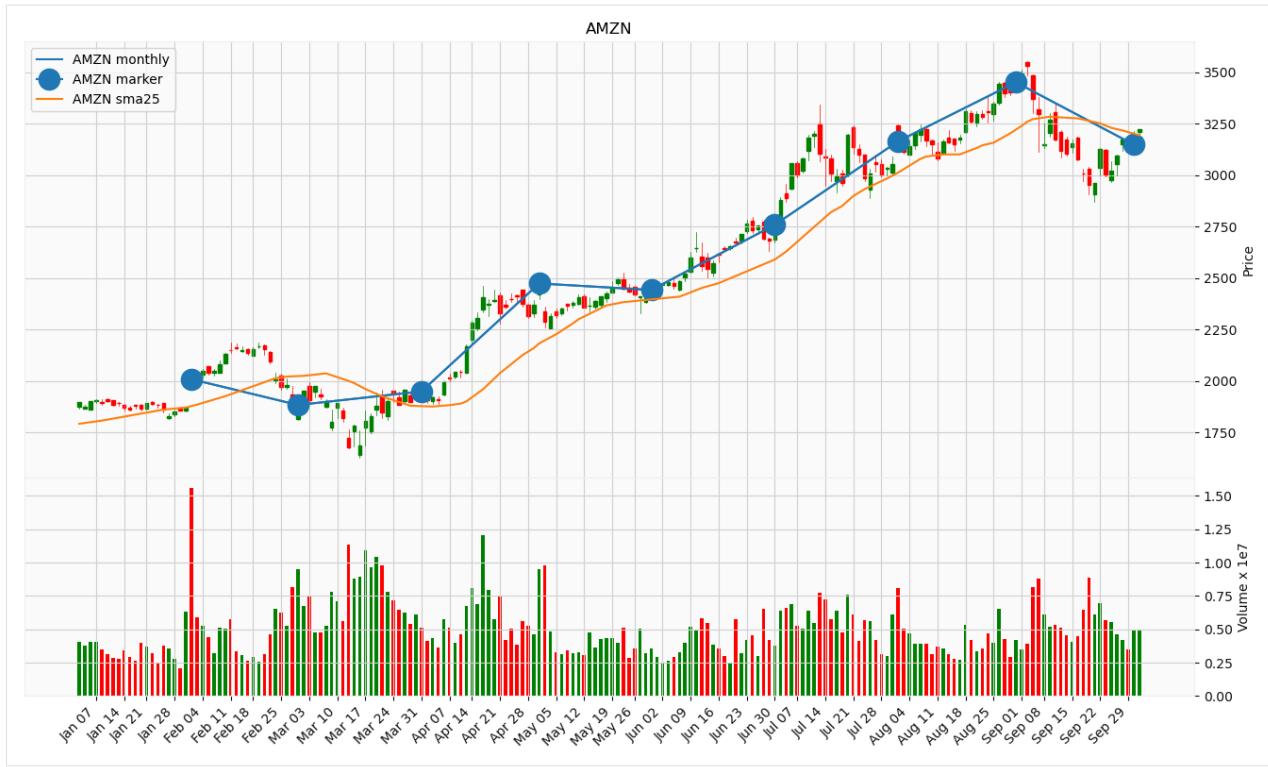
# grid
plt.rc('axes', grid=True)

# the plots
candlestick_ohlc(ax, quotes, colorup='g', colordown='r', width=0.6)
ax.plot(x_bm_line, amzn_bm_piece_bm['Close'], label='AMZN monthly')
ax.plot(x_bm_line, amzn_bm_piece_bm['Close'], label='AMZN marker', marker='o',  
markerfacecolor='white', markeredgecolor='red',  
markeredgecolor='red', markersize=16, color='C0')
ax.plot(data['Date'], data['SMA25'], label='AMZN sma25')

# make bar plots and color differently depending on up/down for the day
pos = data['Open']-data['Close']<0
neg = data['Open']-data['Close']>0
ax2.bar(data['Date'][pos],data['Volume'][pos],color='green',width=0.6,align='center')
ax2.bar(data['Date'][neg],data['Volume'][neg],color='red',width=0.6,align='center')

# other configurations
ax.set_title('AMZN')
#ax2.set_xlabel('Date')
ax.set_ylabel('Price')
ax2.set_ylabel('Volume x 1e7')
# avoid scientific notation (1e7)
ax2.get_yaxis().get_offset_text().set_visible(False)
ax.legend()
plt.show()
#plt.savefig('plot.with.candle.daily.monthly.points.monthly.line.sma.25.matplotlib.style.  
little.range.without.gaps.plus.volume.png')

```



Matplotlib is an advanced library for plotting everything you want, but maybe at the beginning, you need only to add the standard indicators.

It is simple to add **Simple Moving Averages** (SMA) with **mplfinance**, but this library contains only this indicator.

There are many libraries that they are a copy of **TA-lib**, an historical library of Technical Analisys.

- some libraries are a wrapper of the original **TA-lib**, like **mrjbq7/ta-lib**, and it needs the original TA-lib is installed
- some libraries are a wrapper of the **Matplotlib**, like **ricequant/rqalpha**
- many libraries create plots, calculate indicators and make backtesting starting from the previous ones: you only have to choose what you like best

```
[11]: # plot with candle daily, sma 25, ema 25 and yahoo style without gaps
data = pd.DataFrame(amzn_piece_d.dropna())
aps = [
    mpf.make_addplot(data['SMA25'],color='C1'), # orange
    mpf.make_addplot(data['EMA25'],color='C3'), # red
    mpf.make_addplot(data['Upper Band'],linestyle='-.',color='g'),
    mpf.make_addplot(data['Lower Band'],linestyle='-.',color='g'),
]
mpf.plot(data,**kwargs,style='yahoo',addplot=aps,fill_between=dict(y1=data['Lower Band'].values,y2=data['Upper Band'].values, alpha=0.1,color='g'))
# plt.savefig('plot.with.candle.daily.sma.25.ema.25.yahoo.style.without.gaps.png')
```



3.5 Strategies

You can initialize a strategy by Python language.

There are many libraries that you can use for defining your trading strategy: you only have to choose what you like best. In these samples, the library used for trading strategy is [Backtesting.py](#).

3.5.1 How to load indicators on your strategy

The best practice is to prepare one column for each indicator that you want to use on your strategy.

```
[1]: !pip install pandas_datareader
# initialization
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from pandas_datareader import data as pdr
start='2017-10-30'
end='2020-10-08'
amzn = pdr.DataReader('AMZN', 'yahoo', start, end)
# simple indicators
amzn['SMA20'] = amzn['Close'].rolling(20).mean()
amzn['SMA50'] = amzn['Close'].rolling(50).mean()
amzn['EMA20'] = amzn['Close'].ewm(span=20, adjust=False).mean()
amzn['EMA50'] = amzn['Close'].ewm(span=50, adjust=False).mean()
amzn['STD20'] = amzn['Close'].rolling(20).std()
amzn['Upper Band'] = amzn['SMA20'] + (amzn['STD20'] * 2)
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amzn['Lower Band'] = amzn['SMA20'] - (amzn['STD20'] * 2)
#amzn['Upper Band'] = amzn['EMA20'] + (amzn['STD20'] * 2)
#amzn['Lower Band'] = amzn['EMA20'] - (amzn['STD20'] * 2)
def RSI(data, time_window):
    diff = data.diff(1).dropna()
    up_chg = 0 * diff
    down_chg = 0 * diff
    up_chg[diff > 0] = diff[diff>0 ]
    down_chg[diff < 0] = diff[diff < 0 ]
    up_chg_avg   = up_chg.ewm(com=time_window-1 , min_periods=time_window).mean()
    down_chg_avg = down_chg.ewm(com=time_window-1 , min_periods=time_window).mean()
    rs = abs(up_chg_avg/down_chg_avg)
    rsi = 100 - 100/(1+rs)
    return rsi
amzn['RSI'] = RSI(amzn['Close'], 14)
amzn['RSI70'] = 70.0
amzn['RSI50'] = 50.0
# custom indicator
def RSIaverage(data, n1, n2):
    RSI_1 = RSI(data, n1)
    RSI_2 = RSI(data, n2)
    return (RSI_1 + RSI_2) / 2
amzn['RSIaverage'] = RSIaverage(amzn['Close'], 2, 14)
# data ranges
piece_d = pd.date_range(start='2017-10-30', end='2020-10-01')
#piece_d = pd.date_range(start='2020-01-01', end='2020-10-01')
amzn_piece_d = amzn.reindex(piece_d)
data = pd.DataFrame(amzn_piece_d.dropna())
# sample of divergence signal
divergence = [[('2020-07-22',3250),('2020-09-01',3550)]]
data['divergence'] = np.where((data.index == '2020-07-10') | (data.index == '2020-09-01'), data['RSI'], None)
data['divergence'] = data['divergence'].dropna()

