

Its taken out -9 pips before I even post this message up.

And thats it. I stop.

It is this simple to control your risk and tendency to overtrade.

Also there is no eye popping momentum, no need to over stress and force a position in there.

I will try again at next engulf pattern.

Sincerely,

Graeme

Edit: The golden rule to stacking is that the best opportunities to stack/trade is when you have multiple success in a row. The worst time to trade is when you suffer losses in a row. Take advantage of one scenario but ignore the other.



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Dec 23, 2010 4:58am

[Quote](#)

[Post# 3,808](#)

Tonight it is moving slower than yesterday at US session.

Dont expect much here but that doesnt stop me probing.

Placing one more probe (2nd for today) from 1hr eurUSD

Sell 1.3100, SL above the high 1.3112

A 12 pip probe. This dies and I will walk away and reset price alerts



Nothing really to stress just a normal cruise.

Sincerely,

Graeme



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Dec 23, 2010 5:03am

[Quote](#)

[Post# 3,809](#)

Personal thoughts of current momentum?

Abysmal

Star rating of current trading period?

2 out of 5

What are you anticipating?

1. New 1 hour candle with ema crossed over. If there is a good movement it happens most often just around cross
2. Less than 33% retrace - always best scenario
3. Breaching with momentum 1.3080 which would be the end of this siege for eurUSD. The potential profit is very large if breached.



I love it when it stalls. The inevitable fact that the built pressure will soon explode out with long trend. It increases my heartbeat faster day by day.

Sincerely, Graeme



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Dec 23, 2010 5:19am

[Quote](#)

[Post# 3,812](#)

Its over for this trading period for myself.

There is nothing to trade. No momentum, no confirmation.

You will lose more if you stay and trade at current situation.

This is the point to stop and reset your price alerts.

No one can profit at the moment.

Lost 2 probes and I rarely do 3 attempts.

eurusd 1hr



Sincerely,

Graeme

P.S Setting price alerts @ 1.31275 and 1.3095



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Dec 23, 2010 5:22am

[Quote](#)

[Post# 3,813](#)

[Quoting Rustam](#)

Graeme,

Seeing as there is no momentum, is the 2nd probe still open or do you close it and wait for a better opportunity?

Rustam

Good question.

I dont usually close probes as they are usually less than 10 pips per probe (on average). Perhaps its the wrong mentality to consider them as tissue but I do.

Probing is far more effective than watching raw price fluctuating. Probes that survive bring in the biggest reward as they are in first.

Most importantly please dont sit there and force a position in their to stick. The best time to trade is when you effortlessly stack positions with each position going into profit without much hesitation. That is a 5 star opportunity.

Sincerely,

Graeme

Edit: -20 pips from 2 probes today, london session



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Dec 23, 2010 5:27am

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[Post# 3,814](#)

The reason we are focusing on eurUSD is that most of the traders who do message me are focusing on this pair. It is a universal pair for most.

It might not happen in a day or a week but I will show all to the best of my ability at the least a prolonged growth of few weeks that does create few thousand pip reward at the end. Enough to replenish + add profit into your capital.

The very next movement on eurUSD that does move 300pip+ will be ours.

Let us be patient and await.

Sincerely,

Graeme



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Dec 23, 2010 5:31am

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[Post# 3,816](#)

[Quoting MidKnight](#)

Thanks for the reply Graeme. I'll continue to put effort into finding the right time to trade where I can get multiple successes in a row. You are also right that I am analytical and I know it is more of a curse than a blessing with discretionary trading. My first couple years were filled with trading plans and many many explicit rules. Ironically my trading didn't start to become profitable until I let go and trusted my gut.

Anyhow, thanks again.

With season greetings,
MK

Thank you for your reply, Midknight.

Your input is highly regarded and please dont hesitate to ask anything on your mind. And that applies to every reader as everyone has equal opportunity.

I hope that I can achieve the right demonstration this time to finally know that it was all worthwhile.

Thank you.

Graeme

Edit: I will start answering the PMs from 2 days ago. Apologies for the delay.



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Dec 23, 2010 5:39am

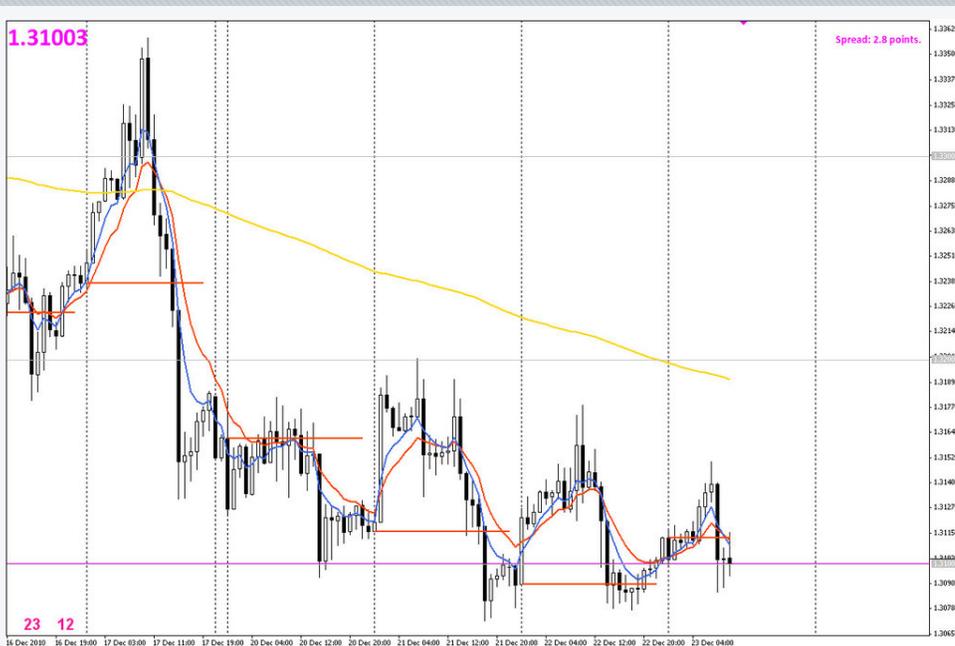
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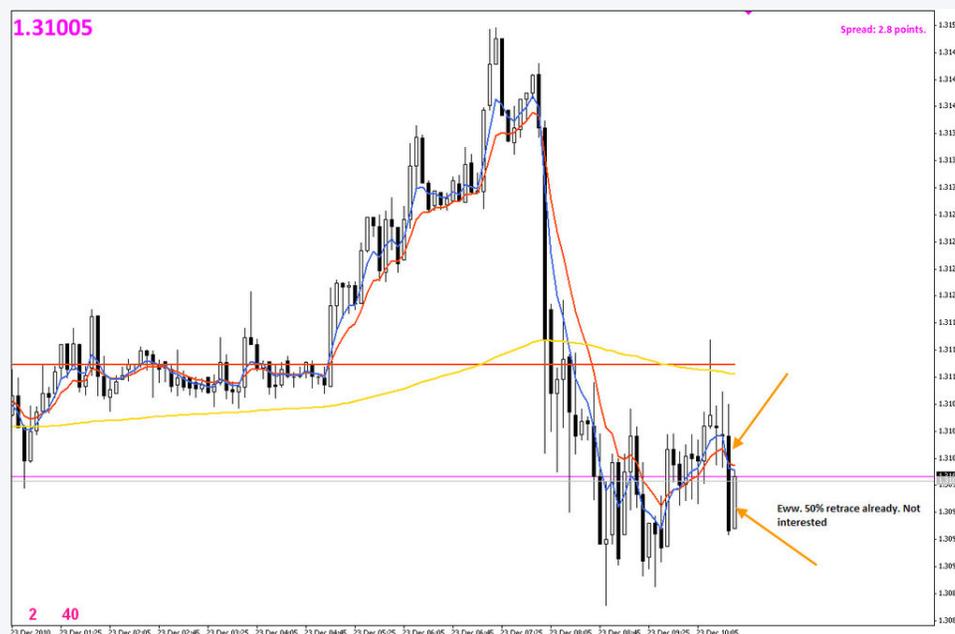
Just about to walk away when I received price alert.

