

Learning TradeStation  
**News, Time & Sales, Research, Browser, and  
Ticker Bar**



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Welcome to the Learning TradeStation series. The main topics in this lesson are included below for your easy reference, and the complete links for more features are available in the TradeStation® platform help system.

To access the topics directly on your desktop, navigate to the top Menu bar within the TradeStation platform, then select **Help > Get Help > Platform Trading**.

### *News, Time & Sales, Research, Browser, and Ticker Bar*

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## About the News Window

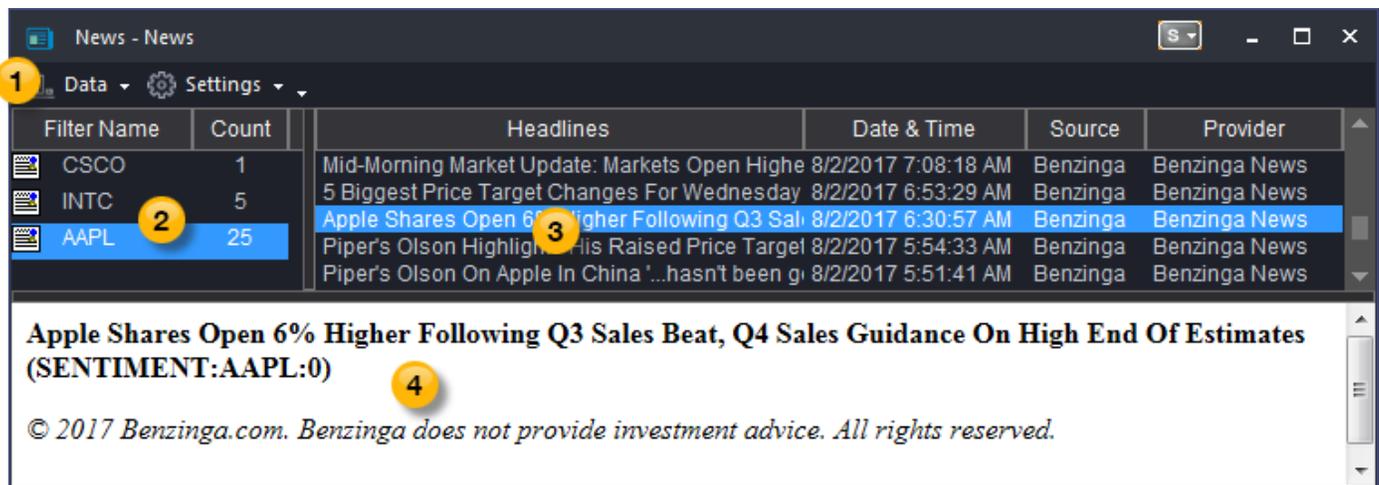
The TradeStation News window provides in-depth coverage of news stories from the most respected sources. Following real-time events and viewing historical news stories may help you to understand influences on stock prices and movements. You can create custom filter criteria that are based on news categories and sources.

► Create a News window by clicking the **News** icon on the **Apps** tab, then select the desired news filter and click **OK**. A new News window is displayed.

 VIDEO - The News Window

## Layout

The News window uses an easy-to-read, three-pane layout.



**1 Toolbar** - Provides drop down menus that control the features and settings of the window.

**2 Filter Pane** - Used to add one or more filters that determine the symbols for which you want to display news.

The Filter Pane is located in the upper left-hand corner of the News window and displays the Filter Name and Count columns. The Filter Name column contains the name(s) of the news filter you added to the active News window. News filters types can be selected using the Filter Pane **Data > Add News Filter menu** sequence, and checking one of the following:

- All Headlines
- Symbol
- Symbol List
- Keyword

For each news filter, the number of stories is displayed in the Count column and can be customized. Along with each filter name type, an icon is associated with that item for easier viewing. The Filter Pane can be sorted alphabetically by selecting a filter, and using the shortcut menu.

