

# Strong - Weak Analysis



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**N** narf:

I do the same way of trading. How do you determine what are the strongest and weakest pairs?

I use the yen as my common denominator, % you see is distance price is above or below 200 ma on 4hr chart. Yen will always be 0.00%



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Dennis... ⌚ Mar '16

Best place to enter a new trade is on a pull back to the 200 moving average on the 1hr chart. Here we see AUDNZD pull back to the 200 ma then followed the uptrend before moving higher today.



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This is my own indicator, I simply use the 7 major yen pairs, and measure the distance price is above or below the 200 moving average on the 4hr chart, Yen is my common denominator so it will always be zero. Formula is  $\text{Price} - \text{moving average} / \text{price} = \% \text{ above or below moving average}$ . Example; If the USD is 1% above the JPY and the CAD is 1% below the JPY then I know the USD is 2% above the CAD. I keep all this on an excel spread sheet so I can track if something is getting stronger or weaker with time, If you are good with charts you could enter these formulas and get a bar chart like you see in charting software, for myself, I like the rank order on a excel sheet

Hope this helps



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I missed this one, Last week AUDJPY in a counter trend move rejected the 200 ma and is now heading lower. See how it did the same thing back in early December, that move was good for 1000+ pips, will this one give us the same?

If I could only trade one type of entry this would be it, My second favorite entry is price crossing the 200 ma. Both are powerful entry signals that can lead to 1000's of pips.







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Here I am looking at the USDCAD 1hr chart going back to beginning of February, what a beautiful and consistent down trend, shorting on pullbacks to the 200 ma have given a dozen+ entries. We are a bit extended here, and the pattern as been for price to pull back to the 200 ma after making a new low. I still have a target of 1.2000 so still 700+ pips to go. As long as there is no change in the oil market then we should get there, but if OPEC breaks ranks then this could end quickly.





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zwara Apr '16



zwara:



Hi Dennis how are you mate?

I have one doubt, I hope you can share that with us, how exactly do you calculate the strength based on yen as reference? I am a bit confused and intrigued at the same time.

thanks for all explanations in advance

Hi zwara, a lot of people will use the USD as their base currency, I like the Yen as it is always listed last against all major currencies making it a natural common denominator. The % you see in my rankings is how far price is above or below the 200 moving average on the 4hr chart. With this method I only need to look at the 7 yen pairs to know strength of all 28 pairs that make up the majors.

Example; If the USDJPY is at 1% and the CADJPY is at -2% then I know just by looking at my rankings that price of USDCAD is going to be very close to 3% above the 200 moving average on the 4hr chart. The whole idea of strong weak analysis is to match the strong to the weak and ride the trend.

Hope this helps



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daoco... May '16

daoconsetre:

Dear Dennis

I still confused bw H4 and H1 Frame with MA200, in H4 Frame the MA200 over the Price line ( USDCAD) while H1 Frame the MA200 below , so i dont know to choose short or long.

Pls help clarify with thank ( i am quite new )

Regards

For my own trading I start with Weekly chart, then move to daily, I want to see no conflicts in trend between weekly and daily. I only want to take longs in pairs trading above the 200 ma on daily chart and only short those below the 200 ma.

From there I drop down to the 4hr chart, this is where my Strong Weak ranking comes in and I do not want to be long a weak currency against a strong. My rankings will tell you that or you can just look at a 4hr chart, right now you can see by my rankings EUR is stronger then USD and if you look at the 4hr chart you will see EURUSD is trading above the 200 ma. I would not want to be holding longs if price breaks below the 4hr 200 in this example.

Finally we move to the 1hr chart, I never go lower then this. The 200 ma on the 1hr chart is like an over bought over sold indicator, you can see when price gets a long ways above the 200 ma it always falls back to it, same if it is a long ways below. I have found trading bounces or crosses of the 1hr 200ma a good low risk high reward place to take trades.





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Julius\_... Dec '16

Julius\_Wfx:

Trading week ending yesterday; I did my SW rankings. Being a Friday; are they valid for Monday Dec.12.16.

