

Open & Set-up Your Simulated Trading Account

Once you get into the training, you will want to set up your free, no-risk simulated trading account. These are sometimes called demo or paper trading accounts.

The trading platforms looks and behaves exactly like a live trading account and uses real stock prices.

When you set up your account you will be asked to decide how much pretend money you would like to load into it. The choice is yours, go for \$1Million if you wish or put a realistic figure in that is going to make if feel more like the live account you may decide to open – once you are happy that you are ready for that!.

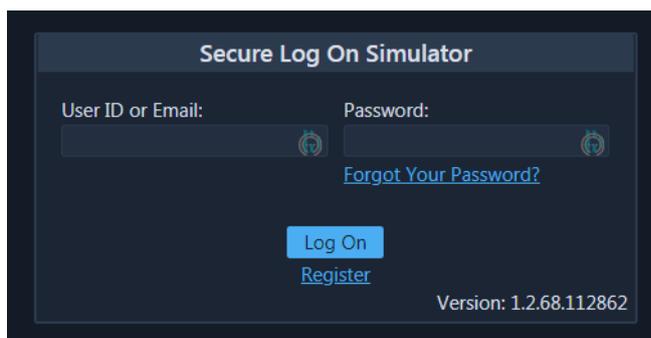
Remember, like learning to drive, you learn a lot more when operating alone in real world conditions. When our hard-earned cash is at risk we tend to be a lot more careful!

There are two stages to this document. The first is setting up your account and the second is putting in the indicators to get the same information that we use personally, and in our investment clubs, to trade the US stock and options markets.

1. Opening an AlphaPlan Demo Trading Account

Navigate to <https://demo.alphaplan.us>

You will arrive at a screen that has this panel at its centre:



Next, click on the "Register" button and you will be taken to a registration form:

Simulator Account Registration

Personal Information

First Name *	Middle	Last Name *	Suffix
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Residence Address (Street Address - No P.O. boxes allowed) *

Country *	State *
<input type="text" value="United States"/>	<input type="text" value="Select State..."/>

City *	Postal Code / Zip *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Primary Phone *	Secondary Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Account Information

User ID *	Email *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Password *	Confirm Password *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Secret Question *	Answer *
<input type="text" value="Select the Secret Question"/>	<input type="text"/>

Please tell us about yourself

Industry
<input type="text" value="Broker"/>

How did you hear about us?
<input type="text" value="Friend"/>

Please describe in a few words your interest in Planner Securities

Complete the form, click the submit button. You will then see the following screen:

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Planner Securities

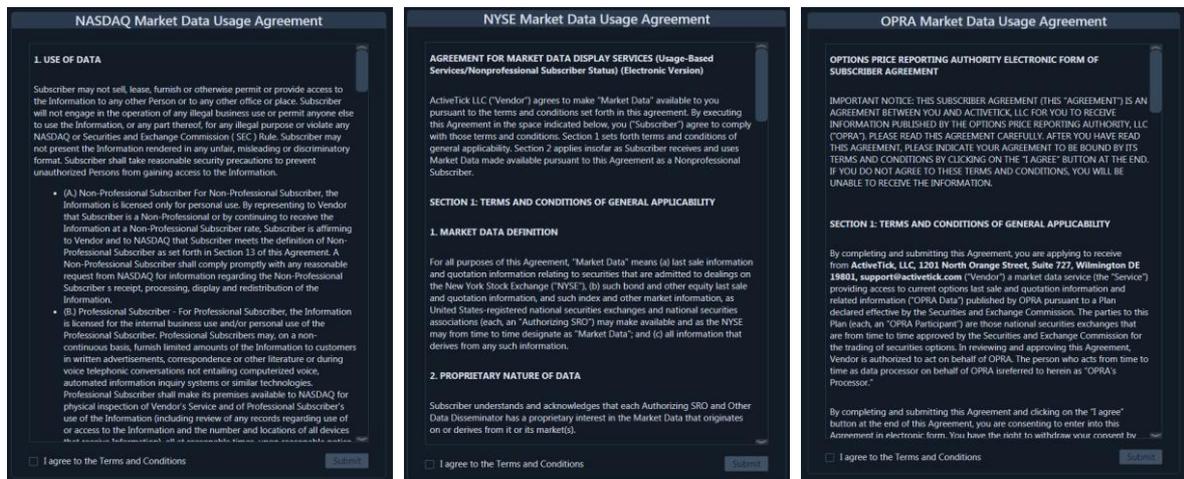
You have successfully completed registration.