The Filter pane is a powerful search tool which allows you to search for the news that matters to you most. Search by symbol, keywords (such as "mergers"), or logical expressions (such as "analysts ratings"). It even allows you to set alerts on your searches. There are a variety of filters that you can use so that you can find stories that interest you the most. You can also

apply alerts to the filters so you receive notification of new headlines. The Filter Pane can not be deleted from the News window.

To remove a news filter from the Filter pane, select the desired news filter to remove, and press the **DELETE** key. The news filter is removed from the Filter pane.

### 3 **Headlines Pane** - Displays the headlines associated with the selected filter.

The Headlines Pane is located on the top right-hand corner of the News window, and contains the news stories for the selected news filter in the Filter pane. By default, Headlines, Date & Time, Source, and Provider columns are displayed.

To sort a Headlines Pane by columns, click on the desired column heading (for ascending or descending order). Headlines are sorted by the Date & Time column, by default. Within the Headlines pane, you can customize the [columns](#) and [window](#).

There are two ways to display a headline story:

To display the headline story in the Story pane, select the desired headline from the Headlines pane.

To display the headline story in the News Story window, double-click on the desired headline. The selected headline will be displayed in the News Story window. A toolbar is shown allowing you to save, print, search for keywords within the news story, and [customize](#) the window.

In addition to opening a headline story from the News window, a new story can be displayed from the [news alert](#).

### 4 **Story Pane** - Displays the text of the story associated with the selected headline..

The Story Pane is located on the bottom portion of the News window, and contains news stories for the selected headline. Hover over any symbol in the story pane, and TradeStation's ActiveQuotes Tool Tips provides an up-to-the-second quote showing last, net change, high, and low price information.

Story panes can be either displayed in the News window or hidden to maximize space within the window by using the **Settings > Story Pane** menu sequence.

You can search for words in the selected headline's story pane, by selecting the Find item on the shortcut menu. This will save time in searching for something specific of interest to you. In addition, you can save and print the selected news story using the shortcut menu.

## How do you use it?

You can add the type of news filter you want from the [News Filter](#) dialog. There are several types of news filters to use and you can have multiple news filter types in a News window.

Once you have decided the type of news filter for the News window, you can [customize](#) the News, Headlines, and Story panes by creating alerts, customizing the historical headlines you display, and linking symbol filters to other TradeStation windows. All this can be done when opening a News window, the menu bar, or using the [shortcut](#) menu once the News window is launched.

In addition, you can [create a copy](#) of the original News window. This feature is a time saver, allowing you to make updates you may want to have, yet keeping the original News window intact.

## Related Topics

[Customizing News Settings](#)

## About the Time & Sales Window

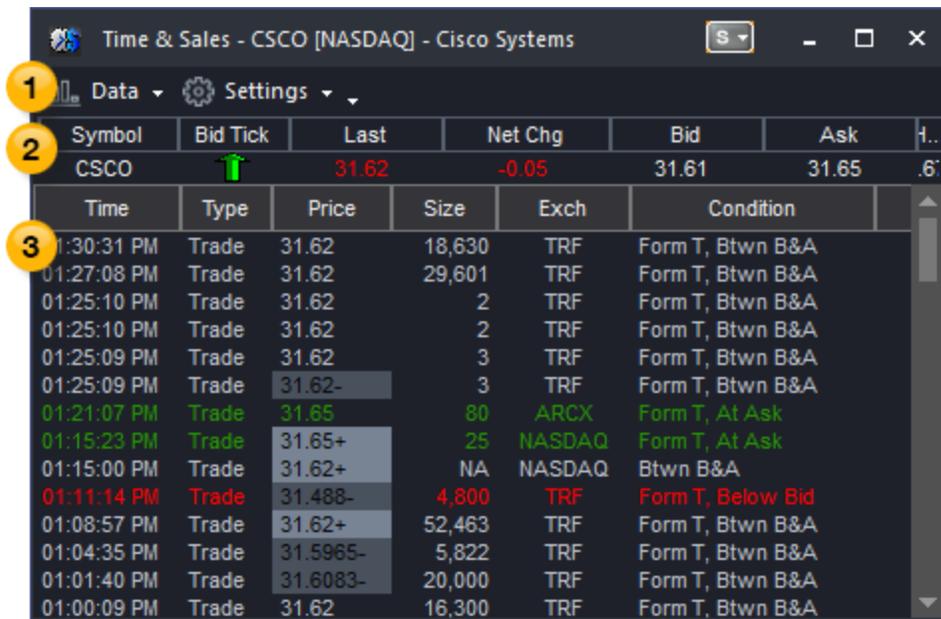
In the Time & Sales window you can monitor Level I trades in real time, as well as changes in the best [bid](#) and best [ask](#) prices. Level I trades are the actual trades taking place for a specific security. The Time & Sales window supports data for stocks, stock options, indexes, index options, forex, futures, futures options, and funds. You can display either real-time or historical data.