Another positive from the SW rankings is.... it helps u identify pairs where one should seek opportunities

Julius Wfx

I try not to jump into new trades on Friday, normal to see a pullback in new week. Another thing that is common is opening gaps as trade opens in the new week, never chase an opening gap as they often will reverse



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Dennis... Jan '17

I finished my self evaluation of my 2016 Forex trading, and uncovered some clear (Ugly) trading trends that I will seek to correct in 2017

#### The Good

Most of my trading is done with my 7 core pairs, the USD match to CAD, AUD, EUR, and JPY, I also trade three cross pairs EURGBP, AUDNZD & EURAUD. For the year as a group I did very well trading these pairs with my Best Pair USDJPY and Best Trade USDCAD

#### The Bad

Where things got ugly was when I ventured outside my core pairs, while the majority of my trades were in my core group, I did take trades in 8 other pairs resulting in a net loss for that group, this included my worse trade of the year GBPAUD

I have written myself an action plan to address the above failures

Over all I am very happy with my trading plan of matching Strong to Weak currencies, being patient as I wait for ideal trade setups and always trading in the direction of the trend

2017 will be my 5th year trading Forex with Strong Weak Analysis, this has been a time tested approach and one I plan to continue with for years to come.

I hope everyone a great and profitable 2017



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1 Aug '17

Hi vaibs,

I am tracking the Top SW Trades, but leaving just how to trade them up to each trader as to their trading plan,

The simplest way is to just take a trade entry after the close of the daily candle that gives us a new SW pair, others might choose to wait for a pullback to support, then go long ( or short) , I have gotten post from people who are taking day trades using my Top SW Trade. Lots of ways to play these, but as long as you are trading with the trend, your odds of a winning trade are better than a coin toss, which is going to be profitable in the long run.

I hope this helps and happy trading



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Aug '17

Some words of caution, we have had a new SW trade the last 3 days, if you look back to February we had 5 straight days of new SW trades, 3 of the 5 did not get above 100 pips. When you start seeing new trades pop up every day that is a sign of a market consolidating and we do not always know where the strength and weakness will be when trends resume so be careful, Also the last three SW trades have us short the CHF, If the Swiss was to reverse here that would give you three losing trades. If I were taking all three ( EURCHF, CADCHF & AUDCHF) I would reduce my normal trade size so not to be harmed if we do get a reversal.

Winning at this game is all about managing your risk





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When you get into real trades having a fixed 200 pip Stop Loss for all trades may not be the best thing, first look where your support is, both price support and moving average support, in a long position your stop should never be above the 200 ma on the 1hr chart. In some cases that could mean having a stop of over 300 pips, In those cases you would need to reduce your position size so to limit your risk. for my personal trading I do not like using market order Stops, I will identify the support, decide how far below that support I am willing to place my mental Stop ( a red line on the chart) then have the discipline to exit the trade if price closes below my stop on the Daily candle. To often we get intraday reversals which could take price back in my direction and for that reason I will not act until the close of the daily candle



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for trend I look at multi time frames, Weekly, Daily, 4hr, and 1hr, all have a 200 period simple moving average, ideally I would want to see price on all charts either above or below their 200 ma, I will on occasion go counter trend against the weekly chart as you can have 1000 pip counter trend move on the weekly. As far as looking back, I will go as far as needed to find previous support and resistance levels

hope that helps



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Sep '17

NZDCAD reversed hard today after hitting a new low and new high Pip total of +123 pips, it is now finding resistance at the 200 ma on the H1 chart, this has held any counter trend rallies in check. As far as should you hold or not, that should be in your trading plan before entering the trade, before entering a trade answer these three questions

1. Why do I think this is a good trade
2. at what price level or price action will prove me wrong about #1 and require an exit for a loss
3. at what price level or price action will prove me correct about #1 and require me to take profits

write these down and follow them, then your emotions will not get in the way of your trading. is it easy, no, but that is what separates the good from the bad traders





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Oct '17

**J** jnfamousdan:

Dennis,

One thing I'm coming across is that my brain gets tired after looking at so many charts...Do you simply look at a pair once they move on the currency ranking? I'm currently watching the major pairs and that's about my limits right now.

Thanks,

Dan

Hi Dan,

The 8 majors make up 28 pairs if you try to watch all of them you will be a basket case. Best traders only trade 2 or 3 pairs some only one. Now you could just let my Strong Weak Rankings give you your trades, or you could have a small list of pairs and let my SW rankings tell which are the best trades from your list. Whatever way you choose, stick with it.