With **Planner Securities**, you are able to:

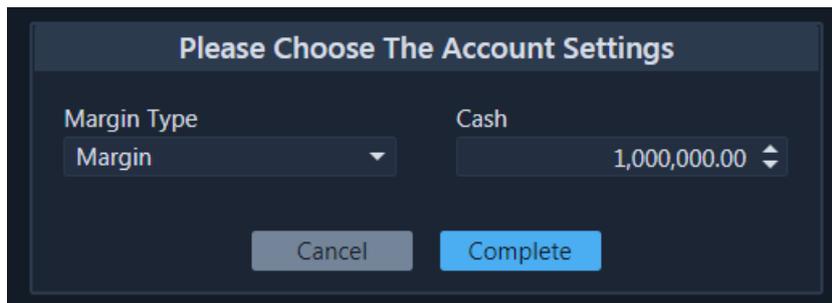
- Trade stocks and options
- Analyze markets with real-time charts with technical indicators
- View option chain with probability calculator
- Monitor orders and positions
- Read real-time news
- Use and customize layout and widgets

[Click here to start using Planner Securities](#)

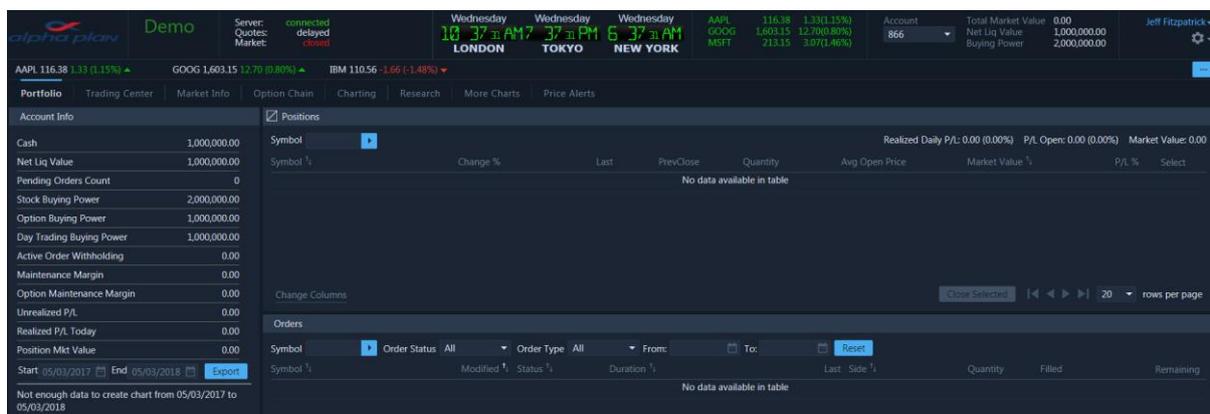
Click on the blue panel to start using "Planner Securities". You will then be asked to agree with three sets of terms and conditions. Go through them and, if you accept them, click each of the "agree" boxes and submit them.



You will then be shown the following screen. On the drop-down menu select "Margin" as the type of account. Although we don't use margin, you will need this type of account to be able to trade options. Then adjust the amount of money that the account will open with, to suit what you want.



Press the "complete" button and you are done. The next screen you see will be the trading screen that is familiar to you from our club trading.

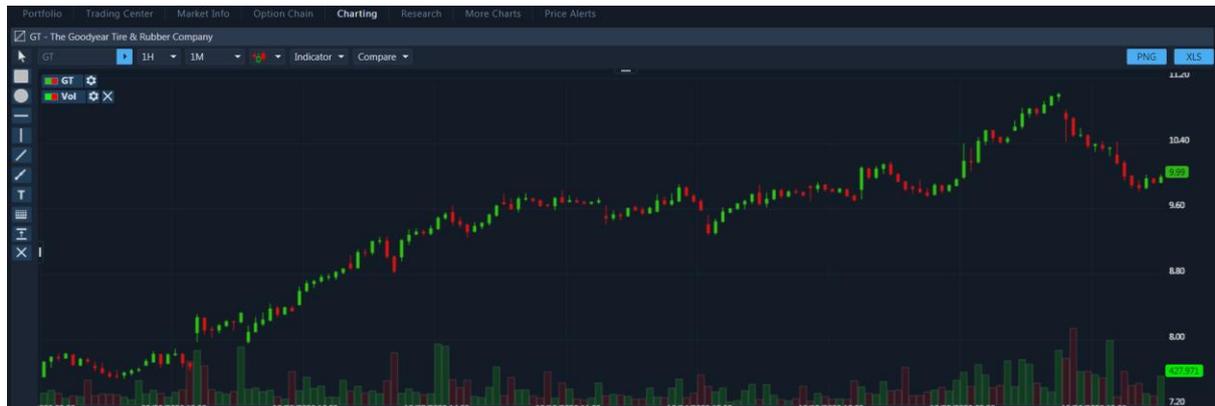


2. Setting up your demo trading account.

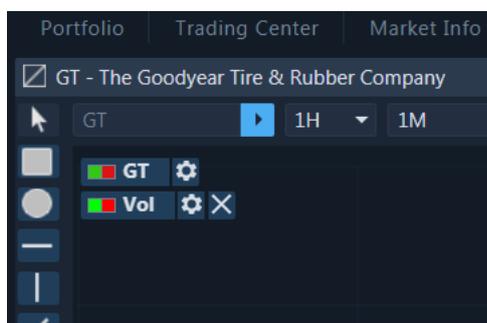
Having got your trading platform, we now need to customise it. We will put some stocks in and some indicators.

