

Scalp Tool Best Practices

- Always start in Global Simulation Mode (Options Setting on Control Panel)
- Set Run Type to Back Test during the optimization process.
- Make sure to have Data Series on 24/7 and start out looking back 2 weeks.
 - Once you are satisfied with setting be sure to test 30, 60, 90 days etc.
 - Remember to hit F5 after the initial time of loading new days.
- Initially keep trade times wide open until Distribution Analysis in Historical Strategy Performance shows otherwise.
 - Day of Week
 - Time of Day – Entry
 - You may find trading 1 hour a day on a specific setup outperforms 6 hours on generic.
- One contract is set for target 1 one contract is set for a trail... test performance independently.
 - Best to keep stops wide open when testing candle color rotational exits.
 - The strategy can only trade a maximum of 2 contracts at a time.
 - The strategy can only be active on 1 chart at a time.
 - You can set up several different scenarios that perform differently depending on various conditions.
- When Using Entry Filter Settings...
 - S&P500 Filter is Valid 24/7 as long as markets are open
 - Could be off slightly on big gap days until market normalizes

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- Understand Internals Only Valid from 9:40 AM EST to 4PM EST
 - Can give inaccurate reading outside these times
 - Background color could be wrong
- Keep Exit Filter Type set to None for both longs and shorts.
- Only change 1 variable at a time.
 - There are hundreds of combinations you can use on this tool...
 - Understand how tool works
 - Take some time to think thru the settings
 - Be open to out of the box setups
 - Don't get discouraged is it takes some time to find a combination that fits your personality. P&L along with Risk tolerance is still very real emotionally.
 - Settings can be different for
 - Longs vs Shorts
 - Time of Day
 - Day of Week
 - Type of Day
- Set Enable to False when making changes to strategy settings.
- Observe Real Time Trading in Simulation Mode for a minimum of 2 weeks prior to ever turning on a strategy on a live account.
- Only use strategy on live account after you have completely understood the inner working of NinjaTrader and how to monitor a trade while live, using DOM etc.
- Best to use visualization settings to observe possible optimization testing theories.
- I prefer to let the tool run in simulation mode and enter my own trades on DOM based on my observations with the visualization settings.