

# Enabling and Disabling Automated Trading

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## Introduction

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This page documents enabling and disabling automated trading systems. This applies to an [ACSIL Trading](#) system, or [Spreadsheet System for Trading](#) study, or the [Trading System Based on Alert Condition](#) study.

This information applies whether you are enabling automated trading for Trade Simulation Mode, or non-simulated/Live trading with the external connected Trading service which is set through **Global Settings >> Data/Trade Service Settings**.

## Enabling Automated Trading

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To enable automated trading then enable both of the following options:

- **Trade >> Auto Trading Enabled - Global**
- **Trade >> Auto Trading Enabled - Chart**

If **Trade >> Disable Auto Trading on Startup** is enabled/checked, then **Trade >> Auto Trading Enabled - Global** will be disabled when Sierra Chart is started. This is something to keep in mind.

Also refer to [Send Orders to Trade Service](#) to ensure that orders are not rejected based on an inconsistency between this setting and the **Trade >> Trade Simulation Mode On** setting.

## Disabling Automated Trading and Halting Order Entry

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To disable automated trading or to halt Live order entry for any reason, you can do any of the following:

1. Enable Trade Simulation Mode by making sure that there is a check mark by **Trade >> Trade Simulation Mode On**.
2. Set the **Send Orders To Trade Service** input with the **Spreadsheet System for Trading** or other trading study to **No**.
3. Set the [Disable Auto Trading](#) cell on the **Sheet#** in the Spreadsheet used by the **Spreadsheet System for Trading** study, to TRUE.
4. Disable either the **Trade >> Auto Trading Enabled - Global** or the

**Trade >> Auto Trading Enabled - Chart** commands by removing the checkmark from them. Both of these need to be checked/enabled for automated trading to function for the chart.

5. A Control Bar button can be added for the **Trade >> Auto Trading Enabled - Chart** menu command to easily enable and disable Automated trading for the chart which contains automated trading studies. Refer to [Customize Control Bar](#).

You can modify the [Properties](#) for this Control Bar button to give it a unique color to identify them more easily on the Control Bar.

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