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```

You can have to see your strategy and the plot is your solution. If you have not defined which indicators you want to use, you can see them all together.

```
[2]: !pip install mplfinance
# plot with candle daily, sma 20, sma 50, bb, RSI and yahoo style
import mplfinance as mpf
kwargs = dict(type='candle',volume=True,figratio=(16,9),figscale=2)
aps = [
    mpf.make_addplot(data['SMA20'],color='C0'), # blue
    mpf.make_addplot(data['SMA50'],color='C1'), # orange
    # mpf.make_addplot(data['EMA20'],color='C0'), # blue
    # mpf.make_addplot(data['EMA50'],color='C1'), # orange
    mpf.make_addplot(data['Upper Band'],linestyle='-.',color='g'),
    mpf.make_addplot(data['Lower Band'],linestyle='-.',color='g'),
    mpf.make_addplot(data['RSI'],color='C4',panel=2,ylabel='RSI'),
    mpf.make_addplot(data['RSI70'],color='g',panel=2,type='line',linestyle='-.',alpha=0.
    ↵5),
    mpf.make_addplot(data['RSI50'],color='r',panel=2,type='line',linestyle='-.',alpha=0.
    ↵5),
    mpf.make_addplot(data['divergence'],color='C0',panel=2,type='scatter',markersize=78,
    ↵marker='o'),
    mpf.make_addplot(data['RSIaverage'],color='C2',panel=3,ylabel='RSIaverage'),
]
mpf.plot(data,**kwargs,style='yahoo',title='AMZN',addplot=aps,alines=divergence,fill_
└─ between=dict(y1=data['Lower Band'].values,y2=data['Upper Band'].values,alpha=0.1,color=
    ↵'g'))
#mpf.plot(data,**kwargs,style='yahoo',title='AMZN',addplot=aps,alines=divergence,fill_
└─ between=dict(y1=data['Lower Band'].values,y2=data['Upper Band'].values,alpha=0.1,color=
    ↵'g'),savefig=dict(fname='plot.with.candle.daily.sma.20.sma.50.bb.RSI.yahoo.style.png'))
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 ↴ mplfinance) (1.1.5)

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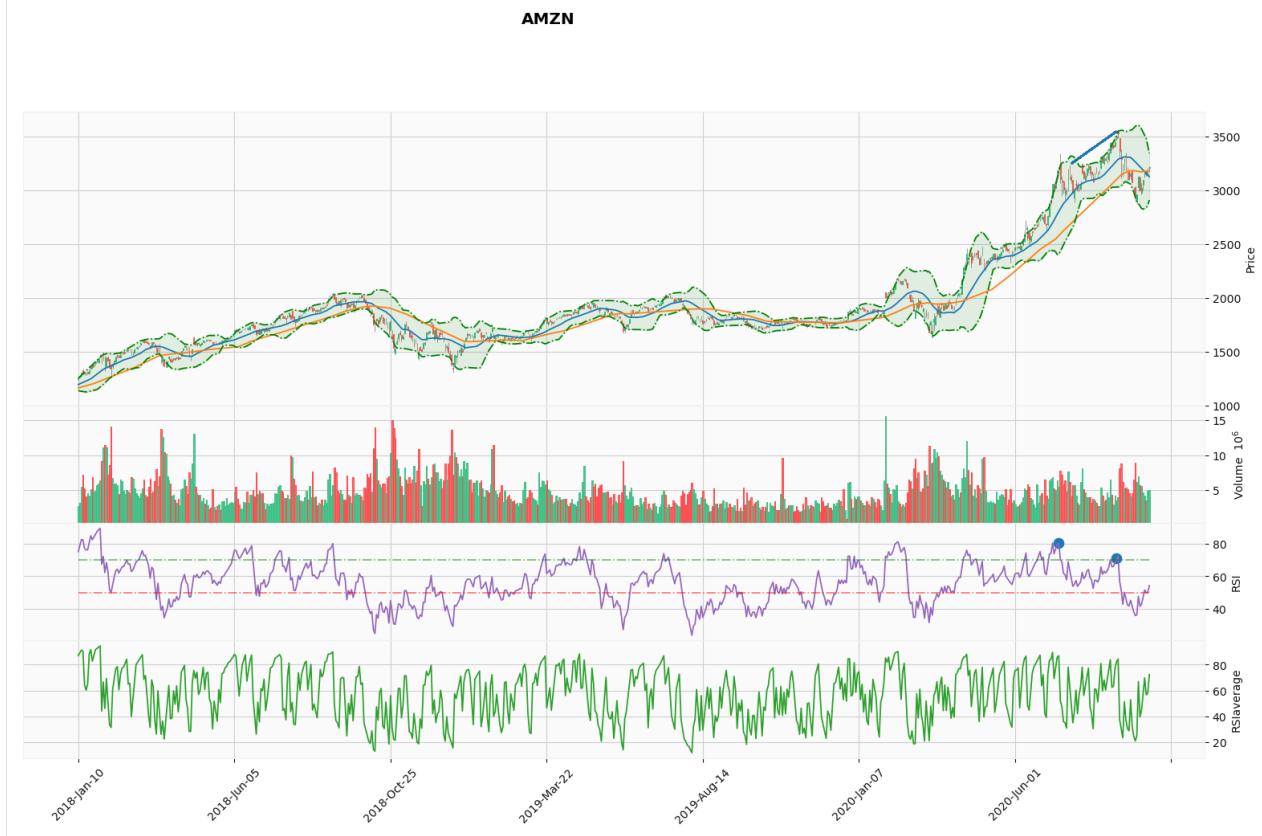
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└─ cycler>=0.10->matplotlib->mplfinance) (1.15.0)
Requirement already satisfied: pytz>=2017.2 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages
└─ (from pandas->mplfinance) (2020.5)
```



3.5.2 How to load signals on your strategy

The best practice is to prepare one column for each signal that you want to use on your strategy. The strategy below use the moving averages that they are SMA and EMA. You can use one or the other.

Disclaimer

The strategies below are some simple samples for having an idea how to use the libraries: those strategies are for the educational purpose only. All investments and trading in the stock market involve risk: any decisions related to buying/selling of stocks or other financial instruments should only be made after a thorough research, backtesting, running in demo and seeking a professional assistance if required.