First use the navigation bar to go to "Charting". Then choose a stock ticker symbol to work with. I have use GT (Goodyear Tire & Rubber).

I replaced the default ticker symbol GOOG (Google) and the screen looked like this:



The bar chart at the foot of the screen indicates the net volume of shares bought or sold on each period. You don't need this at present so use the X to delete it.



To use alternative colours, instead of red and green for the candlesticks, click on the cog next to the ticker symbol, in this case GT.

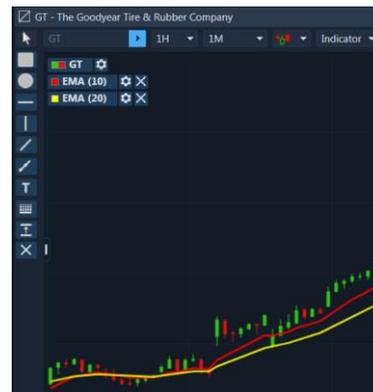
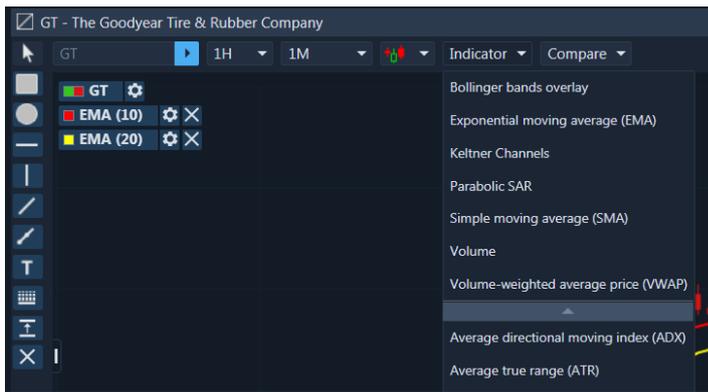
We want to add three indicators:

- a) 10 day and 20 day moving averages.
- b) MACD
- c) RSI

Use the drop-down menu entitled "indicator" to put these in place.

First select "Exponential Moving Average". As we want to show both a ten and a twenty-day moving average line you will need to do this twice.

Use the cogs to change the colour of the ten-day line to red and to change the other line to a twenty-day line in yellow.



Next, we want to use the indicator drop down menu again to add the MACD indicator.



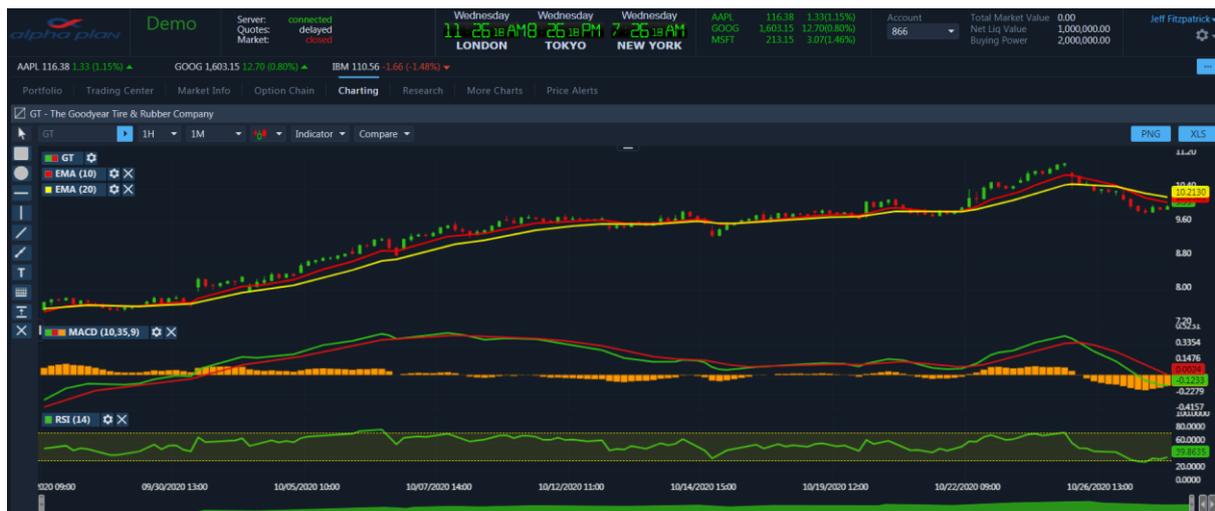
Notice that the default parameters for the MACD are (12,26,9). Use the cog to adjust these to (10,35,9)



Finally, we want to add the RSI (Relative Strength Indicator) indicator. Again, we use the indicator drop-down menu. Use the cog to change the default setting of 10 to 14.



At the end of all of this your screen should look like this:



You may now want to build a watch-list. That is done on the “Market Info” tab.

So, let us now buy some shares and sell some covered call options! That is done on the “Trading Center” tab.

The AlphaPlan full user guide is available to download from the [Http://myinvestmentclub.co.uk](http://myinvestmentclub.co.uk) website.