I re open chart to see this in my first view

eurUSD 1hr



eurusd 5min



Abysmal.

No trade. No one can profit from those sudden knee jerk spikes. Useless. The next 5min candle should have less than 33% retrace that buyers find trouble pushing it up anymore. 50% already. No thank you as I know I will lose pips on this.

Resetting price alerts @ 1.30882


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Thank you all for the warm compliments.

I too wish everyone a safe, healthy, loving new year.

Bless you all.

Sincerely, Graeme

P.S Im watching eurUSD. Something is tickling my fancy little bit at the moment but I need more than a tickle for my 3rd probe.


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[Quote](#) [Post# 3,823](#)
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[Quoting MidKnight](#)

Hey Graeme, may I ask why no upside price alert set? I guess you strictly have a short bias at this point, but I thought have an upper point of interest as well.



Please set price alerts and have a break.

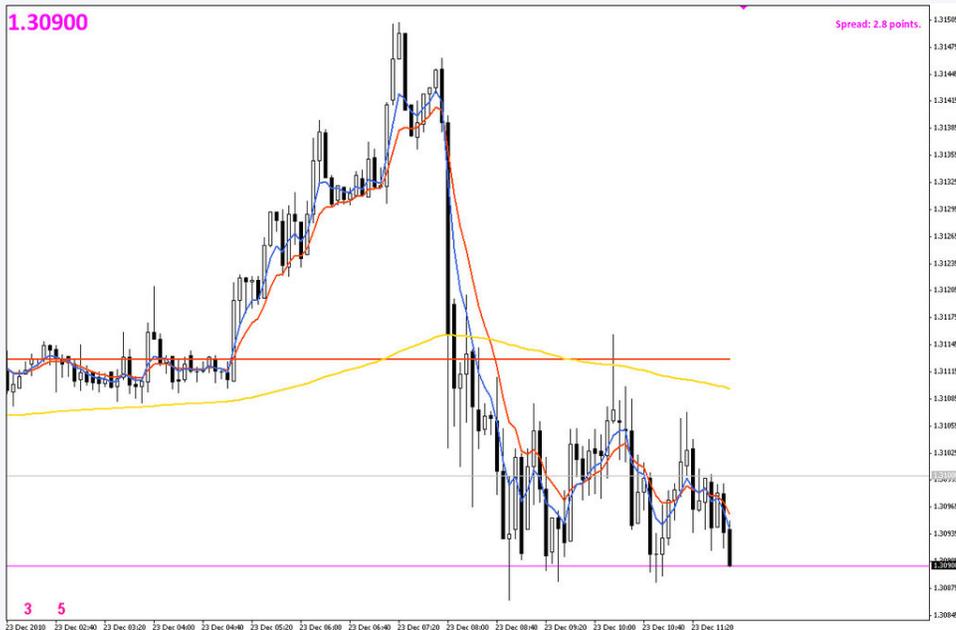
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Dec 23, 2010 6:55am [Quote](#) [Post# 3,828](#)

Now.

Probe in and took pic few seconds after



Based purely on assumption and the imminent breakout

Mental stop loss 1.30959.

Im ready to close this probe the moment it stops flickering near the support


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Dec 23, 2010 6:55am [Quote](#) [Post# 3,829](#)

+10 pip. This could be it gentleman

New 1hr candle coming. Expect the usual retrace on all new candles


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Dec 23, 2010 7:01am [Quote](#) [Post# 3,830](#)

Out. Pic took few seconds of coming out. It was hit and run for myself. -0.9 pips



The good thing is that the pervious 1 hour candle has made a new low. Its still ok.



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Dec 23, 2010 7:06am

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[Post# 3,831](#)

Start probing.

Using SL at high of the new 1hr candle or wait for next 15min candle.



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Dec 23, 2010 7:14am

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[Post# 3,832](#)

This is big or nothing.

Make it into reality.

Im in 1.3088, mental stop loss @ 1.3097



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Dec 23, 2010 7:18am

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[Post# 3,834](#)

[Quoting cameron1st](#)

.3086 for me 😊

Well done.

Hope all readers see the reasons that we are taking this trade. It is no use for me to shout orders. Everything is currently aligned. Reward is big and risk is minimal.

This is one stage where one needs to be bold and test their theory. Probe sticks and its paved gold from here. We are standing at a crucial point.