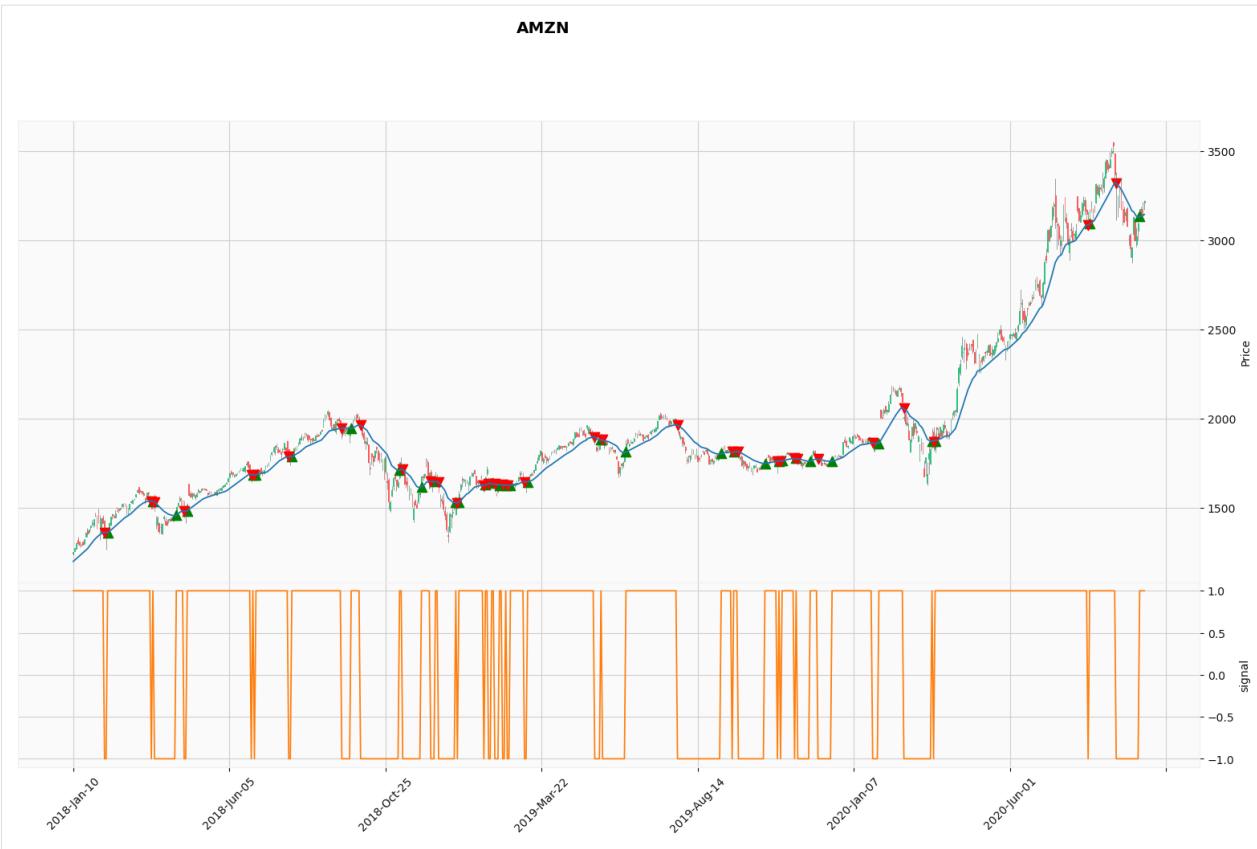
Moving Average Crossover Strategy - Sample 1

- when the price value crosses the MA value from below, it will close any existing short position and go long (buy) one unit of the asset
- when the price value crosses the MA value from above, it will close any existing long position and go short (sell) one unit of the asset

Reference: <https://www.learndatasci.com/tutorials/python-finance-part-3-moving-average-trading-strategy/>

```
[3]: # Moving Average Crossover Strategy - Sample 1
#ma = 'SMA20'
ma = 'EMA20'
# Taking the difference between the prices and the MA timeseries
data['price_ma_diff'] = data['Close'] - data[ma]
# Taking the sign of the difference to determine whether the price or the EMA is greater
data['signal1'] = data['price_ma_diff'].apply(np.sign)
data['position1'] = data['signal1'].diff()
data['buy'] = np.where(data['position1'] == 2, data[ma], np.nan)
data['sell'] = np.where(data['position1'] == -2, data[ma], np.nan)
```

```
[4]: # plot with candle daily, sma 20, signal and yahoo style
import mplfinance as mpf
kwargs = dict(type='candle',figratio=(16,9),figscale=2)
aps = [
    mpf.make_addplot(data[ma],color='C0'), # blue
    mpf.make_addplot(data['buy'],color='g',type='scatter',markersize=78,marker='^'),
    mpf.make_addplot(data['sell'],color='r',type='scatter',markersize=78,marker='v'),
    mpf.make_addplot(data['signal1'],color='C1',panel=1,ylabel='signal')
]
mpf.plot(data,**kwargs,style='yahoo',title='AMZN',addplot=aps)
#mpf.plot(data,**kwargs,style='yahoo',title='AMZN',addplot=aps,savefig=dict(fname='plot.
˓→with.candle.daily.sma.20.signal.yahoo.style.png'))
```



```
[5]: !pip install backtesting
from backtesting import Backtest, Strategy
from backtesting.lib import crossover
from backtesting.test import SMA
class PositionSign(Strategy):
    def init(self):
        self.close = self.data.Close
    def next(self):
        i = len(self.data.Close) - 1
        if self.data.position1[-1] == 2:
            self.position.close()
            self.buy()
        elif self.data.position1[-1] == -2:
            self.position.close()
            self.sell()
bt = Backtest(data, PositionSign, cash=10000, commission=.002, exclusive_orders=True)
bt.run()
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└─Notebook detected. Setting Bokeh output to notebook. This may not work in Jupyter_
└─clients without JavaScript support (e.g. PyCharm, Spyder IDE). Reset with `backtesting.
└─set_bokeh_output(notebook=False)`.

warnings.warn('Jupyter Notebook detected.')

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[5]:	Start	2018-01-10 00:00:00
	End	2020-10-01 00:00:00
	Duration	995 days 00:00:00
	Exposure Time [%]	96.9432
	Equity Final [\$]	6449.39
	Equity Peak [\$]	11361.5
	Return [%]	-35.5061
	Buy & Hold Return [%]	156.811
	Return (Ann.) [%]	-14.8609
	Volatility (Ann.) [%]	25.1543
	Sharpe Ratio	0
	Sortino Ratio	0
	Calmar Ratio	0
	Max. Drawdown [%]	-62.3199
	Avg. Drawdown [%]	-17.0591
	Max. Drawdown Duration	934 days 00:00:00
	Avg. Drawdown Duration	238 days 00:00:00
	# Trades	68
	Win Rate [%]	25
	Best Trade [%]	58.9442

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Worst Trade [%]	-12.944
Avg. Trade [%]	-0.750267
Max. Trade Duration	141 days 00:00:00
Avg. Trade Duration	15 days 00:00:00
Profit Factor	0.790866
Expectancy [%]	-0.473583
SQN	-1.05025
_strategy	PositionSign
_equity_curve	...
_trades	Size EntryB...
dtype: object	