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🕒 Nov '17

Hi Kfodel,

I do have active positions but try to limit myself to three open trades at a time ( limiting my risk), so no I am not in all those positions at this time and have not been in many of them. Once I have a break even stop in place then I can look to add a position on the next setup or entry signal. I also do most of my trading in USD pairs so I do less with the crosses and CHFJPY is not one I trade very often,

As far as an exit strategy, I have had good success with taking profits on half position at +150 pips then let the rest of the trade run with a breakeven stop, at that point, I would hold until a reversal signal against my trade. Now some of my Top SW Trades will give multiple entries and exit signals, so I could be in and out of the same trade several times on a good long lasting trend.

Now with all that said, my personal trading is still evolving around my Top SW Trades. And by the documentation from this thread, we see these trade signals have had a very high success rate and I will be adjusting my trading plan to capture a larger percentage of the gains from these trades. Markets change over time and you must stay up to date with what is working, and right now the trade signals from my Strong Weak rankings are working very well



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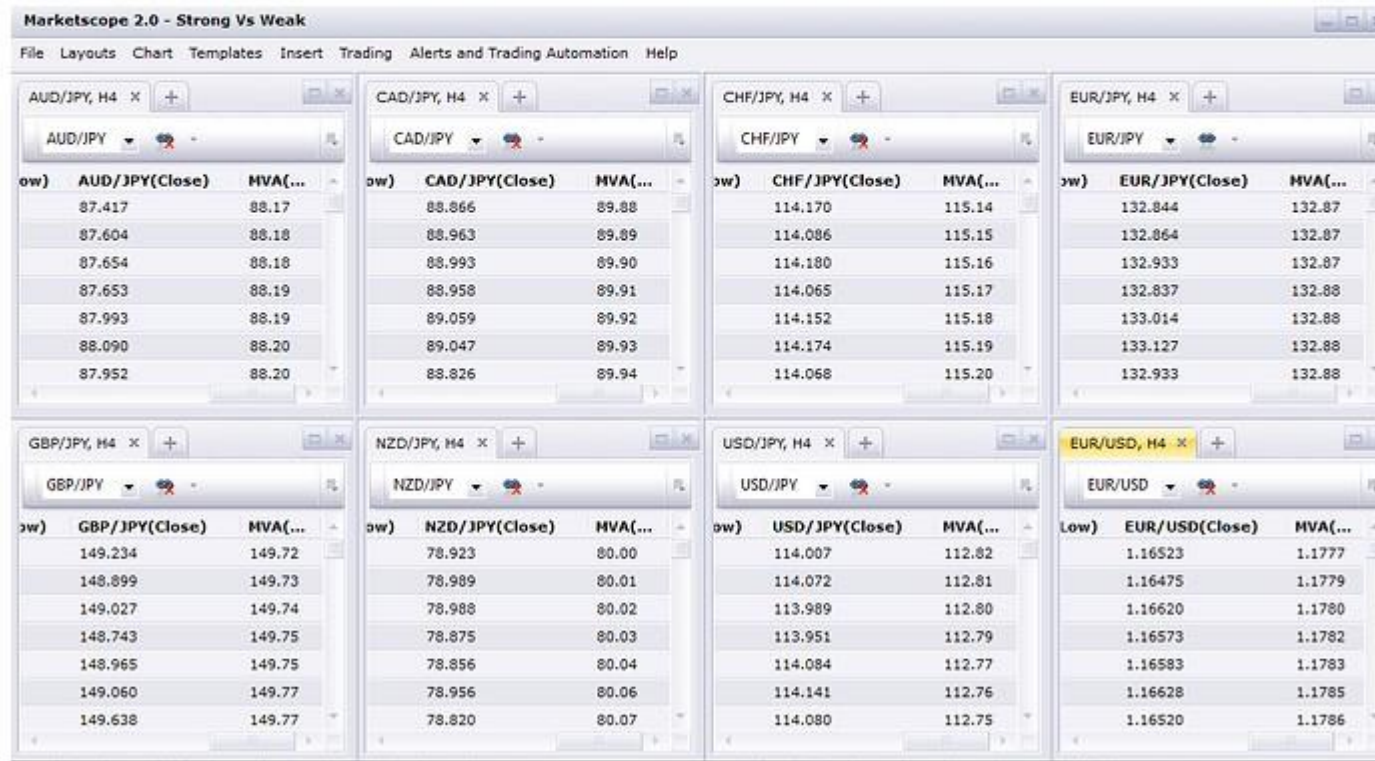
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Nov '17

I use FXCM Trading Station, Marketscope is what they call their charting platform, below is how I have my multi-window chart setup, You can get this by opening a Demo Account.