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Dec 23, 2010 7:21am

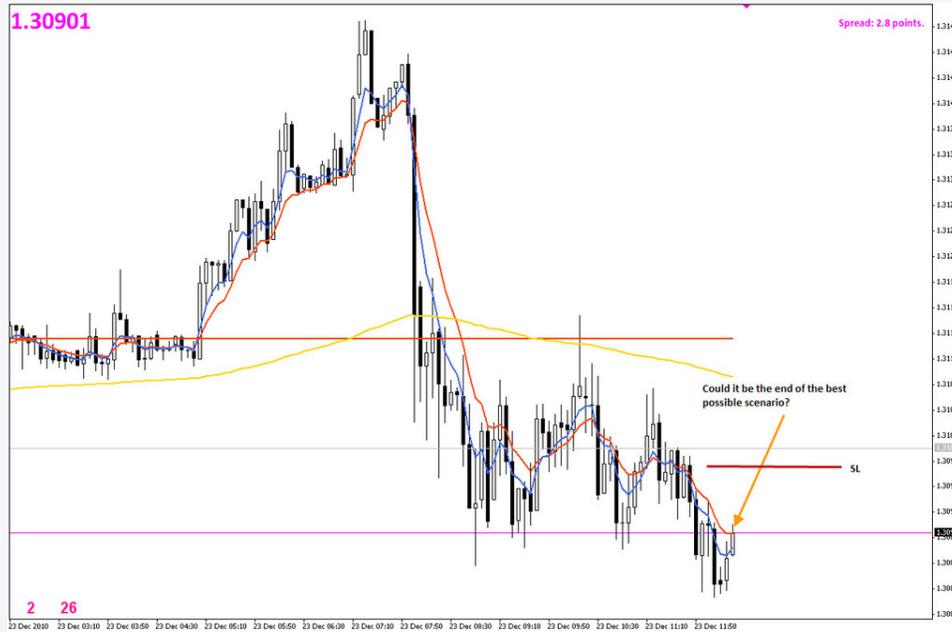
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[Post# 3,835](#)

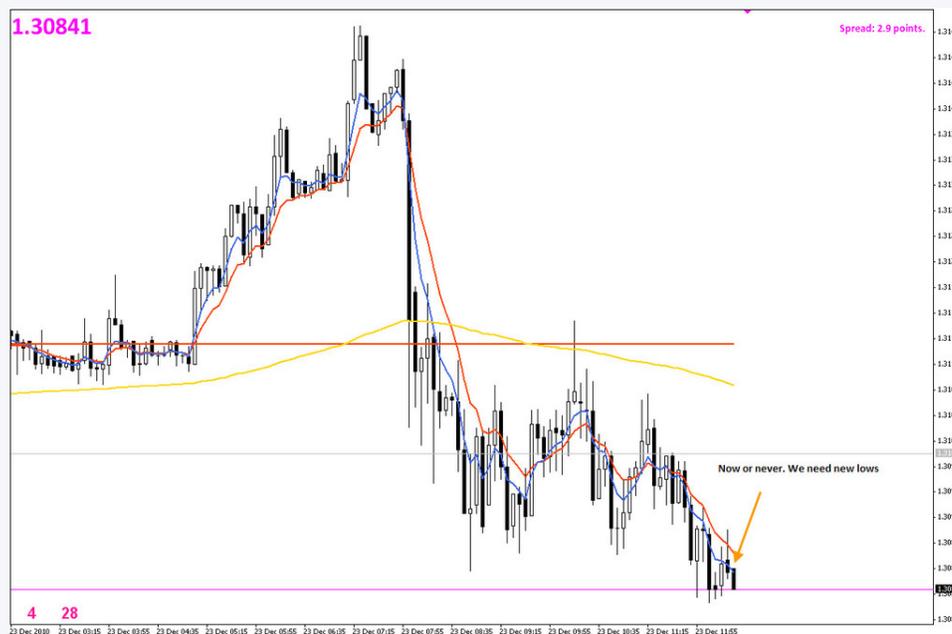
Not the very best signs on eurUSD 5min

Still its worth the risk for the potential reward.

Hold it in and stay in the game and see what the market does



Is the market planning to take another probe?



The price has arrived at an crucial level whether it will break out or not.

For example, if it does break below the support 1.3080 but there is a lack of momentum I would not stack.

The reason is that fickle momentum like this will be **most likely revisited the following day**.

Momentum propels the position into territory that requires a large change in the main trend to have the price comeback.

A good volatile breakout paves the start of a new trend and we are not interested in anything else.

My stop loss was just hit and i am out with -10 pips. 3 probes all failed for myself today. It would now take more than assumption but a hard confirmation for me to trade again.

I would look for entry when bold candles on 5min, 15min, 30min start appearing with less than 33% retrace.

Today I have -30 pip realized loss to my tally.

Someone might wonder why I might not continue to watch and focus.

The simple reason is that there is no need to place myself to force a trade as there are plenty more movements to take advantage of. Constant frequency is the key. Besides if it does breakout with volatile movement there are plenty more opportunities the next day or even next week as a monthly candle has plenty of opportunity holes.

However, I am placing new price alerts but little bit further out.

Sincerely,

Graeme



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Dec 23, 2010 8:03am

[Quote](#)

[Post# 3,842](#)

[Quoting cameron1st](#)

Thank you Graeme, that is a very good lesson on when to slow down with the probing and not overtrade.

Kindest Regards,

Cam

Hello Cameron

Yes. At the moment it is definitely a no trade for eurUSD.

It is impossible to extract profit out of current movement.

Unfortunately, it looks like day 3 for eurUSD for not moving.

That is fine as we have been conservative and the only damage is the few ammos we spent on probing.

In a traders starting phase a selected pair may not move for few weeks. It is the belief in the traders own self that will hold him/her together.

Days like this will most likely have the next day revisit today's price range. If today is destined to have a volatile breakout right after we all turn off the computer, the move will flow into next day and next week and even next month. One of the main reasons why trading longer hours does not increase productivity in forex.

Today wasn't as exciting as yesterday's US session and hope readers are not disheartened but there is nothing one can do to force the market to move.

Good night all Sincerely, Graeme



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Dec 23, 2010 8:20am

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[Post# 3,843](#)

And of course this happens just to embarrass me all together. How rude.

To anticipate for it to happen and then to miss it by few minutes..



Yesterday, I had 3 probes die and I quit trading for the day. This is not from gut feeling but the experience and the simple test I just performed that tells me today is another X. A good series of O is most often moves that are 200, 300+ and start of new direction/trend that can be captured the next 4 hours or the next morning as it will be in a series of other Os.

There is absolutely no reason a trader should be trading consecutive long hours.

In forex, long hours does not increase productivity. But constant frequency in spaced out probing till it does latch on.