```
[6]: bt.plot()
```

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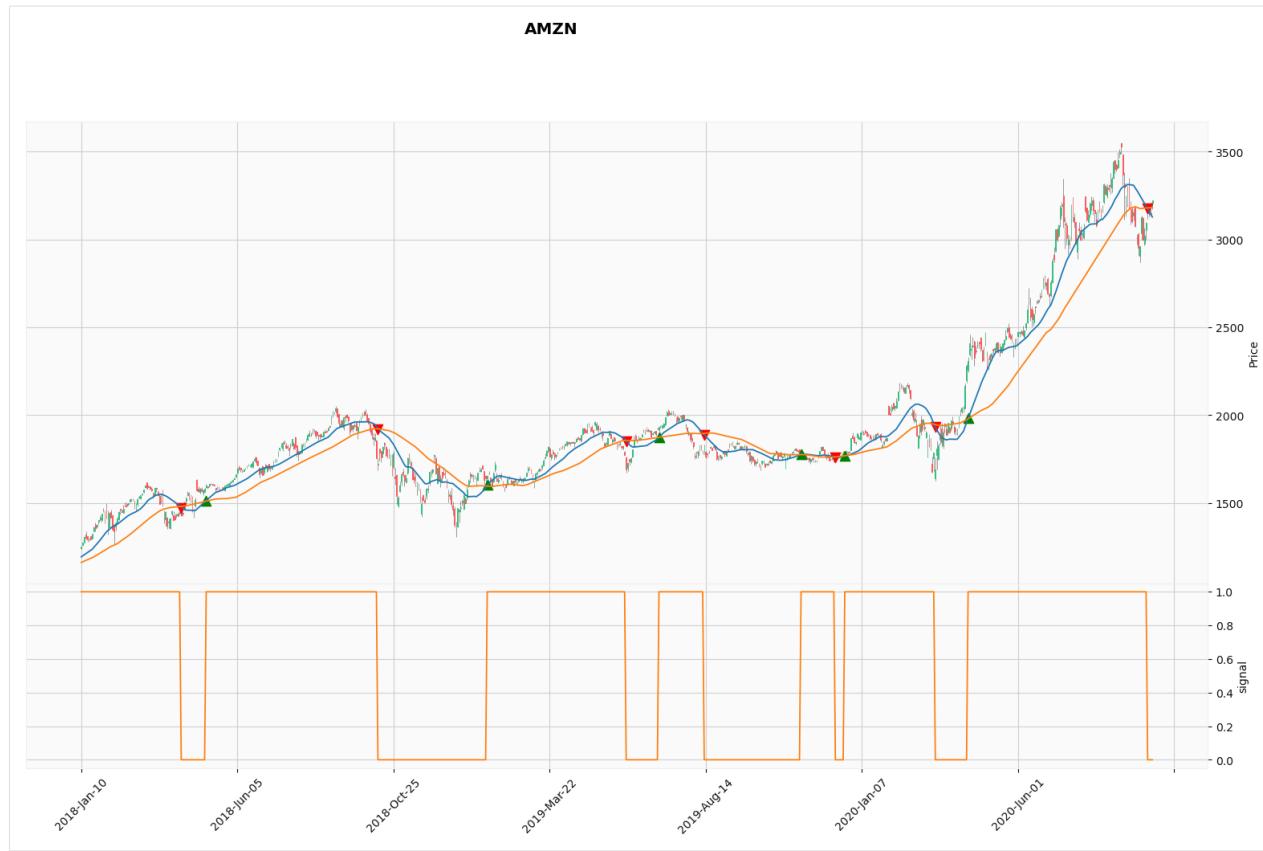
Moving Average Crossover Strategy - Sample 2

- when the short term moving average crosses above the long term moving average, this indicates a buy signal
 - when the short term moving average crosses below the long term moving average, it may be a good moment to sell

Reference: <https://towardsdatascience.com/making-a-trade-call-using-simple-moving-average-sma-cross-over-strategy-python-implementation-10133a2a2a>

```
[7]: # Moving Average Crossover Strategy - Sample 2
ma20 = 'SMA20'
ma50 = 'SMA50'
#ma20 = 'EMA20'
#ma50 = 'EMA50'
data['signal2'] = 0.0
data['signal2'] = np.where(data[ma20] > data[ma50], 1.0, 0.0)
data['position2'] = data['signal2'].diff()
data['buy'] = np.where(data['position2'] == 1, data[ma20], np.nan)
data['sell'] = np.where(data['position2'] == -1, data[ma20], np.nan)
```

```
[8]: # plot with candle daily, sma 20, sma 50, signal and yahoo style
import mplfinance as mpf
kwargs = dict(type='candle',figratio=(16,9),figscale=2)
aps = [
    mpf.make_addplot(data[ma20],color='C0'), # blue
    mpf.make_addplot(data[ma50],color='C1'), # orange
    mpf.make_addplot(data['buy'],color='g',type='scatter',markersize=78,marker='^'),
    mpf.make_addplot(data['sell'],color='r',type='scatter',markersize=78,marker='v'),
    mpf.make_addplot(data['signal2'],color='C1',panel=1,ylabel='signal')
]
mpf.plot(data,**kwargs,style='yahoo',title='AMZN',addplot=aps)
#mpf.plot(data,**kwargs,style='yahoo',title='AMZN',addplot=aps,savefig=dict(fname='plot.
˓→with.candle.daily.sma.20.sma.50.signal.yahoo.style.png'))
```



```
[9]: from backtesting import Backtest, Strategy
from backtesting.lib import crossover
from backtesting.test import SMA
class SmaCross(Strategy):
    n1 = 20
    n2 = 50
    def init(self):
        close = self.data.Close
        self.sma1 = self.I(SMA, close, self.n1)
        self.sma2 = self.I(SMA, close, self.n2)
    def next(self):
        if crossover(self.sma1, self.sma2):
            self.position.close()
            self.buy()
        elif crossover(self.sma2, self.sma1):
            self.position.close()
            self.sell()
bt = Backtest(data, SmaCross, cash=10000, commission=.002, exclusive_orders=True)
bt.run()
```

[9]: Start	2018-01-10 00:00:00
End	2020-10-01 00:00:00
Duration	995 days 00:00:00
Exposure Time [%]	90.5386
Equity Final [\$]	7712.69

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Equity Peak [\\$]	12532.8
Return [%]	-22.8731
Buy & Hold Return [%]	156.811
Return (Ann.) [%]	-9.08703
Volatility (Ann.) [%]	24.431
Sharpe Ratio	0
Sortino Ratio	0
Calmar Ratio	0
Max. Drawdown [%]	-52.0307
Avg. Drawdown [%]	-11.5153
Max. Drawdown Duration	517 days 00:00:00
Avg. Drawdown Duration	80 days 00:00:00
# Trades	13
Win Rate [%]	38.4615
Best Trade [%]	35.0832
Worst Trade [%]	-32.3988
Avg. Trade [%]	-2.23977
Max. Trade Duration	166 days 00:00:00
Avg. Trade Duration	70 days 00:00:00
Profit Factor	0.79924
Expectancy [%]	-1.11657
SQN	-0.620588
_strategy	SmaCross
_equity_curve	...
_trades	Size EntryB...
dtype:	object

[10]: bt.plot()

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4.1 Prerequisites

Tradingview is an analysis platform where you can,

- analyze your trades by indicators, your scripts and perform your backtesting
- share your analysis with other traders and investors, because it is a full-fledged social network
- view the analysis of other users
- monitor your trades by alerts

For implementing your indicators or your strategies, Tradingview has own script language: Pine.

For using Pine,

- just access the [Chart section](#)
- and click on the tab named **Pine Editor** on the bottom
- it is there that you can copy your Pine scripts

You can find all scripts described in this tutorial on [GitHub](#) in the folder `src/pine/`.

4.2 Getting started

Pine is a script language own of Tradingview for adding your indicators and backtesting your trades.

This is a summary of the pine language syntax: you can find,

- the methods description in [pine script reference](#)
- the complete documentation in [pine script docs](#)
- and many many samples in [PineCoders](#)

4.2.1 Basics

There are some methods to load your data

```
//@version=4
//study("My Simple Sample Script") // in a chart space dedicated
//study("My Simple Sample Script", max_labels_count = 500) // in a chart space dedicated
//with a max label > 50, that it is the default
study("My Simple Sample Script", "", true) // in the main chart
```

It is important to remember that it is a script language:

- it has a few methods
- there are not matrixes or complex calculation, only the essential

Pine draws your indicators and data in the **Tradingview charts** and in the **Data Window**. So, it is important to understand which methods you have for **debugging** your code.

