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Bonus Strategies

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Bonus Strategies

Overview

Adaptrade Builder is a powerful software tool that automatically generates trading strategies based on user-specified performance criteria. Using Builder, you can create robust trading strategies for nearly any market. While the true value of Builder lies with its ability to generate strategies based on your custom requirements, a paid license to Builder includes the bonus strategies described in this document, which have already been created using the program. These bonus strategies can be used as examples, as a starting point for further building on the same data, or as tradable strategies. Please verify any strategy you intend to trade in your trading platform in real time prior to trading.

These bonus strategies include strategies for three stock index futures, a forex symbol, and two stock symbols. The strategies are installed with the licensed version of Builder, which can be downloaded through your license page at SoftwareKey.com after purchase.

The rest of this brief document includes instructions for downloading and installing the bonus strategies, notes for the project (.gpstrat) files, and the equity curves for selected strategies from each project file.

Installation

Adaptrade Builder is available in both a trial version and a licensed version. Starting with version 2.1.2 of Builder, the trial version cannot be activated to convert it to a licensed copy. With versions 2.1.2 and higher, the licensed version must be downloaded through your license portal at SoftwareKey.com. Provided your license is up-to-date, you can log into your account at SoftwareKey.com and obtain the most recent version of Builder by clicking on the Download button at the bottom of the license page. Instructions for installing the program are provided on that page as well at Adaptrade.com under the Ordering Information link (<http://www.adaptrade.com/ordering.php>).

After installing Builder, the bonus strategies can be found in the Bonus folder within the Adaptrade Builder folder. If Builder is installed in the default location, the path to the bonus files for version 2.2 of Builder will be:

C:\Program Files\Adaptrade Software\Adaptrade Builder 2.2\Bonus

The Bonus folder will contain the old bonus files in addition to the six new ones described below. The new bonus files are provided as Builder project files; i.e., files with the extension ".gpstrat". These are the files that you can open from within Builder using the Open command of the File menu. The six new bonus files are as follows:

BuilderBonus_v212_ES3min.gpstrat	E-mini S&P Futures, 3 min bars
BuilderBonus_v212_ES-dly.gpstrat	E-mini S&P Futures, daily bars
BuilderBonus_v212_TF-60min.gpstrat	Mini Russell 2000 futures, 60 min bars
BuilderBonus_v212_AMZN-dly.gpstrat	Amazon stock, daily bars
BuilderBonus_v212_GOOGLE-15min.gpstrat	Google stock, 15 min bars
BuilderBonus_v212_EURUSD-60min.gpstrat	EURUSD forex, 60 min bars

For licensing reasons, the price data used to build these files has not been included. All strategies were built using data from IQFeed. For futures, continuous contract, back-adjusted symbols were used where available.

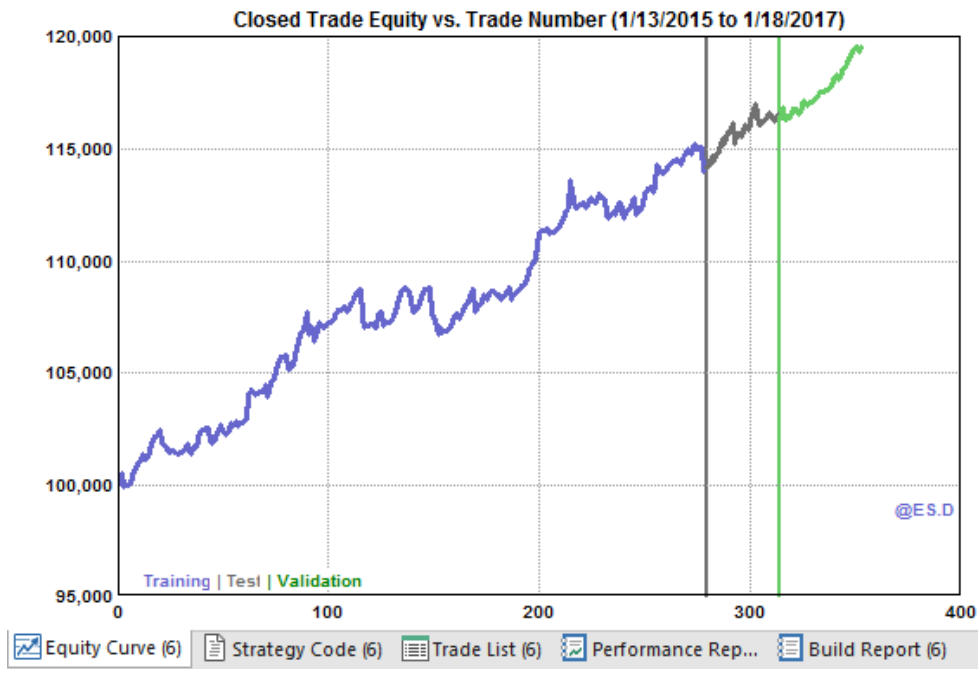
Strategies

The six new bonus files are briefly described below. To open each one, use the **Open** command of the File menu in Builder, navigate to the Bonus folder (path given above), select the file with the extension .gpstrat and click the Open button.