Sincerely, Graeme

P.S Today I wont be trading. From what I saw this week, it is another X. If it is a start of a long series of O, I will have more opportunity early next week. Hope this now makes clear sense as to why.

There is always more than 1 bold weekly candle in a trend gentlemen



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Dec 23, 2010 9:11pm

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[Post# 3,858](#)

[Quoting iPlayGames](#)

Dear Mr. Graeme, yesterday was also a hectic day for me. at around 11am FxPro time, I noticed several inside bars across multiple currency pairs. so I decided to send in probes if opportunities should arise, and also try to stack if possible. here is what happened:

USDJPY - 3 probes, all hit be
USDCHF - 3 probes, 2 be, 1 surviving
GBPJPY - 2 probes, all hit be
GBPUSD - 2 probes, all hit SL, lost \$2
EURUSD - 2 probes, 1 be, 1 SL, lost \$1
EURGBP - 2 probes, all hit SL, lost \$2
USDCAD - 1 probe, sl was hit, lost \$1

so all in al it wan` t a successful...

Good attempt.

The only thing you require is to do the same approach when the market is favourable.

Yes, you will get exhausted when you try extracting blood out of stone. Conserve your focus for other needed times.

However, well done. Sincerely, Graeme



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[Post# 3,876](#)

Good evening, all

Hope everyone is enjoying their festive celebration.

There is certainly alot more activity today than compared to monday of last week.

Currently, there is great selling pressure with good momentum on eurUSD, gbpUSD. Weekly retrace has been established and its poised to go down.



Great distances are covered with great momentum. Please dont forget this mantra.

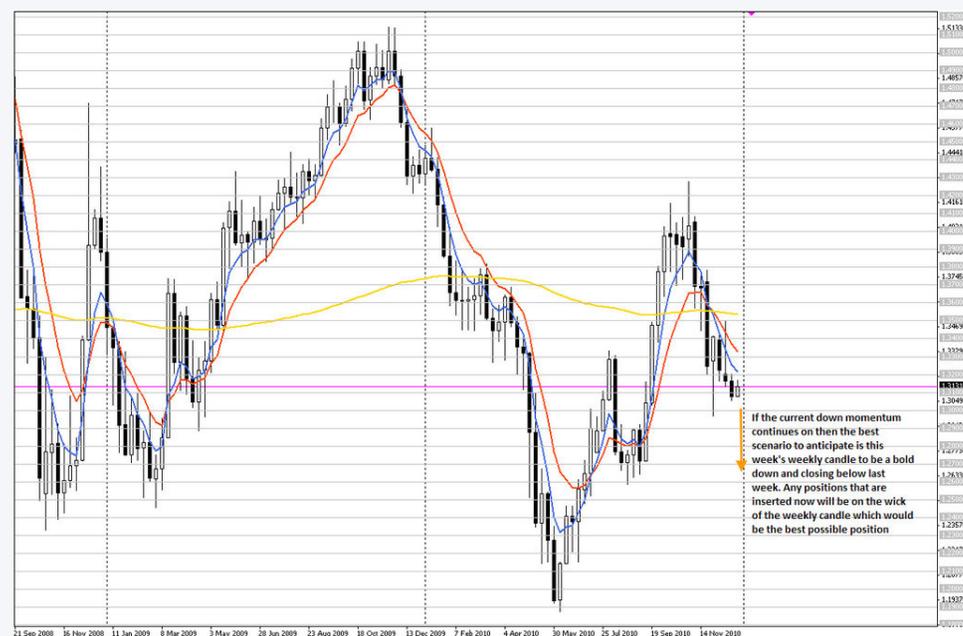
If this momentum is prolonged and continues straight forward until end of the week and also closing below the support of 1.3080 then we are at the area where price will not come back (near the open of weekly candle)

We will never know until we anticipate and participate.

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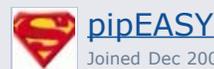
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Looks good on paper. And this is our trading goal for this week for eurUSD. Now the market might not move to our anticipation but if it does it is our responsibility to make it into reality.

Apologies for not replying to any of the private messages as I am currently abroad on a vacation. Will answer them as soon as possible.

Sincerely, Graeme



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Dec 27, 2010 8:39am | Edited at 8:51am

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[Post# 3,878](#)

The usual cycle of my trading habits can be generalised in this sequence:

1. During weekend, best pairs are pre-selected
2. 2 hours before asian open on monday morning, I double confirm the weekend pre-selection are still holding value
3. I place 1 probe straight away for the weeks/months that opens and charges straight forward. This is do or die scenario but brings in excellent reward on the occasion.
4. I watch the retrace of the movement that goes against my hindsight and wait till it starts to lose power.
5. I will probe
6. I will continue to stack until the power of the intended direction dies down/weakens

Best type of weeks are small retraces that are less than 33% or maximum 50%

As long as the week's candle does close as per my hindsight I will definitely have a position or few on the wick.

Sincerely,

Graeme



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Dec 27, 2010 8:38pm

[Quote](#)

[Post# 3,883](#)

Good morning all

Thank you for the warm compliment alpinar.

Great analogy.

Personally I focus on position building so I do keep the whole picture of the movement on my mind.

Due to personal time restrictions, if you wish to observe 1 or 2 hours before london open and then to execute on the 1st hour, yes you can still build positions.

However, you will have:

1. Less number of entry opportunities as it needs to meet with the given time
2. Far greater period of no participation in the market

Not many people who trade 1 or 2 hours at london open will become a position trader as it takes far more persistence than usual. And this is not the case with most traders as they are in a rush to see profit.

Hope this helps.

Midnight - Thank you for the question. Im not sure if any of the readers remember in the earlier part of the thread where I show where I place price alerts during weekend. As a trader with extensive experience, there are certain scenarios where you personally prefer to happen in the market. Some traders have such list from the best to worse and then choose to trade the best only. I am similar however I tend to watch the few pairs and not one.

The pair that I focus most is a pair that had a bold weekly candle that has recently crossed over 5/10ema. This bold weekly candle is a bearish/bullish engulf or pennant breakout or simple resistance or support breakout.

The pair that I least focus is a pair that I already have extensive number of positios that struggled to reach any new highs or lows the previous week. There is no point to add positions into such pair until a new movement occurs.

Now, one of the previous post you asked about trading both side of the direction. You were wondering why, how. I think it is a good time to discuss such matter as the pair we are focusing on is at a level of uncertainty.