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1 Jan 5

We have Balance in the Force

The eight major currencies that I follow can be placed into 3 groups, Commodities ( NZD, AUD & CAD) European ( EUR, GBP & CHF) and finally Safety ( USD & JPY). These groups tend to move together, as they are today. It is for this reason I prefer to take trades in pairs that are not in the same group, My three favorite pairs are AUDUSD, EURUSD, and EURAUD, these three pairs take the most traded currency from each group. It is also why any currency match to the USD is considered one of the majors, and why trading USDJPY can present problems as both are from the same group

Strong Weak rankings								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4-Jan	NZD	AUD	CAD	EUR	GBP	CHF	USD	JPY
	3.06%	2.92%	2.18%	1.96%	1.34%	1.32%	0.16%	0.00%



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🕒 Jan 24

**J** jaystarks1977:



Hi Dennis,

I really enjoy your system on currency strength analysis and have learned a ton from following you. I understand the importance if the 200 Moving Average. Could you elaborate on the significance of the 34 MA?

On the daily chart the 34 ma is a proxy for the 4hr chart 200ma





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🕒 Mar 2

The yen is just unstoppable, I normally consider any spread of 2% or more a good SW trade, Yen has that against the whole market. Top Trade CADJPY took another step lower as we close in on the 400 pip mark



artieboy

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Likes 21



Dennis... Mar 6

Thanks Dennis for your invaluable contributions.

I don't know about everyone else here, but I have tried all sorts of methods and systems. I have checked out every indicator imaginable, and spent time on naked, price action related methods. In order for a method to work it has to have these attributes:

1. It has enough trades. If a method is right 85% of the time but only produces 10 trades a year. That is not enough, unless you are holding trades for months at a time. Although it is true you don't need to be constantly trading, you do need enough trades for your account to grow. Here we get a trade a week, or maybe even more.
2. It is simple. Any method that involves 3 or more indicators, I usually do not continue to read further. All of these indicators just confirm is that price is going up or down. They are usually some permutation of a moving average, nothing more. Nothing complicated about our method.
3. You have an edge that is easily explainable. If you cannot explain your edge, you probably don't have one! The strong weak method has a logic that anyone can explain in simple terms. Your money management and psychology is irrelevant if the method does not have a positive expectancy.
4. The timeframe works with your schedule. We are not trading minute by minute, its more of something you check at a daily basis, so this would not be an issue for anyone.



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Mar 12

Just for fun, I took a small position in CADCHF, here is my technical analysis of this pair. Weekly chart ( not shown) gave us a bullish engulfing candle over the previous week, looking at the daily ( bottom left) we see this was a Top SW Trade first entered back on Feb 5th, it then took a full month to top out at 205 pips, it then reversed that entire move in just 4 days, that is bullish. Now we are coming up to the 200 ma on the 4hr chart ( top right chart) I would expect a pullback at its first attempt to cross this ma, as long as price stays above the 200 ma on the 1hr chart ( lower right chart) I will ride out any pullback, the second attempt at the 4hr 200 ma will be important, fail twice could be trouble for this trade, When price gets above the 4hr 200ma then that ma should give us support, another important technical indicator if price continues to move up will be the crossover of the 1hr 200 ma over the 4hr 200ma. This will be a fun experiment as we wait for a new SW trade





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**M** MikeVulcan:

Another previous S/W Trade, the CADJPY. This is of course pulled back a bit since it became a S/W trade. Of course the question is, is it just a pull back or reversal?

The one thing to keep in mind about the Yen is it likes to move from Strong to Weak and back to Strong, and it can make these moves without any obvious reversal signal, That is just the way the Yen moves





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Apr 19



anjanfx:

hi denis

i have calculated the S/W myself. GBP & CAD strong, CGF & JPY weak. same as yesterday. The currency pairs are moving according to the S/W analysis. but when the pair has moved a lot far from the moving average it will show a positive percentage right. but when the currency is making a pullback it will still be above the moving average so the percentage will still be positive and the S/W analysis still shows that particular currency as strong .