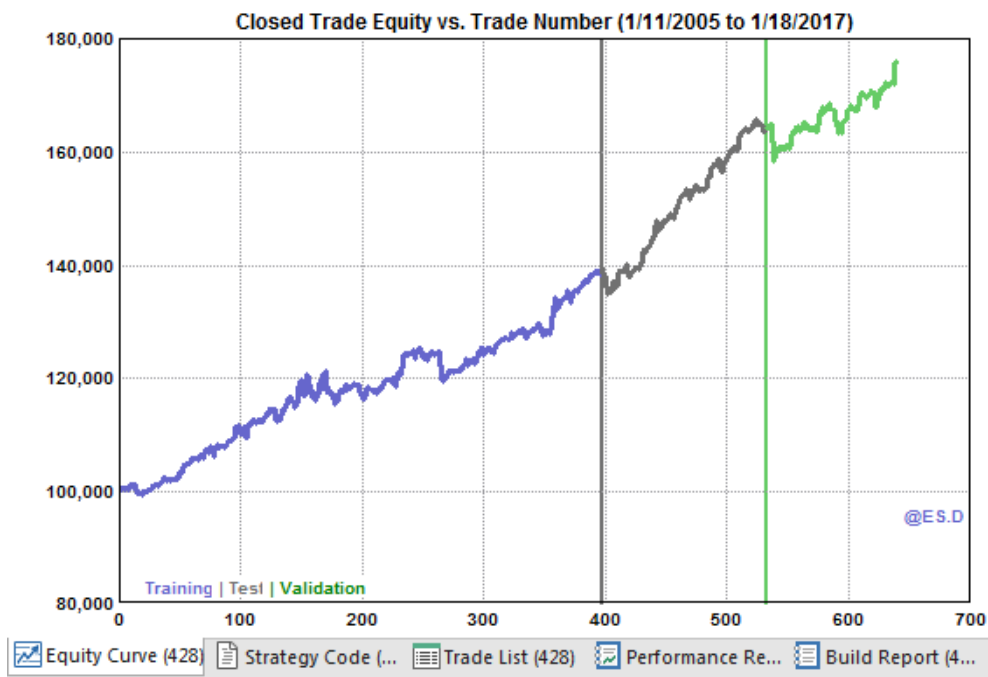
Please note the following about the project files:

- Rather than selecting the single best strategy from each project file, several of the best strategies (population members) found during the build process were saved within each project file.
- The best strategies selected in each project file are saved in the Top Strategies population and can be found by selecting the Top Results tab in the Build Results pane.
- The main population has been reduced to a single, randomly generated member to save space. The main population should be ignored; all relevant strategies are in Top Strategies.
- Please see the Project Notes under File -> Properties in each project file. The notes indicate which of the strategies in the Top Strategies population appear to be the best and provide notes about which platforms the strategies are suitable for.
- The settings used to build the strategies, such as the build metrics, can be used as a template to build similar strategies for other markets and/or time frames.
- Please refer to the Build Report for each strategy to review the details of how each strategy was built, such as the date range, bar size, etc. For example, some of the strategies were built with stress testing but later evaluated with Monte Carlo analysis turned off. The build report will indicate that stress testing was used during building.
- Most of the strategies were built with a reduced set of indicators so that the strategies will work the same in multiple platforms. To change the code to the language for a different platform, select the strategy in the Build Results table, change the code type on the Evaluation menu, then click the Evaluate button. A valid symbol must be present in the Evaluation Symbols table, although it doesn't have to be the same as was used to build the strategy.
- All project files were created with Adaptrade Builder versions 2.1.2 and 2.2.0 and can be opened in Builder version 2.2.0 and later.