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This current up movement could be a short term (1 to 3 weeks) retrace or the start of new trend. Few traders who are trading eurUSD with me currently for now, we will need to patiently wait it out as we are only trading one direction for this particular exercise. Probing only at the new highs where buyers seem to lose power.

For few traders who noticed the up movement from yesterday and think that this is the change of major trend. You could also be correct and im very pleased to see that your analysis has flexibility. **I hope for these traders they would realize why I participate on both side of the movement as the only cost of few probes could result in my participation from very early of the new trend which is at the best possible place to survive.**

And this is happening to current eurUSD as well.

You can fit the above template to any pair over any given period of time.

My personal conceptual trading mindframe.

Sincerely,

Graeme



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Dec 28, 2010 9:36pm

[Quote](#)

[Post# 3,892](#)

Good afternoon, all

Just a quick courtesy message for all.

Im still on vacation and will be returning home tomorrow.

In regards to all traders who are following eurUSD with myself.

Current weekly candle has a very long wick.

We all know what long wicks stand for. Wick is at the top meaning buyers losing power.

It is harder for price to gather strength again just to climb back up to previous high established on the same candle. This applies to any timeframe.

EurUSD, gbpUSD had a whopping down day yesterday.

GbpUSD broke the support and is better scenario than eurUSD.

EurUSD still lingering at 1.3080. Current bullish engulf on 4hr. Buyers are back in control however, tonight at UK/US session if price retest the support get ready to spend few probes under the anticipation 'that it will break that support.' For eurUSD traders, since we are only trading one pair and one direction for this exercise, we need to maintain a greater patience.

gbpUSD traders are at a better position as the monthly candle established retrace and now heading past down opening price of the month.

For the readers who are little confused at current progress, soon we will witness through the efforts of fellow traders at the very least few thousand pip growth. At the end of the exercise, I will request few traders to post their statement live if they dont mind for all readers to analyze their trading pattern.

Apologies I havent been able to answer any PMs.

Sincerely, Graeme

P.S eurUSD, set your price alerts to 1.3090

P.P.S gbpUSD, once buyers lose control, probe and stack again



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Dec 29, 2010 12:43am

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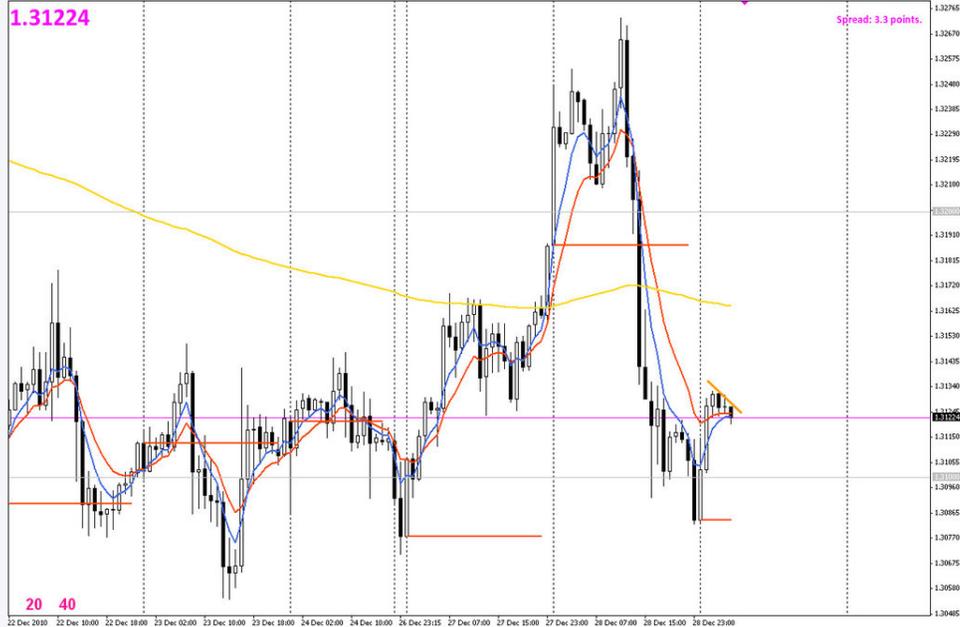
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Showing clear signs of buyers slowing down

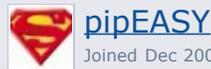
Best time to probe

I see opportuntiy and its getting warmer

All signs show DOWN on eurUSD, gbpUSD



It could be the day we have been waiting for the last 2 weeks.



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Dec 29, 2010 5:32am

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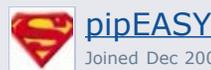
And I hope everyone is catching the move

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Get ready to break that 1.3080 on eurUSD

4hr bearish engulf forming with great momentum



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Dec 29, 2010 7:23pm

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[Post# 3,900](#)

Good morning, all

For the few traders who had positions from the previous day to watch most of them or all of them to be taken out at breakeven yesterday will undoubtedly feel uneasy.

Buyers are back in control and there is nothing we could do.

Hold on and keep faith in your monthly hindsight.

If it doesn't work it was not your fault.

There have been periods of 4 to 6 weeks in the past where a given pair was stuck in a range. We are currently in our 2nd week with eurUSD.

Write down your losses and hold on until the inevitable new move comes along.

The current up trend could be start of a new direction with eurUSD + GBPUSD. We just dont know however for now we are only participating as per our monthly hindsight.

Until eurUSD monthly hindsight changes direction as per our price interpretation we will hold on.

Holding onto your faith especially in trading is not easy and I know it very well.

Sincerely,

Graeme



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Dec 30, 2010 8:06pm

[Quote](#)

[Post# 3,905](#)

Good morning, all

eurUSD, GBPUSD is currently in buyers control

eurUSD had a clean 5/10ema crossover on daily

Today being the last day of december one has to look and analyse what december has become.

For the last 2 weeks we hoped that the eurUSD follow through what november did however it did not work out.

At this point one has to assess what january will be like and its uncertain for eurUSD. There is no clear indication on the monthly chart.

For the last 2 weeks and for the current exercise, we are only participating in one direction and one has to maintain a further patience.

For the traders who are following eurUSD, my suggestion would be to probe only at the new highs when buyers are stalling. Normally when I participate both direction I will probe both the new highs and new lows at stalls. However, please do not deviate from the initial plan and for now attend to one direction.

GBPUSD traders are in a better position than eurUSD.

This is crucial phase of ones trading. Dont try to force a profit to catch up to your realized losses. Must keep level headed and maintain your belief in inevitability.