Nothing moves straight up, Pullbacks are part of the game and sometimes they will force you out of a position, How you deal with them is up to you and your personal trading plan. A common method if trading multiple lots is to take profit in half of your position at a target point ( say 100 or 200 pips) then let the rest run with a break even stop. You can then wait for a reversal signal to get you out of the trade but you will never get out at the very top. If you can bank 50% of any of these moves you are doing well



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May 7

I IVx:

Some brokers provide a currency heatmap, which rank the biggest movers since, for example, yesterday's NY close.

Symbol	Price	% Change
<b>USD/JPY</b> US Dollar/Japanese Yen	109.081	+0.08%
<b>CAD/JPY</b> Canadian Dollar/Japan	84.9005	+0.03%
<b>NZD/JPY</b> New Zealand Dollar/Jap	76.5760	-0.03%
<b>AUD/JPY</b> Australian Dollar/Japan	82.2440	-0.12%
<b>EUR/JPY</b> Euro/Japanese Yen	130.493	-0.17%
<b>CHF/JPY</b> Swiss Franc/Japanese Y	109.081	-0.18%
<b>GBP/JPY</b> British Pound/Japanese	147.538	-0.32%

If I want to know what is happening intraday I have set up this simple watchlist on freestockcharts.com , this is not a FOREX platform so its daily runs from midnight to midnight, which makes it a great tool for tracking the London session, I can look at this at 6 am eastern time and have a good idea where the market is heading at the New York open. The bad thing about this type of trading is you as subject to news driven reversals, so you have to know what is on the event calendar at all times



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May 9

T twiks:

Hello Dennis.....Please, how do you get the market closing figures for the currencies you use in your calculation of SW?

Hello twiks,

I'm not Dennis, but I'll jump in here with *my* answer to your question.

I have been doing my own Strong/Weak calculations as part of some experimentation I'm doing with Dennis' methodology. Here's how I'm getting the daily closing prices and SMA's:

Anytime after 5 pm NY time, I will open my 4-hour chart, and scroll through these 7 pairs: USD/JPY, EUR/JPY, GBP/JPY, AUD/JPY, CAD/JPY, CHF/JPY, and NZD/JPY.

Beginning with the USD/JPY chart, I place my cursor (cross-hair) on the 1300 candle. This candle opens at 1300 (1 pm) NY time and closes at 1700 (5 pm) NY time. Placing the cursor on this candle automatically opens the data window for that candle, showing O-H-L-C prices. The closing price for the 1300 candle is the one I want, because it's **the closing price for the day**. The chart also displays **the closing value for the 200 SMA** for whichever candle the cursor selects. I simply record these two prices on paper, and scroll to the next pair.

When I have the 14 numbers I need (prices and SMA's), I type them into an Excel spreadsheet (the way Dennis showed in his [VIDEO](#)), and let the spreadsheet do the math.

The platform I use is not the same as the one Dennis uses, so there might be slight differences between my prices and his. Also, I don't know whether Dennis uses BID prices or ASK prices. I'm using ASK prices. Switching between BID and ASK prices will introduce small differences in the calculated strength figures, but will almost never change the rankings.

Here's a screen-shot of my USD/JPY chart, showing the prices for today (Tuesday, May 8)  
Click the image to enlarge it.



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May 13

**S** Sbrandi:

Could you please shed some light on what type of a entry/stop method you are using to stay in the trade during these retracements? Thanks 😊

I use position size to limit my risk and ride out the retracements, I do not like Stop Loss orders, but prefer to make a mental stop and have the discipline to get out of a trade when reason for being in the trade changes. I will use a break even Stop order after hitting my first profit target. I do use Sell Stop orders to take profit at my first target point. The GBPNZD trade was a great example how patients is needed at times,





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May 15

The question was asked earlier how to tell a pullback from a reversal, here is a good example using a recent Top SW Trade, GBPCAD\* look at the shaded area, see how on last Wednesday and Thursday we had two strong down candles followed on Friday and Monday two weak up candles, This is what a pullback looks like, I would expect price to soon resume its downward trend.





**FX\_Johnny**

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Posts 52

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May 18

Here is my first effort at doing the spreadsheet calculations. Results are very close, only the broker difference I think, as the pairs sorted the same.

The examples I have seen here show the input table as vertical, which means people are doing extra typing to then transfer the results into the main table.

I made the Price Data Entry table horizontal, I input the price data in the pairs sorted alphabetically as that is how they are in the Symbol Changer on the JPY chart, please see the pictures.

