



Welcome to ProTA !

Installing

Simply drag the ProTA icon to your Applications folder, replacing any older version of ProTA 4.

If this is your very first time installing and launching ProTA, ProTA will attempt to create a default data storage named “ProTA” in your Documents folder. All of your data and custom work is stored in this “ProTA” data folder.

Backups: When making a backup or transferring to another computer, treat the ProTA data folder as a singular object. If you need to restore data from a backup, it is important you restore the entire ProTA folder as an intact whole.

ProTA Mobile: ProTA Mobile is a separate companion app available for all of your iOS devices. Please visit the Apple App Store on your device and search for “ProTA Mobile”.

If you are migrating from ProTA 3, please see the separate document **Transitioning From ProTA 3** for detailed assistance.

Getting Started / Basics

From the **Help** menu, choose **ProTA User Manual** for detailed assistance.

- ProTA 4 requires a 17-digit Activation Code to unlock the entire database of tickers. If an Activation Code has expired or is not present, ProTA 4 will operate in Trial Mode. Trial Mode is fully functional but you are limited to working with 20 Trial Mode tickers.

Please visit www.beesoft.net to purchase an Activation Code.

- Choose **File** menu: **Open (cmd-O)** to view the database of saved Chart Suites. ProTA initially ships with about 30 sample Chart Suites in the database. Double-click any item to open it.

- Choose **File** menu: **New Chart Suite (cmd-N)** to create a brand new Chart Suite. (Choose **Preferences** from the **ProTA** menu to customize the format of brand new Chart Suites created this way.)
- When working with a Chart Suite, double-click any item in the File Browser (the table in the upper-right) to apply that item. Single-click any item in the chart itself to Inspect and edit its settings in the lower-right Inspector panel.
- Choose **Tools** menu: **Data Downloader (cmd-D)** to configure ProTA's automated data downloading tool.
- By default, the Downloader is enabled to perform both Intraday price updates as well as a single end-of-day session to capture final data. (Initially set to USA Central Time - please adjust the hours to match your exchange's local hours.)
- USA stocks and Mutual funds will be updated using the standard ticker symbols you already have in your TickerPicker. Non-USA tickers require the proper Yahoo! suffix to identify the country/exchange. For example PRA.AX for Australian ASX stocks or PUB.PA for Parisian PSE stocks.
- Generally any ticker found in the Quotes Lookup box at finance.yahoo.com can be added to ProTA and will be updated by the Data Downloader.

Please note: Yahoo! data is for personal usage only. Options are not available.

- Choose **Tools** menu: **TickerPicker (cmd-T)** to view the tickers in your ProTA database. This is where you can add new tickers to be tracked by ProTA (adding tickers requires an Activation Code).
- A 243 page User Manual provides detailed assistance. Choose **Help** menu: **ProTA User Manual**.

Thank you for using ProTA!
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