If you choose real-time data, you can display a certain number of ticks, a certain time period (in minutes), or all ticks recorded for the day. If you choose historical data, which is useful for examining the history of a security, you can display tick data recorded for a specific day or for a specific day and time period (up to 5 days back). The Time & Sales window can also help you gauge the support and resistance of certain price points in addition to the volume behind each trade. For these reasons, this window is often used in conjunction with the Market Depth window.

▶ To create a Time & Sales window, click the **Time & Sales**  icon on the **Apps** tab. A new Time & Sales window is displayed.

 VIDEO - Time and Sales

### Layout



Time	Type	Price	Size	Exch	Condition
01:30:31 PM	Trade	31.62	18,630	TRF	Form T, Btwn B&A
01:27:08 PM	Trade	31.62	29,601	TRF	Form T, Btwn B&A
01:25:10 PM	Trade	31.62	2	TRF	Form T, Btwn B&A
01:25:10 PM	Trade	31.62	2	TRF	Form T, Btwn B&A
01:25:09 PM	Trade	31.62	3	TRF	Form T, Btwn B&A
01:25:09 PM	Trade	31.62-	3	TRF	Form T, Btwn B&A
01:21:07 PM	Trade	31.65	80	ARCX	Form T, At Ask
01:15:23 PM	Trade	31.65+	25	NASDAQ	Form T, At Ask
01:15:00 PM	Trade	31.62+	NA	NASDAQ	Btwn B&A
01:11:14 PM	Trade	31.488-	4,800	TRF	Form T, Below Bid
01:08:57 PM	Trade	31.62+	52,463	TRF	Form T, Btwn B&A
01:04:35 PM	Trade	31.5965-	5,822	TRF	Form T, Btwn B&A
01:01:40 PM	Trade	31.6083-	20,000	TRF	Form T, Btwn B&A
01:00:09 PM	Trade	31.62	16,300	TRF	Form T, Btwn B&A

 A maximum number of 10,000 items may be displayed from the first requested date and/or start time.

**1** **Toolbar** - Provides drop down menus that control the features and settings of the window.

**2** **Quote Bar** - Displays only the best Bid and best Ask data for a symbol.

This information is also known as Level I data. The default layout includes the following information for each symbol: Bid, Last, Net Chg, Open, High, Low, and Close. You can choose which columns to display in the Quote Bar and the order in which they are displayed. For more information, see [Customizing Time & Sales Columns](#).

 Use the **View > Quote Bar** menu sequence to toggle the display of the Quote Bar. A check mark appears next to the

Quote Bar menu item to indicate that it has been selected for display.

**3 Detail Pane** - The Detail pane shows time stamped quotes for each type of market event.

This provides detailed information in a column format: Time, Type, Price, Size, Exchange, and Condition. The most current market activity is shown in the top row. A new row is displayed for each trade, or when the price or volume of the best Bid or best Ask changes. Each event is displayed as a different color for easier viewing, as shown in the picture above.