Once the data is entered, simple matter to sort the pairs by the Yellow highlighted area, by Percentage. Note: the lower box is ONLY to show how that works; I only need the top box for entry and sorted, lower box will be deleted by the time you read this.

After that, easy to copy and paste the sorted Pairs with Percentage into the main table for evaluations! A little conditional color formatting to make it pretty.



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May 18

## Price Data Entry

4 Hour Close	110773	86474	83187	110570	0	149710	130650	76134
Moving Average	108390	84867	82550	110542	0	150387	131559	77353
Pair	USD	CAD	AUD	CHF	JPY	GBP	EUR	NZD
Percentage	2.15%	1.86%	0.77%	0.03%	0.00%	-0.45%	-0.70%	-1.60%
	Percentage Sorted							



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May 20

S Sbrandi:

Do you trade all 28 pairs using this strategy?

I have a core list of 7 pairs I trade, but I am rethinking that as this year there have been a lot of Top SW pairs not in my core list

S Sbrandi:

Attached is a signal on GBPAUD (22 Nov 2017), before market goes in the right direction it retraced about 366 Pips, how do you manage your trade in such situations ?

GBP with anything can be difficult to trade as it can have some big swings and cover a lot of pips in a day, there is good reason why GBPJPY is called "Riding the Dragon" one way to manage these swings is to keep your position small, no in advance where your support is and if hanging on during a 300 pip pullback will be too painful then you may want to skip the trade, another trick is to watch the 200ma on the 1hr chart, if you are long and the day closes with price below the 200ma you may want to exit the trade, but go long again when price breaks back above the 200ma, this way you protect yourself from a big loss but can have a second chance should price move back in your direction



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**F** frazali32:

Why do use a 4hr chart as a source for data collection?

I learned Strong Weak trading using the 4hr Chart and 200 ma, It has always worked so I stuck with it, you could get numbers close to mine using the Daily and 33 or 34 ma. When making technical trades I almost always use price action from the daily. and yes this approach has turned me from one of the 90% who always lose, to the 10% of winners



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May 23

**T** twiks:

Hello Dennis.

Thanks for the great work you're doing here. It will be great if you could use one of your past successful trade to illustrate how to use this SW analysis along with TA to enter a trade. You can possibly show the SW pair for the day, the chart, the entry price, your TA for taking the trade, your target and all that.

Thanks.

Hi Twiks

I prefer to keep my personal trading private, I will tell you I do most of my trading during the Asian session, that is when I will enter on a new signal, I usually will take some profits at 100 pips and let the rest run, I also like to use pullbacks to the 200 ma on 1hr chart for reentry . I keep things very simple, I don't listen to much news, Price Action tells me everything I need to know. If I am posting charts then you know that pair has my attention



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🕒 Jun 7

**J** johnthegreat1233:



what a favorable market looks like in terms of S/W pairs.

A favorable market is when you do not have new trade signals every freaking day, our Top Trades stay on top for over a week, and we have some long term buy and hold trades that can give us over 1000 pips

That is the market I am willing to risk my capital,



<b>SW % for Currency A minus SW % for Currency B</b>	<b>Trend Signal for Pair A/B</b>
<b>4.00% and above</b>	<b>Very strong LONG</b>
<b>3.00% to 3.99%</b>	<b>Strong LONG</b>
<b>2.00% to 2.99%</b>	<b>Weak LONG</b>
<b>1.99% to -1.99%</b>	<b>NO TRADE</b>
<b>-2.00% to -2.99%</b>	<b>Weak SHORT</b>
<b>-3.00% to -3.99%</b>	<b>Strong SHORT</b>
<b>-4.00% and below</b>	<b>Very strong SHORT</b>



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Jun 11



Alexkhatoun:



It happened yesterday and today and sent the GBP crashing down.