```
// initialization of a variable
my_numeric_variable = 1
my_string_variable = "H"

// where print something
plotchar(my_numeric_variable, "Numeric variable", "") // on the right, in Data Window
plotchar(bar_index, "Bar Index", "i", location = location.top) // on the right, in Data Window and on the main panel, in the chart space
label.new(bar_index, high, my_string_variable) // on each bar
if barstate.islast
    label.new(bar_index, low, "L", style = label.style_label_up) // only on the last bar
```



It is not possible to use

- **plotchar** method on Data Window with a string value

- **plotchar** and **label.new** methods in a function
- **plotchar** method in a local scope like also a for loop

4.2.2 Arrays

Pine arrays are one-dimensional. All elements of an array are of the same type, which can be int, float, bool or color, always of series form.

```
// initialization of a vector
my_numeric_array = array.new_float(0)
for i = 1 to 6
    array.push(my_numeric_array, i)
if barstate.islast // print
    label.new(bar_index, high, "my_numeric_array:\n" + tostring(my_numeric_array), style_
→= label.style_label_down, size = size.large)

my_string_array = array.new_string(1, "hello")
array.concat(my_string_array, array.new_string(1, "world"))
array.concat(my_string_array, array.new_string(1, "!="))
if barstate.islast // print
    label.new(bar_index, low, "my_string_array: " + array.get(my_string_array, 0), style_
→= label.style_label_up, size = size.large)

my_logic_array = array.new_bool(0)
array.push(my_logic_array, 0)
array.push(my_logic_array, 1)

// operations with arrays
sum = array.sum(my_numeric_array)
mean = array.avg(my_numeric_array)
median = array.median(my_numeric_array)
plotchar(sum, "sum", "")
```

4.2.3 Weighted average

```
performance = array.new_float(0)
array.push(performance, 3)
array.push(performance, 7)
array.push(performance, 11)
weight = array.new_float(0)
array.push(weight, .3)
array.push(weight, .4)
array.push(weight, .3)
weighted_average = array.get(performance, 0) * array.get(weight, 0) + array.
→get(performance, 1) * array.get(weight, 1) + array.get(performance, 2) * array.
→get(weight, 2)
plotchar(weighted_average, "weighted_average", "")
```

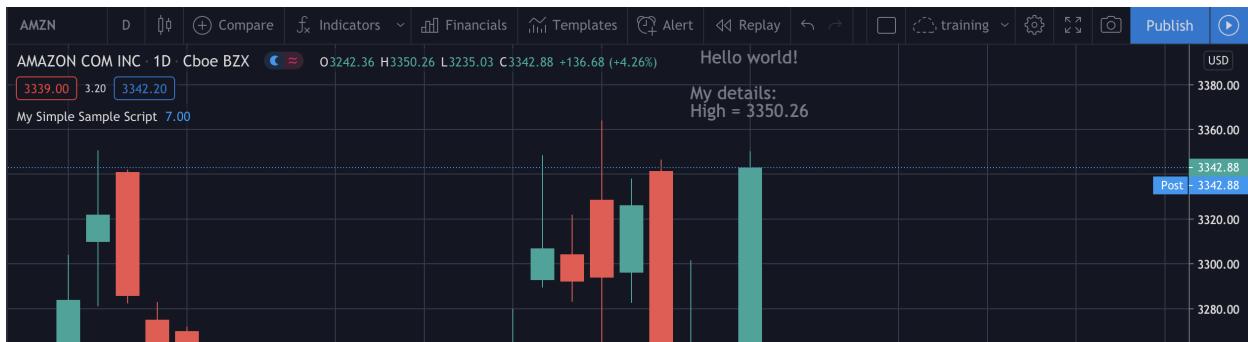
Backtesting tool comparison, Release 0.0.3



4.2.4 Functions

The functions could return something or not (see the [docs](#) for details). The first function named **f_print**, it returns nothing, only prints on the chart.

```
// prints on last bar, in the chart space
f_print(_text) =>
    // Create label on the first bar.
    var _label = label.new(bar_index, na, _text, xloc.bar_index, yloc.price, color(na), ↵
    ↵label.style_none, color.gray, size.large, text.align_left)
    // On next bars, update the label's x and y position, and the text it displays.
    label.set_xy(_label, bar_index, highest(10)[1])
    label.set_text(_label, _text)
f_print("My details:\nHigh = " + tostring(high))
f_print(my_string_variable + "Hello world!\n\n")
```



The second function named **multiply_performance_weight**, it returns an array.

```
// portfolio performance
company = array.new_string(1, "AAPL")
array.concat(company, array.new_string(1, "NFLX"))
array.concat(company, array.new_string(1, "AMZN"))
multiply_performance_weight(_performance, _weight) =>
    _performance_weight = array.new_float(0)
    for i = 0 to array.size(_performance) - 1
        _one_of_performance_weight = array.get(_performance, i) * array.get(_weight, i)
        array.push(_performance_weight, _one_of_performance_weight)
    _performance_weight // return the array
```

And inner a for loop is not possible to use **plotchar** method, but only **label.new** method.

```
performance_weight = multiply_performance_weight(performance, weight)
weighted_average2 = array.sum(performance_weight)
for i = 0 to array.size(performance) - 1
    if barstate.islast // print
        label.new(bar_index, close, array.get(company, i) + ":" + tostring(array.
        ↵get(performance_weight, i)), style = label.style_label_up, size = size.large)
    plotchar(weighted_average2, "portfolio", "") // Cannot use 'plotchar' in local scope.
```

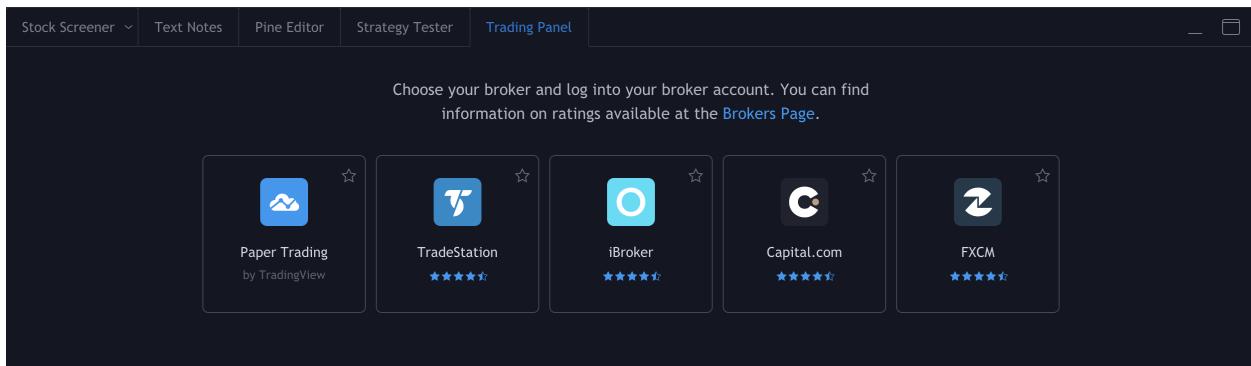


4.3 Historical data

Tradingview displays directly the data in the main chart panel, and you can see the all data moving the main chart back.

So, this step is not necessary for using the Pine script language because it is already integrated.

The unique limit is that you can only use the assets present in Tradingview and its partners features.



4.4 Graphics

This is a sample for drawing objects with Pine. There are 2 principal methods for drawing, you can draw on

4.4.1 Lines

```
//@version=4
study("My Simple Sample Script", "", true) // the main chart
```

You can use the arrays pre loaded for you, like **close** (values of the closes), and modify them loading only the values that you want

```
// monthly points - the first Monday of each month
custom = array.new_float(1)
if dayofmonth <= 7 and dayofweek == dayofweek.monday
    array.set(custom, 0, close)
else
    array.set(custom, 0, na)
customPreviousClose = array.get(custom, 0)[1]
```

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```
plot(customPreviousClose, "customPreviousClose", color.yellow, 6, plot.style_circles)
plot(customPreviousClose, "customPreviousClose", color.yellow, 6, plot.style_line, ↵
    transp = 50)
```