In regards to probing, it is simply overtrading to be probing all night all day. A simple few probe at new highs and new lows is the best area. And if it doesnt work out, reset price alert and walk away.

Sincerely,

Graeme



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Jan 8, 2011 9:00pm

Edited Jan 9, 2011 1:11am

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[Post# 3,966](#)

Good morning, all

Thank you for the continued interest.

It seems, finally after 2 weeks of waiting our eurUSD has finally made a move for us. And this is one of the inevitability of trading; the fact that the price WILL move sooner or later. Sometimes there are few weeks of range followed by few months of trend, sometimes there are few days of range followed by few weeks of trend. And the longer the stall the further the price will propel after it moves out. How simple is that? **This is the only fact you need to know and act upon.** Recently, I attended an exclusive seminar hosted by a renowned economist. It was a very expensive endeavour and I was looking forward to it. Although there was great detail in his work, it was more damage than help in most peoples mind. You dont need to know every little thing about economy to be profitable trader. Just a sound common sense is all that is required. Some of the items he presented was so high tech, I wondered how on earth traders before the computer era ever made profits..... I got up and left at that point.

Just before typing this message, I did go through the posts and the private messages I have kindly received. Thank you.

And there are few things which concerns me that I would like to address to all.

1. There are some traders who have been following eurUSD trade for the last 3 weeks only to have missed this week as their capital have bust out. One trader has over -1500 pips of losses from stacking since week of christmas. Im sure there are few readers who are guilty of this and nodding in silence. If this is you, then you need to a) pick better times to trade b) stack at better times **c) or learn not to press execute all the time.** From my personal statistics I have never and never will endure more than -300 pips on one given pair for one week.

2. There are some traders who have been following eurUSD trade for the last 3 weeks only to have missed this week because of fear. They suffered 2 weeks of loss and started questioning the whole theme behind the plan they have created. This worries me as there will be times in the market where there will be more than 4 weeks of range followed by few weeks of trend which they will miss out with the wrong mentality (and this applies to the trader 1 above). Furthermore, few have jumped ship onto another pair only to sink there as well. Thats the same as jumping around indicators or systems. Stick to your wife.

3. There are some traders who exited the trade during the week to cover their losses. Nothing wrong from doing that but if this week was the start of something huge, you have hindered your own chance of profiting greater. This trader is similar to the trader 2 above. It is part fear and uncertainty of ones self. If you continue to close out profitable trades to replenish your losses you are more or less chasing your own tail.

I believe that covers most scenarios happening behind the scene.

On a different subject, I would like to discuss everyones excitement. First of all, I greatly appreciate your appraisals and kind words. I read them and even though I dont publically acknowledge them (as to keep this thread as small as possible), I welcome your words in my mind.

Eurusd had a great week and everyone who were participating seems overjoyed with their new few hundred pip unrealized profit. Just what if this week was another range..? I bet the tone and the atmosphere of the latest posts in the thread would be different and at least one private message with the title 'please explain.' There is nothing wrong with passing the cheer and high-fives however please dont allow the market movement dictate your emotion. 300 pip moves intraweek does not merit a bottle of vintage Krug but a few hundred to few thousand pip in few weeks and months deserve just an approval nod and a smile.

Just what if this coming week goes against last week and becomes part of the same range?

There are some traders thinking like the above already. They have positions opened and they have experienced losses before or scenarios where they had great week only to have the next week come back and slap them backwards. It is these kind of thoughts that will ruin your chances in greater profiting as you will have anxiety attacks and heart palpitations at every miniscule tick movement against you. Hold your grounds and be a warrior. Win the battle and bring home the princess or die in battle honourably. Envision another great week and add positive influence into your thought process. Another week with less than 10% retrace would be swell.

Some wonder how I did with eurusd this week and my plans to diversify. I currently hold 14 sell positions all moved to BE. Total unrealized profit is just under 2900 pips. This is **not** because I was super duper trader but I **remained true** to my monthly hindsight which is part of the universal price action interpretation (that I gained in 3x20 exercise). Since we started trading together since week of christmas I currently have about -530 pips of realized loss to settle. As soon as monday opens I will close last 3 or 4 legs to settle the losses and add very small profit into my capital (remember you can close more now to capture potentially smaller but guaranteed profit or close less to capture greater potential rewards). However, I might not close any after the first looks of the opening. Some weeks will have great burst from the open till end. Then Im done **but will probe at new highs of the week** (normally I would probe both new highs and lows but for now Im only taking one direction trades as everyone else)

My sincerest gratitude to all who have contributed to this thread in the last few days. Great analysis and im surprised to read them as they are so similar to my own thought process.

Special thank you to Tonkar for his statistics (post 3912). Great job and I request all readers to have another look in the pdf file. Even with static parameters, Im not surprised to see a 1.66 profit factor and this itself is already a good result. I hope what you have discovered becomes a framework to your trading approach. And the framework would be that price might not move in a day or two but will move in a year. Pairs have more than 1000 pip average range in a given year so in another words **sometime in the given year it did trend**. In regards, to your stop loss and the results being better may not prove to be in the following year as you are correct about 12 months not being enough time to gather statistical data. Baccarat that has 8 decks in the shoe requires at least 50000 hands to confirm a hard statistical edge. And thats with finite variables within 8 decks of cards whileas with the market there are infinite variables hence nothing can be confirmed but just continues to flow on and on into infinity and forever, just like space.

Quick word to iplaygames. What hornedgod has pointed out for your benefit is true. I knew a trader who earns 90K a year who decides to automatically deposit \$300 per week into his trading account. He places initial \$700 deposit and considers that mainly for margin and every week \$300 goes in. He is patiently waiting for a long trend to happen but knows that he has only 300 pips per week to spend on. First week, he loses 300 pips. Thats \$300 from \$1000 he just lost which is already more than 30% realized loss.

Is trading causing him financial trouble?

No.

From return % he just inflicted -30% on his account!

Seemingly, but the trader is controlling his risk.

Control his risk?? Risking 30% of ones capital every week is risk itself Graeme!

The only risk is when trader goes above -300 pips he set for himself. In other words, risking more than he can 'afford' to lose.

And this trader kept adding \$300 every week and just letting his initial position run and added one more position few weeks later. Half a year later he cashed out 2500 pips on first position and 2200 pips on the 2nd position. A total of 4700 pips and he had about \$8000 saved up in his capital. Once he closed out the positions he had a grand total of \$12700 in his trading account which \$9000 was from his personal deposits. Thats more than 25% annualised return when banks/stocks/property offer 5-15%

per annum on average. And he was content at his small achievement and he built a great foundation from his experience. He still trades today but keeps his job as his main source of income. Hope few readers learn something from this story.

