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Thread: [Answering stock questions](#)

thales - April 14, 2016, 5:49 pm

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ammaappa - April 15, 2016, 10:16 am

How many hours do you spend each day?

thales - April 15, 2016, 10:19 am

(Apr 15, 2016 10:16 AM)ammaappa Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How many hours do you spend each day?Doing what? Researching?

ammaappa - April 15, 2016, 10:24 am

(Apr 15, 2016 10:19 AM)thales Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Doing what? Researching?

Yes, researching/analyzing. How many hours did you spend when you started, and how about now?

Mr.Peanut - April 15, 2016, 10:26 am

(Apr 14, 2016 05:49 PM)thales Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Been trading for 5 years now. 25%+ return each year. Answering any questions you have. Let me know.

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- What do you feel you're lacking that could take you to the next level of trading, and making more money? (ex. software, more money to invest, more time)

thales - April 15, 2016, 11:11 am

(Apr 15, 2016 10:24 AM)ammaappa Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, researching/analyzing. How many hours did you spend when you started, and how about now?When I started I maybe spent an hour a week lmao. Now I spend around 1-2 hours depending on the day.

(Apr 15, 2016 10:26 AM)Mr.Peanut Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) - What is your risk level recommendation for having consistant profits over 10%/year?

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- What do you feel you're lacking that could take you to the next level of trading, and making more money? (ex. software, more money to invest, more time)1. Invest in good blue chip stocks with nice dividends.

2. Read some lessons/tips and practice on trading games. Also do research on different methods and strategies and try to learn about why stocks are changing etc.

3. More money by far would be what i need

gtszzfinest - April 15, 2016, 6:35 pm

What advice would you give to someone worried about the tax implications that comes along with investing? For example, i invested with prosper for a few months but pulled out because i didn't want to needlessly increase my tax liability.

thales - April 15, 2016, 6:38 pm

(Apr 15, 2016 06:35 PM)gtszzfinest Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What advice would you give to someone worried about the tax implications that comes along with investing? For example, i invested with prosper for a few months but pulled out because i didn't want to needlessly increase my tax liability. If you're doing it right you should be making money even with taxes. The primary risk with stocks isn't taxes it's the volatility of the stocks themselves.

K?ng - April 15, 2016, 7:14 pm

(Apr 15, 2016 06:38 PM)thales Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If you're doing it right you should be making money even with taxes. The primary risk with stocks isn't taxes it's the volatility of the stocks themselves.

To add, if you're at a net loss, you can write off a portion of your profits but you will still be taxed on the rest. You can then carry it over to the next year which would then allow you more time to have a net profit. The taxable profit would then be the net profit minus the loss carried over.

There's definitely some more info that may be applicable to people in the US but as I abide by Canadian tax rules, I really don't know much outside of this.

DashieXP - April 16, 2016, 1:48 am

How did you get started

Is Investitopia a good place to start

Gross Profit?

thales - April 16, 2016, 11:13 am

(Apr 16, 2016 01:48 AM)DashieXP Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How did you get started

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Gross Profit? Well my dad was the one who initially taught me the basics. But I started out investing in more blue chip companies like Starbucks, Microsoft, etc back in 2012 and now am investing in etf's, lower-cap stocks, etc. Investopedia is a good place to start yes.

At one point I was at a 310% profit. Right now I'm investing very risky and have lost quit a bit while holding (all planned in a way). I'm down to around a little above 200% profit.

Shakira - April 17, 2016, 6:38 am

I have around 2 million dollars to invest with. Any tips on anything i can do? Good sites to read ect?

thales - April 17, 2016, 11:16 am

(Apr 17, 2016 06:38 AM)Shakira Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have around 2 million dollars to invest with. Any tips on anything i can do? Good sites to read ect? If you're serious, focus on bonds/blue chip stocks with good dividends such as JNJ, Pfizer, Procter & Gamble, Microsoft, etc. You don't need to risk as much if you're investing with a lot of money unless you're feeling super risky. You'll get 5%+ per year just from dividends alone. Forbes and Investopedia are good sites to start out with.

Destri - April 17, 2016, 11:17 am

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thales - April 17, 2016, 11:21 am

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thales - April 17, 2016, 11:33 am

(Apr 17, 2016 11:22 AM)Destri Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah I know that, Don't worry I'm not just basing it off of your opinion, I feel that it is smart to take my gain, which is pretty massive(% wise)True. It's better to be safe than sorry ?

K?ng - April 17, 2016, 11:43 am

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Halving is a good decision, and if it continues the way you expect it to, you can always just increase your position at a later time.

DashieXP - April 17, 2016, 7:39 pm

Tips for a beginner looking to do this full time or make atleast 10k a year doing this?

thales - April 17, 2016, 8:02 pm

(Apr 17, 2016 07:39 PM)DashieXP Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Tips for a beginner looking to do this full time or make atleast 10k a year doing this?You'll know when you're ready. All I can say. Once you have enough experience you'll realize what you need to do to make that much.