And you can add many many indicators in a few code lines

```
// moving average
sma25 = sma(close, 25)
ema25 = ema(close, 25)
plot(sma25, "sma 25", color.orange, 2)
plot(ema25, "ema 25", color.red, 2)

// bollinger bands
ma = sma25
dev = 2 * stdev(close, 25)
upper = ma + dev
lower = ma - dev
p1 = plot(upper, color=color.green, linewidth=1, style=plot.style_circles)
p2 = plot(lower, color=color.green, linewidth=1, style=plot.style_circles)
fill(p1, p2)
```



It is possible to draw line from one point to another point, by **bar_index** or **time**

```
// line by index
i = line.new(bar_index, high, bar_index[10], low[10], width = 4)
line.delete(i[1])
```

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```
// line by time
t = line.new(time, high, time[10], low[10], xloc.bar_time, width = 4)
line.delete(t[1])
```



4.4.2 Columns

It is possible to simulate **Volume indicator** on the main chart with specific parameters

- on the study method
- adding a workaround that it is the plot of high line

```
//@version=4
study("My Simple Volume Script", "", true, format.volume, 0, scale.none)

//Get volume for current bar and multiply with vwap
vInverse = volume * vwap
plot(series=vInverse, title="Volume", style=plot.style_columns, color=close >= open ? color.green : color.red, transp=50)

//Plot high line to scale down the columns
highLine = input(1000, "High Line", minval = 2, step = 100)
limit = highest(vInverse, highLine)
scaleFactor = 100 / input(20, "% of vertical space used", step = 10, maxval = 100)
plot(limit * scaleFactor, "Historical High", color.black)
```



And you can also add **SMA indicator** over the **Volume indicator**

```
//Make the moving average user configurable
showMA = input(true)
plot(showMA ? sma(vInverse,20) : na, title="SMA", style=plot.style_area, color=color.
    white, transp=80)
```

The second script has also some inputs that you can manage the values by **Settings symbol > Input**.

And you can change all colors by **Settings symbol > Style**.

4.4.3 Points

There are many ready-made methods for you like **pivot** points.

```
//@version=4
study("My Simple Pivot Script", "", true)
```

In that sample you can decide if which plots show by **input** methods.

```
legs = input(14)
showPivotHigh = input(true)
showPivotLow = input(true)
```

And it is used a function, for reusing the code in two points.



```

pivot_points(pi, legs) =>
    newPi = not na(pi)
    var float ci = na
    if newPi
        ci := close[legs]
    [pi, newPi, ci]

[pHi, newPHi, cHi] = pivot_points(pivothigh(close, legs, legs), legs)
plot(showPivotHigh ? cHi : na, "", newPHi ? na : color.fuchsia, offset = - legs)
plotchar(showPivotHigh ? pHi : na, "pHi", "", location.top, color.fuchsia, offset = -_u
        ↵legs)

[pLi, newPLi, cLi] = pivot_points(pivotlow(close, legs, legs), legs)
plot(showPivotLow ? cLi: na, "", newPLi ? na : color.orange, offset = - legs)
plotchar(showPivotLow ? pLi: na, "pLi", "", location.bottom, color.orange, offset = -_u
        ↵legs)

```



4.5 Strategies

You can initialize a strategy by Pine language.

Tradingview has a tab named **Strategy Tester** near the tab named **Pine Editor** that it has been created for backtesting your Pine scripts.

4.5.1 How to load indicators on your strategy

When you want to test your strategy on Tradingview, you have to start your Pine script with the method **strategy**.

```
//@version=4
strategy("My Simple Strategy Script", "", true) // in the main chart
```

And then, it is the same for loading your indicators.

A script runs either in **overlay=true** mode on the chart, in which case it cannot direct plots elsewhere, or in a separate pane when **overlay=false** (the default).

But there is a workaround for having some plots in the main chart and others in another chart. You can use **Settings > Style** for flagging who see where you want. So you can also add this code,

```
// initialization
legs = input(20)

// moving averages
sma20 = sma(close, legs)
```

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```

plot(sma20, "sma 20", color.blue, 2)
plot(sma(close, 50), "sma 50", color.orange, 2)

// bollinger bands
dev = 2 * stdev(close, legs)
upper = sma20 + dev
lower = sma20 - dev
p1 = plot(upper, title="BB upper", color=color.green, linewidth=1, style=plot.style_
→circles)
p2 = plot(lower, title="BB lower", color=color.green, linewidth=1, style=plot.style_
→circles)
fill(p1, p2)

// volume
plot(volume * vwap, title="Volume", style=plot.style_columns, color=close >= open ?_
→color.green : color.red, transp=50)

// rsi
plot(rsi(close, legs), title="RSI", color=color.purple)
h0 = hline(70)
h1 = hline(50)
fill(h0, h1, color=color.purple, transp=75)

```

Add the chart on the main chart with the header

```

//@version=4
strategy("My Simple Strategy Script", "", true) // in the main chart

```

Add the chart on another chart with the header

```

//@version=4
strategy("My Simple Strategy Script") // a chart space dedicated

```

And then you can use the **Settings** for splitting the plots between the main chart and others.

Instead, for the **line** method it is necessary to use an **input** and conditions for splitting the lines between the main chart and another. You can use **Settings > Input** for flagging who see where you want in order of the conditions.

In the code below is used the variable named **showLineRSI** for the visualization of the lines on RSI chart or the main chart.

```

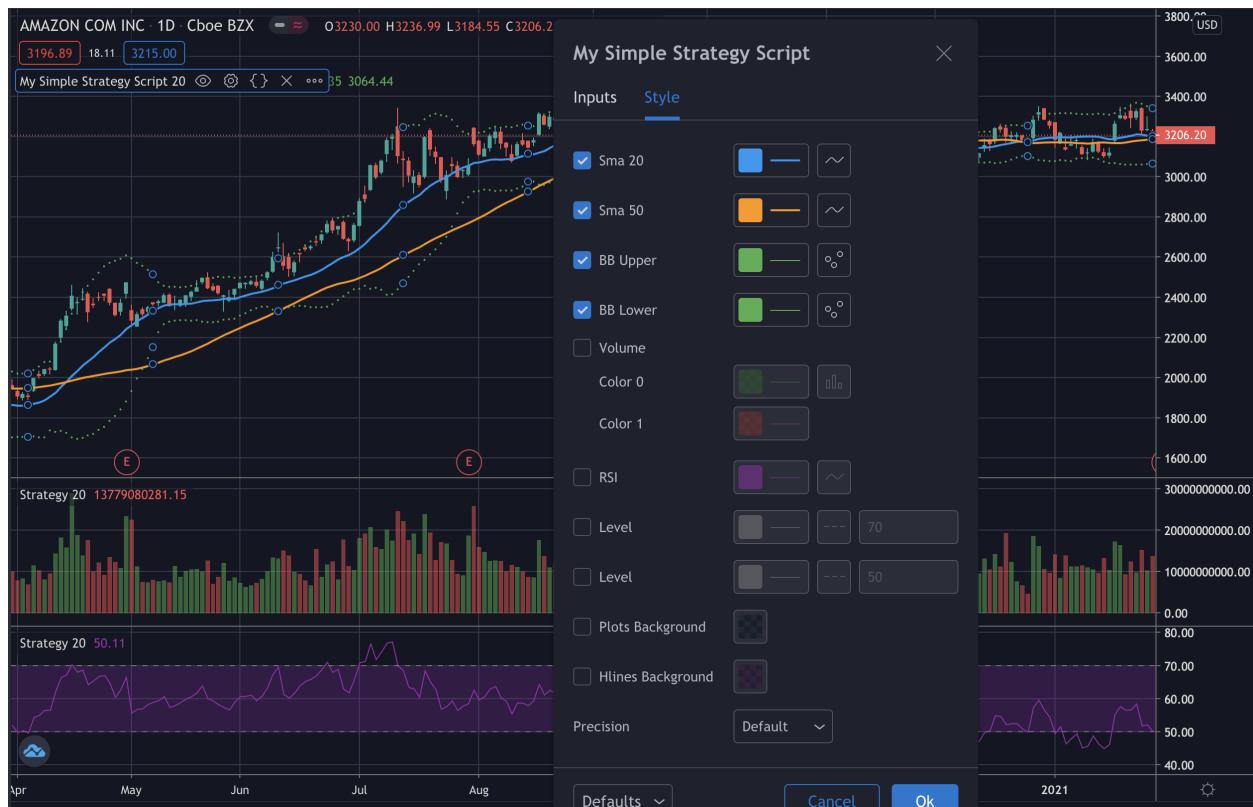
// initialization
showLineRSI = input(true)

var bar_time1 = 0
var bar_time2 = 0
var float bar_high1 = 0
var float bar_high2 = 0
var float bar_rsi1 = 0
var float bar_rsi2 = 0
_rsi = rsi(close, 20)

if time == timestamp(2020, 04, 16, 09, 30)
    bar_high1 := high