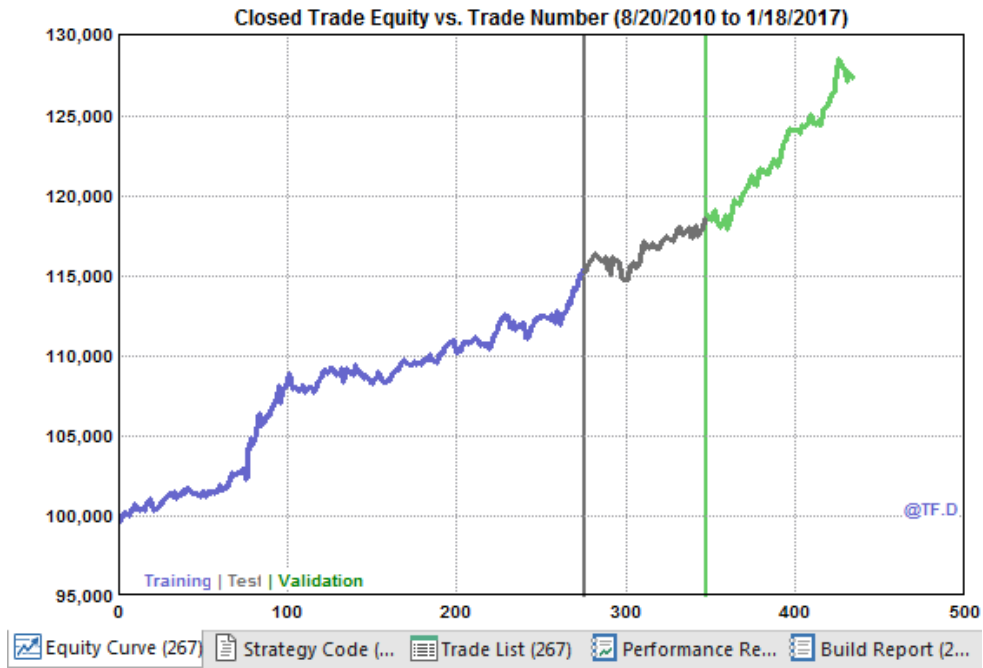
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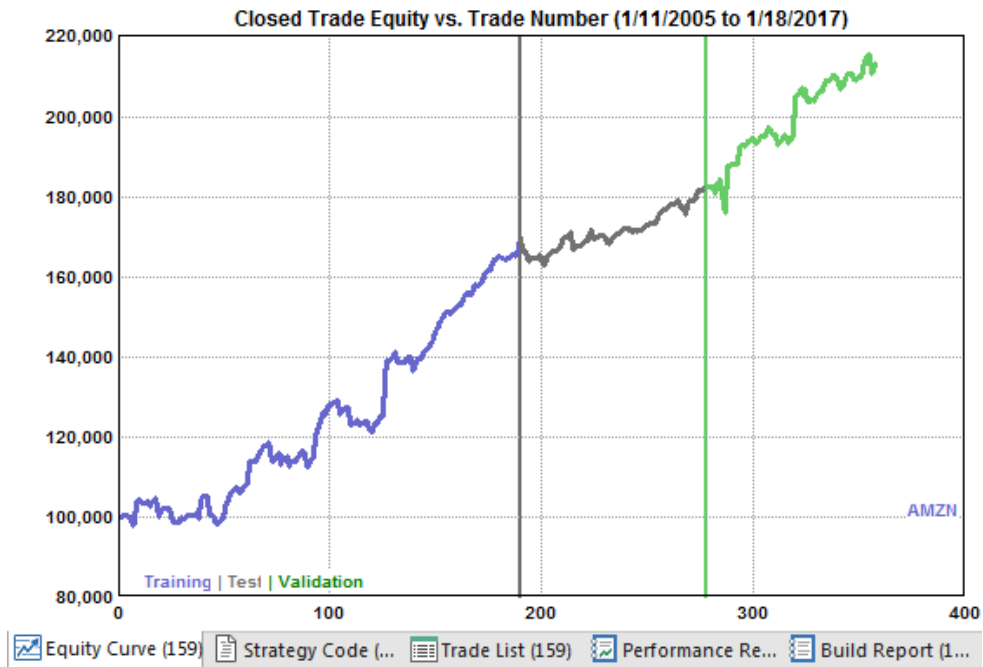
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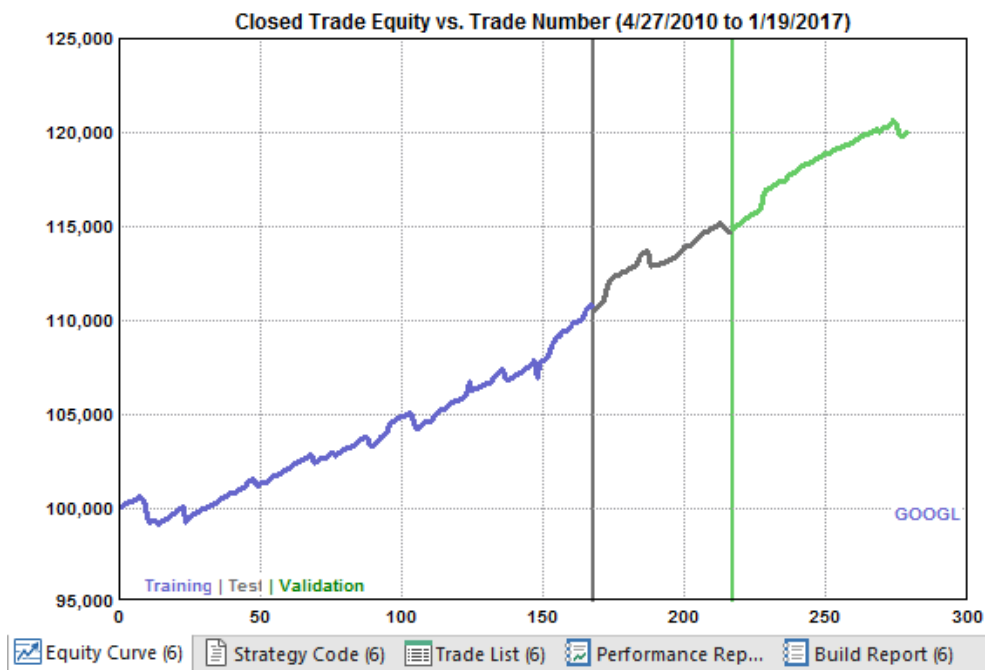
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