 For Forex quotes, a referred value in the Condition column indicates that the price is provided for reference only. [Referred quotes](#) are ignored by TradeStation and cannot be used by TradeStation to trigger activation rules, strategies, stops, limits, or any other price based trade.

## Related Topics

[Changing the Symbol in a Time & Sales Window](#)

[Refreshing TradeStation Windows](#)

[Saving a Window](#)

[Saving a Window/Workspace as a Picture](#)

Customize Symbol (Time & Sales)

[Customizing Time & Sales Columns](#)

## About the Browser

You can use the Browser window to access the Internet within TradeStation. You can open one or more Browser windows and save them within your workspace just as you would any other window.

TradeStation also provides quick access to symbol information using Research Links.

- ▶ To create a Browser window, click the **Browser**  icon from the **Apps** tab, or use the Main **File > New Application > Browser** menu sequence. A new Browser window is displayed.

The Browser includes all basic web functionality. You can navigate to web sites by entering the appropriate web address in the URL address box. Your addresses are saved in a drop-down list, so that you have easy access to them if you want to return to a previously visited site.

There are several ways to navigate within a Browser window. You can use any of the following options:

- [Address Box](#)
- [Links](#)
- [Search](#)

### Related Topics

[Using Research Links](#)

[About Windows](#)

## About the Research Window

The Research window displays company research and fundamental data for a symbol. When you open a new Research window, it is automatically based on the currently selected symbol in the active window. If there is no symbol currently selected in the active window or no active window in your workspace, the most recent symbol specified in the Command Line is used. You can use the Command Line to change the symbol after you have opened the new Research window or enter a symbol name into the Symbol box of the Research window. For more information on using the Command Line, see [About the Command Line](#).

► To create a Research window, click the **Research**  icon from the **Apps** tab, or use the Main **File > New Application > Research** menu sequence. A new Research window is displayed.

 **VIDEO - The Research Window**

### Overview

The Research window contains tabs located near the top of each page that link to each research page.

Research window pages include:

- Highlights
- Profile
- Valuation
- Profitability
- Capitalization
- Quarterly Results
- Financial Strength
- Industry Comparisons

### Change Research Symbol

You can quickly change the symbol in a Research window using the [command line](#) or by entering it into the Symbol box of the Research window.

► To change the symbol in the Research window, enter the symbol in the Research window's Symbol box and press **ENTER**.

### Related Topics

[Creating a SmartLink \(Custom Research link\)](#)

[Deleting a Research Link](#)

[Printing Windows and Documents](#)

[IRL \(Internet Research Link\)](#)

[About Windows](#)



## About the TradeStation Ticker Bar

The TradeStation Ticker Bar allows you to keep track of what is going on in the market by offering real-time quotes & news headline updates. When launching the TradeStation Ticker Bar, the Hot Lists ticker automatically displays, and updates the ranking of symbols every 30 seconds. Once the TradeStation Ticker Bar is launched, the News and Quotes tickers can be added and customized to the Ticker Bar for your personal preference.

Since the TradeStation Ticker Bar is considered its own separate TradeStation window, it does not contain menu bars or toolbars. The Ticker Bar depends on the TradeStation Network as its data source, and runs independently of the TradeStation Desktop, so it can be used without opening the platform. In order to run the Ticker Bar independently, it is necessary to log into the TradeStation Network if the platform is not running. When working offline, tickers display data stored in the computer's cache. However, if you create a ticker while offline, the ticker will not display anything until you are connected to the TradeStation Network again.