```

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```

bar_time1 := time
bar_rsi1 := _rsi

if time == timestamp(2020, 05, 21, 09, 30)
    bar_high2 := high
    bar_time2 := time
    bar_rsi2 := _rsi

// rsi line
plot(bar_rsi1 == 0 or bar_rsi2 != 0 ? na : _rsi, title="RSI of trend", color=color.orange, linewidth=2)
plot(rsi(close, 20), title="RSI", color=color.purple)
h0 = hline(70)
h1 = hline(50)
fill(h0, h1, color=color.purple, transp=75)

// rsi trend line
if bar_rsi1 != 0 and bar_rsi2 != 0 and showLineRSI
    line.new(bar_time2, bar_rsi2, bar_time1, bar_rsi1, xloc.bar_time, width = 4)
    bar_rsi1 := 0
    bar_rsi2 := 0

// high line
plot(bar_high1 == 0 or bar_high2 != 0 ? na : high, title="High line", color=color.orange, linewidth=6)

```

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```
// high trend line
if bar_high1 != 0 and bar_high2 != 0 and showLineRSI != true
    line.new(bar_time2, bar_high2, bar_time1, bar_high1, xloc.bar_time, width = 4)
    bar_high1 := 0
    bar_high2 := 0
```

And then you can use the **Settings** and,

- **Style**, for splitting the plots between the main chart and others
- **Input**, for splitting the lines between the main chart and others

In the main chart, for selecting the plots, you can use **Settings > Style**



And **Settings > Input**, for showing the line on the main chart

Then, in the other chart, for selecting the plots, you can use **Settings > Style**





4.5.2 How to load signals on your strategy

The best practice is to prepare one variable for each signal that you want to use on your strategy. The strategy below use the moving averages that they are SMA and EMA. You can use one or the other.

Disclaimer

The strategies below are some simple samples for having an idea how to use the libraries: those strategies are for the educational purpose only. All investments and trading in the stock market involve risk: any decisions related to buying/selling of stocks or other financial instruments should only be made after a thorough research, backtesting, running in demo and seeking a professional assistance if required.

Moving Average Crossover Strategy - Sample 1

- when the price value crosses the MA value from below, it will close any existing short position and go long (buy) one unit of the asset
- when the price value crosses the MA value from above, it will close any existing long position and go short (sell) one unit of the asset

Reference: <https://www.learndatasci.com/tutorials/python-finance-part-3-moving-average-trading-strategy/>

```
//@version=4
//strategy("My Simple Strategy Script - sample 1") // a chart space dedicated
strategy("My Simple Strategy Script - sample 1", "", true) // in the main chart
```

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```

legs = input(20)
//ma = sma(close, legs)
ma = ema(close, legs)
plot(ma, "Ma", color.orange, 2)
dev = 2 * stdev(close, legs)
upper = ma + dev
lower = ma - dev
p1 = plot(upper, title="BB upper", color=color.green, linewidth=1, style=plot.style_
↪circles)
p2 = plot(lower, title="BB lower", color=color.green, linewidth=1, style=plot.style_
↪circles)
fill(p1, p2)

// Taking the difference between the prices and the MA timeseries
price_ma_diff = close - ma

// Taking the sign of the difference to determine whether the price or the EMA is greater
position = price_ma_diff - price_ma_diff[1]
buyEntry = position >= 2 ? price_ma_diff : na
sellEntry = position <= -2 ? price_ma_diff : na

if (buyEntry)
//    strategy.entry("MaLE", strategy.long, stop=lower, oca_name="Ma", oca_type=strategy.
↪oca.cancel, comment="MaLE")
    strategy.entry("MaLE", strategy.long, oca_name="Ma", oca_type=strategy.oca.cancel,_
↪comment="MaLE")
else
    strategy.cancel(id="MaLE")

if (sellEntry)
//    strategy.entry("MaSE", strategy.short, stop=upper, oca_name="Ma", oca_
↪type=strategy.oca.cancel, comment="MaSE")
    strategy.entry("MaSE", strategy.short, oca_name="Ma", oca_type=strategy.oca.cancel,_
↪comment="MaSE")
else
    strategy.cancel(id="MaSE")

plot(strategy.equity, title="Equity", color=color.red, linewidth=2, style=plot.style_
↪areabr)

```

When you **Add to Chart** your strategy, the **Strategy Tester** tab will contain the results of your backtesting:

- an **Overview** of the main parameters like **Net Profit** and **Drawdown**
- the **Performance Summary** with all important parameters for defining if your backtesting is good or not
- the **List of Trades** with the details of each trade like **Date**, **Price** and **Profit**

Backtesting tool comparison, Release 0.0.3



My Simple Strategy Script - sample 1		Overview	Performance Summary	List of Trades
		All	Long	Short
Net Profit	\$ 179.65 0.18 %	\$ 1695.50 1.7 %	\$ 1515.85 1.52 %	
Gross Profit	\$ 11395.76 11.4 %	\$ 6714.50 6.71 %	\$ 4681.26 4.68 %	
Gross Loss	\$ 11216.11 11.22 %	\$ 5019.00 5.02 %	\$ 6197.11 6.2 %	
Max Drawdown	\$ 1172.53 1.16 %			
Buy & Hold Return	\$ 17091420.91 17091.42 %			
Sharpe Ratio	2.744			
Profit Factor	1.016	1.338	0.755	
Max Contracts Held	1	1	1	
Open PL	\$ 23.80 0.02 %			
Commission Paid	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Total Closed Trades	1347	673	674	
Total Open Trades	1	1	0	

My Simple Strategy Script - sample 1		Overview	Performance Summary	List of Trades					
Trade #	Type	Signal	Date	Price	Contracts	Profit	Cum. Profit	Run-up	Drawdown
1	Entry Short	MaSE	1998-07-08	18.65	1	\$ 4.22 22.63 %	\$ 4.22 0 %	\$ 2.94 15.77 %	\$ 4.70 25.22 %
	Exit Short	MaLE	1998-07-21	22.87					
2	Entry Long	MaLE	1998-07-21	22.87	1	\$ 10.18 44.51 %	\$ 14.40 0.01 %	\$ 1.63 7.13 %	\$ 10.18 44.51 %
	Exit Long	MaSE	1998-09-01	12.69					
3	Entry Short	MaSE	1998-09-01	12.69	1	\$ 0.72 5.67 %	\$ 15.12 0 %	\$ 1.86 14.63 %	\$ 3.31 26.08 %
	Exit Short	MaLE	1998-09-17	13.41					
4	Entry Long	MaLE	1998-09-17	13.41	1	\$ 0.40 2.98 %	\$ 14.72 0 %	\$ 6.59 49.14 %	\$ 0.74 5.54 %
	Exit Long	MaSE	1998-10-08	13.81					
5	Entry Short	MaSE	1998-10-08	13.81	1	\$ 11.46 82.98 %	\$ 26.18 0.01 %	\$ 0.48 3.45 %	\$ 11.90 86.16 %
	Exit Short	MaLE	1998-11-18	25.27					
6	Entry Long	MaLE	1998-11-18	25.27	1	\$ 3.90 15.43 %	\$ 22.28 0 %	\$ 3.98 15.75 %	\$ 0.02 0.08 %
	Exit Long	MaSE	1998-11-20	29.17					
7	Entry Short	MaSE	1998-11-20	29.17	1	\$ 2.64 9.05 %	\$ 24.92 0 %	\$ 1.67 5.73 %	\$ 2.64 9.05 %
	Exit Short	MaLE	1998-11-23	31.81					

Moving Average Crossover Strategy - Sample 2

- when the short term moving average crosses above the long term moving average, this indicates a buy signal
- when the short term moving average crosses below the long term moving average, it may be a good moment to sell

Reference: <https://towardsdatascience.com/making-a-trade-call-using-simple-moving-average-sma-crossover-strategy-python-implementation-101e0a2a2a2c>