GBP is one of the more volatile currencies, and with all the news around Brexit it just makes the swings that much bigger, You may want to think about avoiding GBP and get your feet wet with some slower movers , I prefer EURUSD, AUDUSD and EURAUD as my prime trading pairs

Bonus rankings, these are the 7 pairs I do most of my personal trading in, and as you can see not one pair has a spread of over 1% let alone 2%

EURUSD	AUDUSD	EURAUD	USDJPY	USDCAD	EURGBP	AUDNZD
-0.66%	0.26%	-0.92%	0.62%	0.99%	0.10%	-0.14%



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Jun 15

**S** saad18:

Hi Dennis, hope you're well. Could you please go through your procedure for entries and exists? As in what time frame you look at, what do you include in your analysis technical wise. Also, what time frame do you use to enter a trade. Would be much appreciated

I am leaving the entry exit part up to each trader, you create your trading plan and trade it. My SW rankings should serve as a foundation for your trading plan. I will post suggestions from time to time, like taking profits at 100 pips and again at 200 pips, doing this would have made you a lot of money this year. When trading on technical's I like Big Head and shoulder tops and bottoms that are formed over several months, On daily charts I am always on the look out for reversal candle signals, Pinbars ( Hammers) , engulfing, and railroad tracks, and finally entries off of pullbacks to the 200ma on the 1hr chart.



## The 7 major elements of a Trading Plan

1. Identify a potential high-probability trade.
2. Evaluate the trade for direction and probable duration in light of (i) the market fundamentals, and (ii) the higher time-frame technicals written into your Trading Plan. If the trade satisfies these criteria in your Trading Plan, continue to evaluate the trade in the following steps.
3. Evaluate the trade for (a) potential profit, and (b) implied risk. Then compare (a) to (b) to determine the potential Reward/Risk ratio associated with this trade. If the calculated Reward/Risk ratio meets the criteria in your Trading Plan, continue to evaluate the trade in the following steps.
4. Determine whether to enter on a market order, or on a pending order. If the entry is to be on a pending order, determine a specific entry price. Then determine specific Profit Target and Stop Loss prices.
5. Calculate the correct Position Size for this trade, based on the pre-determined risk percentage in your Trading Plan.
6. Enter the trade on a market order, or place a pending order to enter at the specified price determined above. Add the Stop Loss order determined above. And add a Take Profit order, if your Trading Plan specifies this.
7. Manage your trade according to your Trading Plan: (i) move your SL to break-even, after a certain profit has been achieved, or trail your stop, if these steps are in your Plan, (ii) scale out of pre-determined portions of your trade, after certain profit targets have been achieved, if this step is in your Plan, and (iii) follow any other trade-management rules written into your Trading Plan.



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Lots of people seem to want a complete trading system with my Strong Weak rankings, so here we go

1. Wait for the close of the daily candle then compute the Strong Weak rankings.
2. If the currencies ranked #1 and #8 give us a new pair, Enter the trade immediately with a Market Order
3. Set a limit order of 100 pips above your entry price ( or below if short)
4. Set a Stop Loss order 200 pips below your entry price ( or above if short)
5. Trade will exit automatically when the limit order or Stop Loss is hit
6. Repeat

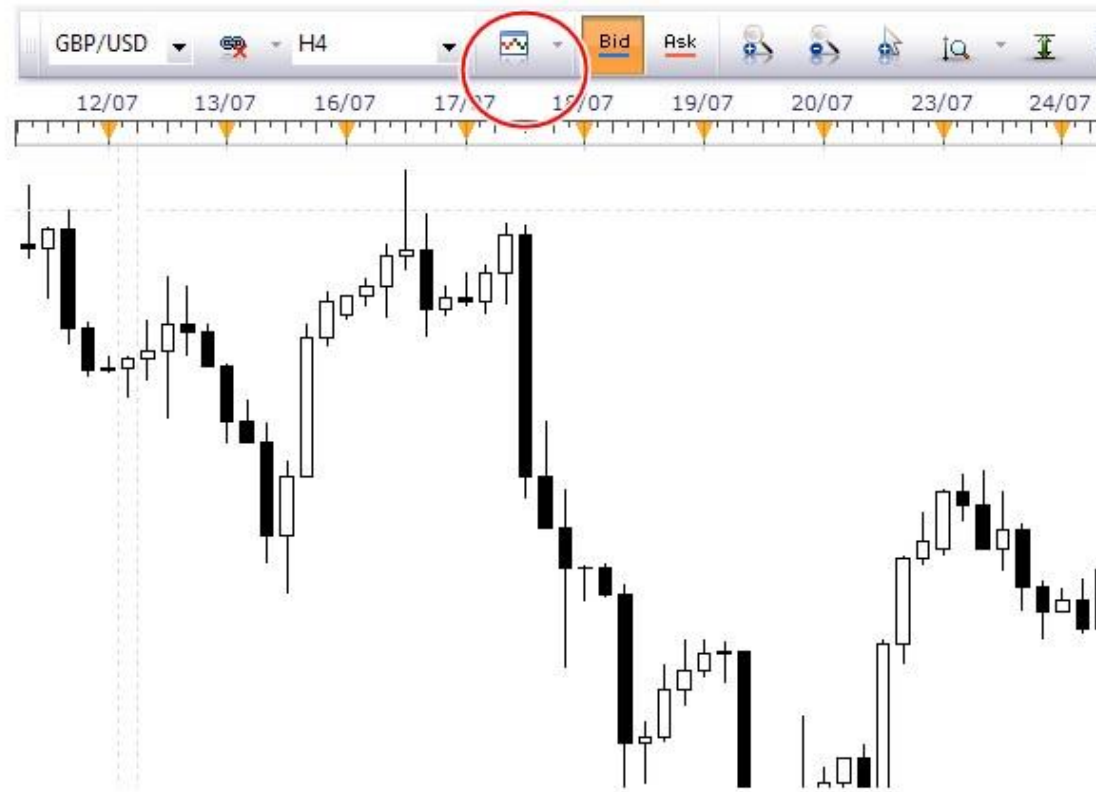
During our 21 trade winning streak earlier this year, the above system would have won all 21 trades with a net total of 2100 pips gained. The above trading system is only a basic system to get you started and I would encourage you to make modification to fit your own trading style, maximize gains and limit losses. While the above system has worked in the past there is no guarantee it will work in future trades so use at your own risk