- ▶ Open the TradeStation Ticker Bar by using the desktop **File > New Application > Ticker Bar** menu sequence. By default, the Ticker Bar displays across the bottom of the screen.
  - The Hot Lists ticker is displayed in the TradeStation Ticker Bar. Using the [shortcut](#) menu, select **New Ticker > Quotes News** or **Hot Lists** to display the desired ticker bar.
  - To delete a ticker, use the shortcut menu, and select Delete Ticker. The selected ticker will be removed from the TradeStation Ticker Bar.

### How do you use it?

Creating and customizing the ticker bar settings is done from the shortcut menu. You can change the ticker bar display settings by adding/removing tickers and [ticker fields](#), modify [general](#), [font](#) and [color](#) settings, and [float, dock, or auto hide/auto-close](#) the ticker bar. When you see a ticker scroll by that interests you, double-click the desired symbol or news story to open a Quick Quote or News window. In addition, you can control the [speed and direction](#) of the ticker.

### Tickers

Ticker is a term we use in today's industry, which comes from the ticker tape machine that was invented in the 1800's. 'Tick' derives from the tapping or ticking sound the machine made, and 'tape' comes from the type of narrow paper used that the 'tick' was printed on. In the 1900's, ticker symbols were created to represent an abbreviated company name. Ticker machines became obsolete in the 1960's when the technology of computer networks evolved. The information that ticker tapes displayed in the past remains the same today.

Tickers convey a unique set of characters that are used to identify the stock symbol for a company. The stock symbol is usually an abbreviation of the company's name. Stocks showing trades that are higher than the previous day's close are displayed in green. Trades lower than the previous day's close are shown in red, and stocks that remained unchanged are blue or white.

### Hot Lists Ticker

The Hot Lists ticker is the default for the TradeStation Ticker Bar. It displays the top securities that meet a specific set of criteria, such as the highest volume of trades within a certain exchange. Hot Lists tickers display the same information that you can get in a Hot Lists window but in a scrolling ticker format. Hot Lists tickers are updated every 30 seconds; this includes all price information as well as the rank order. For more information, see [About the Hot Lists Window](#).

TradeStation offers Hot Lists tickers based on the AMEX, ARCX, Nasdaq, and NYSE in combination with popular market activity lists. A label noting the exchange and activity list that a Hot Lists ticker is based on is displayed at the beginning of the list.

## Quotes Tickers

Quotes tickers offers real-time quote information such as last price, net change, and total volume. When you add the Quotes ticker to the TradeStation Ticker bar, you will be prompted to search or add individual symbols, or use one of the industry standard or index lists included with TradeStation, or use your own custom symbol list.

🔗 Every five minutes, Hot Lists and Quotes tickers display your connection status to the TradeStation Network. It is shown as either Online with a green light or Offline with a red light. The SmartLaunch feature is available from the Hot Lists and Quotes tickers so you can quickly create other windows, such as a Chart Analysis, Market Depth, Matrix, etc., for the selected symbol.

## News Tickers

News tickers provides a way to monitor real-time headlines from multiple news sources. Once you add the News ticker to your TradeStation Ticker bar, you will be prompted to select all headlines for the current day, by symbol or symbol lists, or use a keyword from the [News filters](#) dialog.

The headlines are color-coded to indicate if the headline is scrolling by for the first time (indicated by a blue dot) and if you have read the story (indicated by a gray dot). Unread stories are shown in white text, while stories that you have read are displayed in gray text. You can modify the colors used to indicate read/unread stories by using the color and font settings.

If you want more information about a news story in the News ticker, double-click to open it, and the TradeStation News Story dialog is displayed. From here, you can copy and paste, save, print, search, and use the customization settings provided in the toolbar.

🔗 Every 60 seconds, News tickers display the name and type of News filter that you are using. News tickers also display your connection status to the TradeStation Network. It is shown as either Online with a green light or Offline with a red light.

## Related Topics

[Adding Ticker Bars](#)

[Customizing Ticker Settings](#)

[Saving a Hot Lists Ticker Template](#)

[Displaying Tickers in the Same Row](#)