```
//@version=4
//strategy("My Simple Strategy Script - sample 2") // a chart space dedicated
strategy("My Simple Strategy Script - sample 2", "", true) // in the main chart

ma20 = sma(close, 20)
ma50 = sma(close, 50)
//ma20 = ema(close, 20)
//ma50 = ema(close, 50)
plot(ma20, "Ma20", color.blue, 2)
plot(ma50, "Ma50", color.orange, 2)

buyEntry = crossover(ma20, ma50)
sellEntry = crossunder(ma20, ma50)

if (buyEntry)
    strategy.entry("MaLE", strategy.long, oca_name="Ma", oca_type=strategy.oca.cancel,_
    ↵comment="MaLE")
else
    strategy.cancel(id="MaLE")

if (sellEntry)
    strategy.entry("MaSE", strategy.short, oca_name="Ma", oca_type=strategy.oca.cancel,_
    ↵comment="MaSE")
else
    strategy.cancel(id="MaSE")

plot(strategy.equity, title="Equity", color=color.red, linewidth=2, style=plot.style_
    ↵areabr)
```

When you **Add to Chart** your strategy, the **Strategy Tester** tab will contain the results of your backtesting:

- Overview
- Performance Summary
- List of Trades



Backtesting tool comparison, Release 0.0.3

My Simple Strategy Script - sample 2					Overview	Performance Summary	List of Trades	
		All	Long	Short				
Net Profit		\$ 474.54 0.47 %	\$ 1832.02 1.83 %		\$ 1357.48 1.36 %			
Gross Profit		\$ 2770.29 2.77 %	\$ 2441.40 2.44 %		\$ 328.89 0.33 %			
Gross Loss		\$ 2295.75 2.3 %	\$ 609.38 0.61 %		\$ 1686.37 1.69 %			
Max Drawdown		\$ 1036.82 1.03 %						
Buy & Hold Return		\$ 72768181.82 72768.18 %						
Sharpe Ratio		2.23						
Profit Factor		1.207			4.006			0.195
Max Contracts Held		1			1			1
Open PL		\$ 12.30 0.01 %						
Commission Paid		\$ 0			\$ 0			\$ 0
Total Closed Trades		125			62			63
Total Open Trades		1			1			0

My Simple Strategy Script - sample 2					Overview	Performance Summary	List of Trades		
Trade #	Type	Signal	Date	Price	Contracts	Profit	Cum. Profit	Run-up	Drawdown
1	Entry Short	MaSE	1997-12-04	4.40	1	\$ 0.25 5.68 %	\$ 0.25 0 %	\$ 0.05 1.04 %	\$ 0.43 9.85 %
	Exit Short	MaLE	1997-12-12	4.65					
2	Entry Long	MaLE	1997-12-12	4.65	1	\$ 2.62 56.34 %	\$ 2.37 0 %	\$ 3.68 79.21 %	\$ 0.50 10.84 %
	Exit Long	MaSE	1998-06-02	7.27					
3	Entry Short	MaSE	1998-06-02	7.27	1	\$ 2.65 36.45 %	\$ 0.28 0 %	\$ 0.40 5.43 %	\$ 3.31 45.57 %
	Exit Short	MaLE	1998-06-15	9.92					
4	Entry Long	MaLE	1998-06-15	9.92	1	\$ 5.00 50.4 %	\$ 4.72 0.01 %	\$ 14.58 146.97 %	\$ 0.07 0.66 %
	Exit Long	MaSE	1998-09-09	14.92					
5	Entry Short	MaSE	1998-09-09	14.92	1	\$ 3.02 20.24 %	\$ 1.70 0 %	\$ 3.19 21.39 %	\$ 5.08 34.05 %
	Exit Short	MaLE	1998-10-22	17.94					
6	Entry Long	MaLE	1998-10-22	17.94	1	\$ 29.25 163.04 %	\$ 30.95 0.03 %	\$ 81.62 454.97 %	\$ 0.04 0.25 %
	Exit Long	MaSE	1999-02-19	47.19					
7	Entry Short	MaSE	1999-02-19	47.19	1	\$ 23.75 50.33 %	\$ 7.20 0.02 %	\$ 1.69 3.58 %	\$ 24.19 51.25 %
	Exit Short	MaLE	1999-03-19	70.94					

COMPARISON

The comparison is for evaluating which language or system you could use based on:

- maintenance of packages
- learning curve / costs
- performance
- monitoring

In this tutorial, there have been used some languages and systems:

- R
- Python
- Pine
- MQL4

You could know another language or system that it is perfect for your needs. This is only a discussion to highlight key points, bottlenecks and risks.

5.1 Maintenance of packages

5.2 Learning curve / costs

5.3 Performance

5.4 Monitoring

CONCLUSION

6.1 Historical data

The samples that you find in this tutorial they use the same **data reader**: [Yahoo Finance API](#).

This is a tutorial, so it is for educational purpose, and it is not important the results. Each historical data contains some differences among others, so it is very important understanding when using which source.

At the beginning, when you test your code, or learn your instruments, you can also use free historical data. In a perfect system, when your QT system will become your demo and your business, you have to use paid historical data of the trading platform where you will do your demo and your business.

Why do you have to use the same historical data of the trading platform where you will do your demo and your business ?

- for avoiding the closing differences or other, that they would completely change the backtesting results
- for being prepared for any issue related to those data that will be used for your business (see the [Comparison](#) section for details)

6.2 Analysis

You cannot make backtesting without defining your trading strategy. And you may not use your trading strategy live without analyze the financial historical data by backtesting.

You can use existing indicators and yours for defining **resistence points** and **signals**.

Coming soon.

6.3 Best practice

You can use the command line, an IDE or a (Jupyter) notebook for your favorite language or directly a trading platform console, but the rules below do not change: you have to

- evaluate your data source and to check (*) that your driver is working properly
- test your code by TDD every time that you change it
- check (*) your algorithm and its parameters by your backtesting system
- evaluate the hosting where you run your QT system and to check (*) that your QT system did not reach its limits
- define when your QT system does not have to work

(*) it would be great if each check can run to warn you with a channel you follow about

- information of the next release of your driver, your hosting, .. or your trading platform
- your algorithm performance

At the beginning, the checks can be executed with a wide cadence, until you find how often each check should be performed according to your expectations. In a perfect system, when your QT system will become your business, the checks will be executed continuously or with a tight cadence.

Coming soon # mql4/index