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Algo Trading Master Class

Session 3 · Your Algo Toolkit

Platforms, Setup & Protecting Your Capital

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Where We Are Now

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Session 1 - you learned what algo trading is

Your rules, run by a computer. No emotion, no missed trades.

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Session 2 - you got a strategy

Ready-made, or built your own and backtested it. No code needed.

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Today - set it up, and keep it safe

How to take it live, and how to protect your money while it runs.

Two skills today: setting up the tools, and managing risk - the two things that make algo trading actually work.

Today’s Plan

PART 1

Your Toolkit & Setup

No-code vs code platforms, Stocko’s APIs, webhook execution, and paper trading - the simple way to go live.

PART 2

Smart Risk

A short, practical guide to protecting your capital: position sizing, stop-losses, drawdown limits, and the right mindset.

We’ll keep it simple and practical - no heavy tech, no jargon.

How Automation Works: 4 Pieces

1

Signal

Where your trade idea fires - e.g. a chart alert.

2

Strategy

Your rules - the brain behind the trade.

3

Connector

How the signal reaches the broker - a webhook or API.

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Broker

Where the order is placed for real - Stocko.

You don’t build these from scratch - the platforms and Stocko by InCred Money give you ready pieces to connect.

No-Code vs Code

Two ways to run an algo. For most of you, the first one is all you’ll ever need.

No-Code (recommended for most)

- Build by clicking - no programming at all.
- Tools: Algotest, Quantman, Tradetron, TradingView + webhook.
- Fast to set up; test and deploy in minutes.
- Perfect if you’re not a coder.

Code (for the tech-savvy)

- You write a program using the broker API.
- Most flexible - fully custom strategies.
- Needs programming knowledge (e.g. Python).
- And remember - AI can now write most of this for you.

Stocko by InCred Money: Your Execution Layer

Whichever platform you build on, the live order is placed through your broker. That's where Stocko comes in.

API access

Connect your strategy or platform directly to place, modify and cancel orders.

Webhook URL

Send a signal straight from TradingView to Stocko - the order fires automatically.

No-code & code friendly

Works whether you click on a platform or write your own program.

A regulated broker

SEBI-regulated execution - automation with the safety of rules.

Build and test anywhere - but run it live on Stocko, all in one regulated place.

Webhook Execution: Signal → Order

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AI can write the setup for you

TradingView

Your signal fires

Webhook URL

Sends the order message

Stocko

Order placed for real

A webhook is just an automatic message. When your signal fires, it instantly tells Stocko to place the order - in about a second, with no clicking.

Paper Trading: Test Before Real Money

What is paper trading?

It's practice mode. Your strategy runs on live prices, but with virtual money - so you can see exactly how it would behave, risking nothing.

Think of it as a test drive before you buy the car.

Always paper trade a new setup first - no exceptions.

How to set it up

① Use the platform's paper / test mode (or a test account).

② Point your webhook to the test setup, not live.

③ Let it run for a few days on real market hours.

④ Check every entry and exit fired correctly.

⑤ Only then switch to live - and start with the smallest size.

PART 2 · SMART RISK

Protecting Your Capital

An algo that can trade by itself needs guardrails. Here are the few that matter most.

Protect Your Capital: 3 Simple Rules

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Position sizing

Risk only a small slice per trade - a common idea is 1–2% of your capital per trade. Decide your lots from that, not from excitement.

2

Stop-loss by design

Every trade has a maximum loss, set in advance. Build it into the algo so it exits for you - no hoping, no hesitation.

3

Drawdown control

Set a daily and overall loss limit. If the algo hits it, it stops for the day. This stops a bad day becoming a disaster.

The goal isn't to win every day - it's to never lose so much that you can't come back tomorrow.

The Psychology Layer

The algo removes emotion from trading - but only if YOU let it. Here's the mindset that makes it work.

Trust the tested system

You tested it for a reason. Let it do its job.

Don't be over-thinker

Changing rules after every trade undoes all your testing.

Losing days are normal

No strategy wins daily. Judge it over weeks, not hours.

Don't panic-stop

Switching the algo off mid-plan is the emotion you tried to remove.

Separate you from it

The algo's loss is data, not a personal failure.

Review calmly, weekly

Set a fixed time to review - not in the heat of the moment.

Your Go-Live Checklist

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Before you let an algo trade real money, tick all of these:

1. **A tested strategy**
   Backtested and paper traded - not just an idea.

2. **Stocko account ready**
   With API / webhook access enabled for execution.

3. **Risk rules set**
   Position size, stop-loss and a daily loss limit defined.

4. **Starting small**
   Minimum size first; scale up only after it earns trust.

Recap & What's Next

Today, in one line

- No-code suits most people; AI can write the code if needed.
- Stocko gives you the API + webhook to run it live, safely.
- A webhook turns a signal into an order automatically.
- Always paper trade first, then go live small.
- Protect capital: size small, set stops, cap drawdown, stay calm.

Upcoming Sessions

In the upcoming sessions, we will invite experts from various exchange-empanelled Algo Trading vendors to provide an in-depth understanding of different algorithmic trading strategies and platforms.

Your homework

Set up your strategy in PAPER mode this week, with a stop-loss and a daily loss limit. Get your Stocko by InCred Money APIs ready.

Q&A

Ask anything - and I'll see you for our next session.

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