DamSon - April 18, 2016, 6:25 am

Do you keep your good dividends paying stocks for long? Or do you sell them when u feel its value is going to go down?

thales - April 18, 2016, 6:42 am

(Apr 18, 2016 06:25 AM)DamSon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do you keep your good dividends paying stocks for long? Or do you sell them when u feel its value is going to go down?Depends. Some stocks I focus just on the value regardless of dividends or not. Others I don't care as much how they do short term but rather worry about their growth long term (5-10 years) and use dividends to my advantage. You kind of need a mix though if you want to be safe. Some examples of nice growth stocks that pay dividends are Microsoft, Johnson and Johnson, Pfizer, etc.

SIM-2998667 - April 18, 2016, 9:25 am

I've been following this guy, Timothy Sykes, he does penny stocks and he seems to have quite a decent amount of students who seem to be earning with penny stocks too, but everyone on here seem to immediately cut Penny Stocks out of the picture and tells you not to touch them. Why is this? If these guys are making quick \$ with penny stocks, why can't I?

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K?ng - April 18, 2016, 10:40 am

(Apr 18, 2016 09:25 AM)Oedipus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I've been following this guy, Timothy Sykes, he does penny stocks and he seems to have quite a decent amount of students who seem to be earning with penny stocks too, but everyone on here seem to immediately cut Penny Stocks out of the picture and tells you not to touch them. Why is this? If these guys are making quick \$ with penny stocks, why can't I?

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What his social media doesn't show are the people that have failed. There are some feeds on his twitter that highlight some losses but they usually end it with "but I made \$xxxx overall". Of course, who wants to have negative feedback tied to their service? Also, the majority of people who step into the world of trading walk away with their accounts empty.

You can make money off penny stocks but it's just so risky and such a small chance, why would you? There are plenty of other alternative routes you could take to achieve your profit goals as well as maintaining proper risk management.

Personal Experience: I've dabbled in penny stocks and depending on what criteria you determine what a penny stock is, it could be $\leq \$5$, \$1, or \$0.01. For simplicity, we'll stay true to the name and have it $\leq \$1$. I did profit overall but out of 10 trades, 7 were losses. I just managed to have the winning trades be able to offset the numerous small losses.

Logic behind personal experience: How about if I only profited in one of those trades? Let's keep it simple and have a 2:1 profit:loss ratio, I would be down \$105 in those 10 trades if I had a trade capital of \$1000. \$1050 if my trade capital was \$10000. Either way, that's a huge loss. How about if I had a 3:1 profit:loss ratio? I would still be down \$90 for every \$1000 I put in. The uncertainty of trading adds a lot of doubts in our minds and we cannot always trade without emotions (even if we wanted to). I could do the math and try to find the most probable way to consistently profit which would be somewhere with a 3:1 P:L ratio and a stoploss @ 10%, stop profit @ 30%. I could also only play momentum and supplement it with sector health and momentum and decrease chances of losing money. The most probable chance would be 70% (with a good error margin) cubed which would allow me to have a ~35% profit probability. In the long run, over the course of a year, I would barely make any profit (akin to programs trading). Of course there are those outliers where they aren't part of the average so they'd either be emptying their accounts or becoming incredibly rich. Chances are though, you won't.

Extra Note: I will be happy to point you a less risky way to trade but since I don't want to steal Thales' thread, just PM me. Thales already knows what and how I trade so he knows what I'll be recommending.

@Jupiter - April 18, 2016, 10:41 am

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K?ng - April 18, 2016, 10:46 am

(Apr 18, 2016 10:41 AM)L?eo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Welll my one question,

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K?ng - April 18, 2016, 12:12 pm

(Apr 18, 2016 11:24 AM)L?eo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) i feel like you want me broke
This is a private method by TrillionaireTrader999.
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thales - April 18, 2016, 1:02 pm

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[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0akBdQa55b4>]

rogelio11 - April 19, 2016, 7:44 pm

is stockrover good to use?

Lewd - April 19, 2016, 7:48 pm

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K?ng - April 19, 2016, 9:19 pm

(Apr 19, 2016 07:48 PM)Lewd Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How would somebody get into this? Or how did you get into it? And what is the best way to go about it to see success.

Educate yourself, practice via papertrading, use a small amount of capital to test the real money market and slowly progress from there.

As for education, that depends on if you want to pay, if you want to do fundamental or technical analysis, and also how much time you're willing to put in. There is no perfect way to trade nor is there a perfect way to educate yourself, the important part is that you educate yourself, practice, educate yourself more, and then practice (cycle repeats until you're ready to trade with real money).

thales - April 20, 2016, 2:48 pm

(Apr 19, 2016 07:44 PM)rogelio11 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) is stockrover good to use?Never heard of it.

(Apr 19, 2016 07:48 PM)Lewd Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How would somebody get into this? Or how did you get into it? And what is the best way to go about it to see success.Do what the user above King said.

rogelio11 - April 21, 2016, 1:28 pm

what stock chart website or software do you use? also what stock screener or analyzer do you use?

thales - April 21, 2016, 3:43 pm

(Apr 21, 2016 01:28 PM)rogelio11 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) what stock chart website or software do you use? also what stock screener or analyzer do you use?stockcharts.com, tradingview.com, yahoo finance, marketwatch.com.

As for stock screeners / analyzers I don't use any. I do it myself.

Sakamoto - April 21, 2016, 3:44 pm

Are you a day trader?

Initial investment?

Where do I start?

thales - April 21, 2016, 3:46 pm

(Apr 21, 2016 03:44 PM)Winter Fox Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Are you a day trader?

Initial investment?

Where do I start?By US law you need to have \$25,000 in equity to execute more than 4 trades (on a certain stock) in a trading week.... so no I'm not a day trader. You can start by researching and learning about the stock market. I recommend investopedia. I started with \$900.

K?ng - April 21, 2016, 8:07 pm

(Apr 21, 2016 03:44 PM)Winter Fox Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Are you a day trader?

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By the way, on top of Thales' info, remember that while equities are T+3, options are T+1. On top of that, if you happen to be Canadian, PDT doesn't apply to you so you can trade as much as you want.

rogelio11 - April 22, 2016, 1:10 am

(Apr 21, 2016 03:43 PM)thales Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) stockcharts.com, tradingview.com, yahoo finance, marketwatch.com.

As for stock screeners / analyzers I don't use any. I do it myself.
nice. thanks for the reply.

got another question..

what is your deepest opinion about ameritrade? :)

Fistsworn - April 22, 2016, 4:54 am

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I mean I'm interested a bit, would like to learn and learned the basic knowledge.
Now for example I want to invest in oil, where do I look/read?

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What other factors should I verify?Read about future growth, earnings, P/E ratios, future products, etc.

As for oil just read articles and different news about it and make an assumption for yourself what will happen. Investopedia is good to learn from.

thales - May 5, 2016, 4:15 pm

Posting to get this some attention. I see people are interested in investing and thought I'd help.

K?ng - May 6, 2016, 4:45 am

(Apr 22, 2016 01:10 AM)rogelio11 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) nice. thanks for the reply.

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I've heard good things about Ameritrade but it really comes down to personal preference. It's by far better than some brokers such as TradeKings imho. Some people can't stand the dated platform of some other providers and absolutely love Ameritrade because of their newer platform. Open an account (it's free) and try it out, if you like it then stick with it. If you don't, move on to the next one on your list.

A few others you can look at:

Interactive Brokers
MBTrading
Light Speed

And for the love of god, AVOID:
QuestTrade (AKA QTard)

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K?ng - May 6, 2016, 5:15 pm

(May 6, 2016 02:18 PM)thales Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I recommend eTrade myself.

Yea, eTrade is a good platform for trading equities. The options costs would really add up though if

trading weeklies. It would really eat up through the profits with that base fee + per contract on top. Other than that, they're a good and reliable broker. Their platform is pretty neat too despite the need to trade frequently or having a large capital before being given permission to use it.

S????i - May 7, 2016, 1:12 am

I'd like to become a Stock Broker in the UK

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Is this the right way to go about things?

Thanks!

K?ng - May 7, 2016, 5:24 am

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Thanks!

There is no perfect nor single "right" way to become a "stock broker". There are definitely ways that are more efficient than others but it all comes down to personal preference and education capital. If you want to become a stock broker in the sense that you trade for an investment company, then a university degree is usually, if not always, desired. You may also need to take an exam to get a certificate which should complement a business degree in finance very well.

If you just want to be a stock broker that is not professional nor certified, then learning it from sources that are not licensed universities or educational institutes is a way as well. However, you have to understand that an investment company will usually not hire you unless you have a great portfolio and/or connections in their administrative ladder.

Valeant - May 20, 2016, 4:48 pm

Okay I'll throw you a softball question for this first one.

If a stock moves up \$2 in 10 days and implied volatility rises 100 basis points, approximately how much will the premium increase or decrease for a call option based on these values:

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And please show the math you used to calculate your answer.

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Thanks!No, it's the wrong way to go about doing things.

First you need to get yourself an Ivy league education, paid for by your father who is a 3rd generation investment banker himself. Next you need to get a pinky ring (though avoid wearing this ring around Americans). Next you need to buy x5 blue and x5 red Ferragamo ties (there are many shades of blue and red). Once you finish your Analyst years, then go out and buy Hermes ties, DO NOT WEAR HERMES AS AN ANALYST. After this, purchase 10 different shades of white and 10 different shades of blue pocketless button down shirts. Next, train yourself to only sleep 3-4 nights a week, remembering that you're basically earning \$10 an hour until you're an Associate. If you make it this far, then the real dick sucking starts.

Also, don't forget that your stock broker job can easily be replaced by a computer that never sleeps and works for the equivalent of the electricity that it takes to be powered on.

thales - May 21, 2016, 1:39 pm

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I forgot to include the answer to my question

First \$1 move = +.52 (Delta)

Second \$1 move = +.57 (Delta + Gamma)

10 Days = -.80 (Theta x Number of days)

Implied Volatility = +.06 (1 percent + .06 vega)

.52 + .57 - .80 + .06 = .35 increase in Premium on the call option.

As for a broker I would use OptionHouse or TD Ameritrade, both platforms were designed for really in depth calculations and strategies.