For the future readers, this is what eurusd looked like this week.

eurusd 4hr



There were so many opportunities the whole week was flashing red in my eyes. Less than 33% retrace on 4hr candles everywhere. Something went horribly wrong if you made less than 100 pips this week. On any system or method for that matter.

Sincerely,

Graeme



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Jan 8, 2011 10:16pm

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[Quoting cameron1st](#)

Hello Graeme,

Welcome and sorry that the seminar was different than the expectations, but on the positive side you had the chance to see something that would not work for you at that seminar (so -1 things to be bothered about) 😊 *like Edison, found 10000 ways that didn't work*

Thank you for the EURUSD analysis, I think everyone's watching it for next week as it's an even more critical week than the one that closed for the simple reason that it would show momentum continuation or... back to square one: probing.

Kindest Regards,

Cam

Thank you for the compliments Cameron.

I just read your recent private message and well done.

Just letting you know and everyone else that today i will definitely find time to answer all the pms.

Sincerely,

Graeme

P.S Just going out for few hours.



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Good evening, all

It is sunday evening here and soon I would be getting ready for sleep.

I have spent the afternoon answering all the private messages so please forward me your message if I accidentally missed them out.

There was great variance in the types of questions. Im happy to say that there has been big progress since start of this thread few months ago when most questions were about my exact entry method. How you enter is not important but when you enter.

And this is why alot of mechanical trading that has rigid fixed entry rules and exit rules grow your equity slower than most expectations. There are few mechanical trading methods that has proven profitable but only ever so slightly. 20% growth a year? Traders get excited that its similar to Warren Buffet. 20% growth on billions and billions is incredible but 20% return on \$20000 USD is \$4000. Not bad considering the return % but its not an amount we can live on. Professional mechanical traders have at the vert least few hundred thousands to trade.

We have chosen to become a bigger trader. We are discretionary traders with a touch of mechanical rules. And the mechanical rules (price interpretation) just helps us with sorting out good from bad scenarios to trade. We aim three digit returns per year cause trading will be your main source of income in the years to come.

With discretionary trading comes few catches. Since there are no rigid trade rules, one has to overcome their own personal emotions first. Fear, greed, anxiety. This takes time and effort to overcome. This brings me to something that I wish to talk about in detail today. Time to stack. Many traders ask when is the best time to stack. The most simple answer is:

1. When the whole market is **buzzing** with movement. Tick data flying in furiously and all pairs are moving.
2. Your probe is alive and you continue to stack effortlessly until the first close of a position at a loss.

Point 1 is most important. The default view of my metatrader has eurUSD 4hr, gbpUSD 4hr, usdjpy 4hr, gbpjpy 4hr and in that order with the usual emas and indicators as shown in my charts. I know by quick glances at each pair that I know if market is actually buzzing with traders. We need traders to piggyback on.

Point 2. I mentioned it before many traders are still going past it. A trader continues to blindly stack in a state of greed. More risk does not mean more profit. Please say this 10 times with me. Because you risk more doesn't mean it will bring more. More positions doesn't necessarily mean more profit.

This is our first exercise and upon completion you will definitely know the different type of feelings you receive when there is compelling momentum and there is none or little (this should have been one of the lessons you would have picked up on with 3x20 exercise). Soon you will be homing into only those favourable moments because you know what they taste like. Like bee homing into a bloomed flower.

One of the things I regret to have posted in this thread is my live trades few weeks ago on 5min timeframe where I had 10 trades in the gap of 1 hour. Although there was nothing wrong at that instance as my personal experience indicated that I should be stacking aggressively many readers are trying very hard to place tens of positions in a day or a week.

If I may strongly suggest, for the current eurUSD exercise in which we are aiming for few thousand profit in the allowed time frame of few weeks, that just 2 positions in early is more than enough. Ofcourse this might not be the case in your thought process if you just spent -1600 pips in the last 3 weeks. Just aim for 2 positions and then one here and one there and then few more the following week. It is ironic for me to contradict myself as I have 14 positions this week but may I suggest everyone to take it slightly slower and aim between 2 to 4 positions in a given week. Don't forget there are plenty of chances the following week. There are more than 1 bold candle in a trend.

I have 14 positions and realized loss of -530 pips. That is more than acceptable while 19 positions with realized loss of -1800 pips (this is happening to one trader and I'm posting this with permission) is not going to work in the long run even if you have 4000+ pips of unrealized profit. **You will tire yourself out emotionally and sooner or later (and odds will catch up) when your hindsight stops working halfway there and retraces to BE you will literally tear your heart out (also one of the reasons that I trade both directions).**

My suggestion:

You would even lose less when the initial first position/probe survives and with the stop loss moved to breakeven, then blindly opening one more position 100 pips later setting the stop loss of the second position to the price you bought on the first position. This way you risk 1 position for the price of 2. Please use this instead if you have difficulty with stacking and time management. I have used this countless times and it works if the trend is valid or it will close out at loss if it retraces. If it does retrace 100 pips to close both positions out then it wasn't a trend in the first place so it doesn't matter. Please use this instead for those in trouble.

All the best wishes for this coming week. It will be an exciting week for the following eurUSD traders. Do not be disheartened to see your positions die at breakeven. However, be bold and loud if the direction continues on. Anticipate the best scenario which is less than 33% retrace or my favourite on eurUSD which is 10 pips. If it does retrace a classic 50%, make sure you are not intimidated to add on the price coming back down.

Hope to see great results this week.

Extra hours does not increase productivity. Please use price alerts to your cell phone and enjoy your life outside trading.

My thoughts are with everyone.

Sincerely, Graeme



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[Post# 3,976](#)

Bakuli - Thank you for the warm compliment, Lee. Also wishing you and your family a safe and healthy 2011 and the years to come.

Fana - Thank you for the interest. Unfortunately there is no preventive measure to avoid or lessen a fakeout in any system or method. However, you could have a mindset to give the market 1 unit as a loss but prepared to take 10 units back when its willing to. I personally have 1 or 2 attempts and if both fails then I leave. A valid flying buddha should not make any new highs or lows above or below the flying buddha setup. Flying buddha is still being traded by a colleague of mine who finds great success. Most Mondays are flying buddhas that will change direction of the Friday's movement. You will find good success at that point. I trade it quiet often.