Good luck and let me know how you do and what modifications have worked for you

FXCM:

You can either put your cursor over the last 4H candle for the day and click left button and a box will open with all the data.

Or if you want the data as a table then click the button in the red circle here:



Select "table" and the chart will reopen in table form and you can pick the close for the last 4H session of the day as follows:

The screenshot shows the FXCM trading interface with the data table for GBP/USD on an H4 timeframe. The 'Table' button is highlighted in the top toolbar. The table displays the following data:

Date	GBP/USD(...	GBP/USD(...	GBP/USD(...	GBP/USD(...	MVA(GBP/USD.Close,200)
09/08/2018 20:00	1.28481	1.28518	1.28348	1.28439	1.3130
09/08/2018 16:00	1.28941	1.28952	1.28432	1.28481	1.3132
09/08/2018 12:00	1.28814	1.28111	1.28688	1.28041	1.3134

In MT4 you can select the "Data Window" from the "View" menu on the main toolbar. Hold your cursor over the appropriate 4H bar and the data will appear in the data window:







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You mention about paying attention at the 200 ma, what about the 34 one?

The 34 ma you see on my Daily chart is a proxy for the 200ma on the 4hr chart, I watch price action in relation to the 200ma on the Daily, 4hr and 1hr chart. I could add a 7 day ma to my daily chart as a proxy to the 200 ma on the 1hr chart but then the chart starts to get to busy, I might just take that 34 ma down as it just confuses everyone



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NormanA:

In your former thread, you wrote that one of your resolutions for 2016 was that you need to "place stop loss wide enough not to be prematurely taken out of trade."

OK, but do you trail your stops? If so, how?

Thanks,  
Norm

I could do a thread on just Stop orders, they can do a lot of harm to an account if not used properly and most traders don't. You think you are safe with a 50 pip stop loss, then a big news event hits, price gaps lower and you are out of the trade not at -50 pips but at -200 pips. only to see price come back later in the day but your loss is locked in.

Personally I manage risk with position size not stop loss orders, once I am up say 100 pips I will use a break even stop loss, I also use limit sell orders to take profits when those gaps go in my direction. Trailing stops to lock in profits is fine, I don't use them, most of the time I will exit a bad trade manually, but this takes discipline



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**P** PipPhil:

Hi Dennis, I know you trade for as long as possible but if I saw a 200 pip profit reduced to 100 pip profit I wouldn't be too happy. Have you got any decent exit strategies that would work well for holding the trade for a longer period?

Take profit using a limit order for 100 or 200 pips in half your position and left the rest run setting a limit order of 500 or more pips and a break even stop. You can always take profit at anytime you don't have to wait for a limit or stop to be hit, but if you find the ups and downs of the market are making you crazy then you might be better served to set your stops and limits then not look at the charts for a few days.