Red-Dragon - Thank you for submitting your results. Fantastic.

From what I can see on your excel. It looks like you use 0.05 and 0.1 lot size. Very good and sensible. Realized net profit @ \$459.04 and unrealized profit @ \$4127.89. You plan to close 4 out of 5 trades on Monday and keep one. Good. First trade was taken on 11th November 2010 and about 80 trades in total. Great personal statistics.

It looks like we have ourselves the first thousand pip+ trader in our thread.

Please join me to congratulate red-dragon. There will be many readers dying to know how you trade only 2 hours per day. Hope you dont mind answering to their private messages.

I combed through some of your trades on the charts and I get the gist of how and when you might take the trades. It seems you took the information I provided and tailored to suit you better. Great job.

Well done!

Sincerely,

Graeme

P.S Good night everyone. Stay warm



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[Quoting VEEFX](#)

Glad to see you back Graeme. Unfortunately, December wasn't a good month for me in regards to active market participation due to work and personal commitments. Feel bad to miss out on following your active market commentary these past few weeks on EU. Planning to devote myself back to this thread starting this week.

I would also like give a quick update on my current performance of trades I shared in this post
<http://www.forexfactory.com/showpost...postcount=3849>

All my brief trades in late november/early december have...

Good morning, all

Thank you for the continued interest.

Superb results. I read your post twice and it sounds like you have definitely gained new insights and experience over the last few months. Well done and I encourage you on forward.

It was wrong of me to assume there was no 1000+ pip traders amongst us. Words cant express how content I feel to see your results. I sincerely hope this is start of a strong foundation for everyone.

Stay defensive in the early stage of the week.

Use 1 probe early and if it fails, use another probe at new highs where there is stall.

Anticipate the best scenario.

The usual general cycle of actions that we perform on a constant frequency.

Looking forward to more results this week.

Im heading out to airport this morning. I will read your inputs throughout the week but I might not be able to answer. However, I will answer them all when I return.

And please use price alerts by VPS server or mobile4x.com. [Learn how not to stare at the charts](#)

Sincerely, Graeme

P.S Decided not to close eurUSD positions. No special reason except for the fact that the size of my losses are currently insignificant to the greater goal I intend achieve.



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Good afternoon, all

Thank you for your inputs.

I have read all your posts since my last entry.

I can definitely notice the difference in tone compared to last weekend. No one is passing the cheer anymore and there is a whiff of negativity (most likely derived from frustration) in the air.

Ofcourse it is disturbing to see your positions that were 200, 300+ pips erode away into nothing. The fact that such matter still disturbs a trader shows that they are still on the early levels of emotional hurdle.

A trader could have closed all his sell positions at the opening of the week to bank few hundred pips but watch the price move further down this week; you would feel the exact same feelings as now.

Ladies/Gents, you are letting the market effect your emotion. There is no need to get upset to something we have no control. We all participated accordingly and stayed true to our intentions. And that itself will bring profitability eventually. Market represents infinite space and time that is ever expanding.

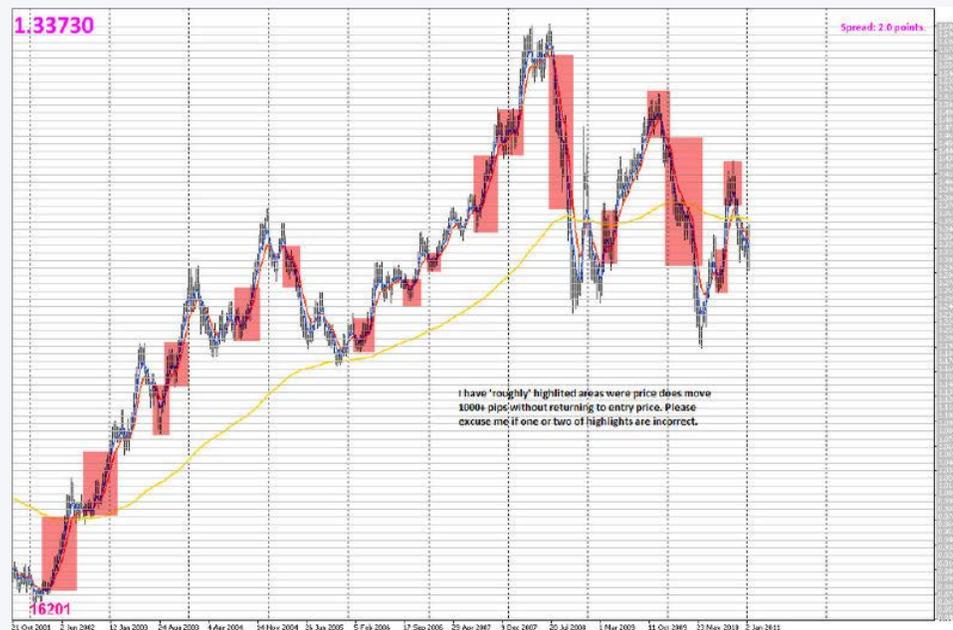
This week was more or less this on the infinite timescale:

eurUSD weekly



Are you going to tell me that you will never encounter these in your continuous trading career?:

eurusd weekly



This week represents a tiny tiny tiny speck of the whole picture. Just like the size of our earth is insignificant compared to rest of the universe. Insignificant.

Ofcourse this week meant the whole world to a trader if:

1. Spend -1800 pips realized loss to gain 4400 pips unrealized profit then to lose it all
2. Spent hours and hours staring at the chart throughout the whole week
3. In a rush to create profit

As mentioned in the P.S of my last post, I did not close any positions. Hence, I too am sitting on just below -600 pips realized loss. Should I change my strategy now? Should I question my whole belief?

But then again what is my belief?

My belief is that, sooner or later, I will catch those inevitable mega rides as long as I continuously attempt in a constant frequency. My attempts are regulated by my price action interpretation which is also applied universally on all aspects of my trading decisions.

And thats it. My whole trading belief/system/method/ideology/philosophy rolled into 2 sentences that I know has proven profitable against the test of time **because** it is not based on swanky-super-duper indicator or ea but common logical sense. The same common logical sense that makes the world go around, help us fall in love, find success in business and we all have it on

an intuitive level.

Continuing on..

For those traders who just spent half of the week glued to their trading platform, please refer to below eurUSD 4hr chart.

eurUSD 4hr



For example:

