

NEWS from **Option Wizard™**

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Option Wizard™ releases new instant-access version 7.1

Option Wizard™ releases version 7.1 for PC or Macintosh.

A template for Microsoft Excel®, Option Wizard™ prices calls and puts. New in 7.1, Option Wizard calculates in-the-money probability for a specific put or call through a range of prices for the underlying security. It also calculates percent-to-double and implied and historical volatility.

“Over the Internet, an investor or options trader anywhere in the world can research, demo and purchase the product password within minutes via an encrypted, secured Internet credit card payment,” says Option Wizard™ developer John A. Sarkett.

Option Wizard™ sells for \$99.95; competitive Excel options products range from \$395 to \$995. Previous customers may upgrade for \$20 (email) or \$24.95 (disk by mail).

The software includes tables and charts to illustrate premium decay, a dividend adjuster, linked strike series tables, and delta. Its streamlined workbook format is composed of separate worksheets: instructions-definitions, volatility, call-put price series, call-put strike series, chart call decay and chart put decay. Each prints on one page.

Unlike other options models that only show today's prices and require recalculation each day, Option Wizard™ displays option premium time decay in a time (x axis) and price (y axis) table format which produce 110 separate price-time variants for calls, and 110 for puts. Because it is a Microsoft Excel® template, it is not a “black box” with hidden formulas; it is completely customizable.

A companion publication, **Tales from the Option Wizard™** comes with Option Wizard™. It presents case studies and market commentaries from 1996-1997 markets:

- Trashing the techs and selling the panic (sell puts), January 96 Sun Microsystems puts
- Repairing an errant short-against-the-box strategy, March 96 IBM puts
- When not to repair short-against-the-box strategy, July, 96 Intel calls
- Capturing premium just before expiration, October, 1996 U.S. Robotics puts
- How to participate in an uptrend (when you've missed the boat) October 1996 Intel puts
- To sell calls or not to sell calls, November 1996 Intuit calls
- Hedging against the Tax Man, January 1997 Dell calls
- Expiration month: the rapid increase in decay
- Barron's on the Bull Market
- Smart Money 10 not so smart, December 1995 - March 1997
- Selling the sizzle, the AMD K6, and April 97 40 calls
- Surge and sitzflesch -- May 1997 expiration

- Single best options quote source
- Still sitting: June 97 expiration
- Danger: selling June 98 SPX LEAPS on the Great Bull Market
- The long and short of it -- and more.

Option Wizard™ has won praise from options traders from Singapore to Chicago to Sydney: “This has taught me quite a bit about options -- especially in evaluating changes in option value over time with expected price movement.” “A big help -- premium decay mirrors the market.” “Very convenient to print out and take with.”

The Option Fool Hubert Lee reviews Option Wizard™ at <http://www.optionfool.com/wizard.htm>.

“Option Wizard™ highlights premium time decay,” says Option Wizard™ developer John A. Sarkett. “With some 55% to 65% of options expiring at a loss or at zero, according to Options Clearing Corporation economists, this helps the trader remember to have a short options bias or be very nimble.”

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Caption: Option Wizard™ 7.1 calculates the probability your option will expire in or out of the money, an especially valuable tool to have in the week or two just before expiration.

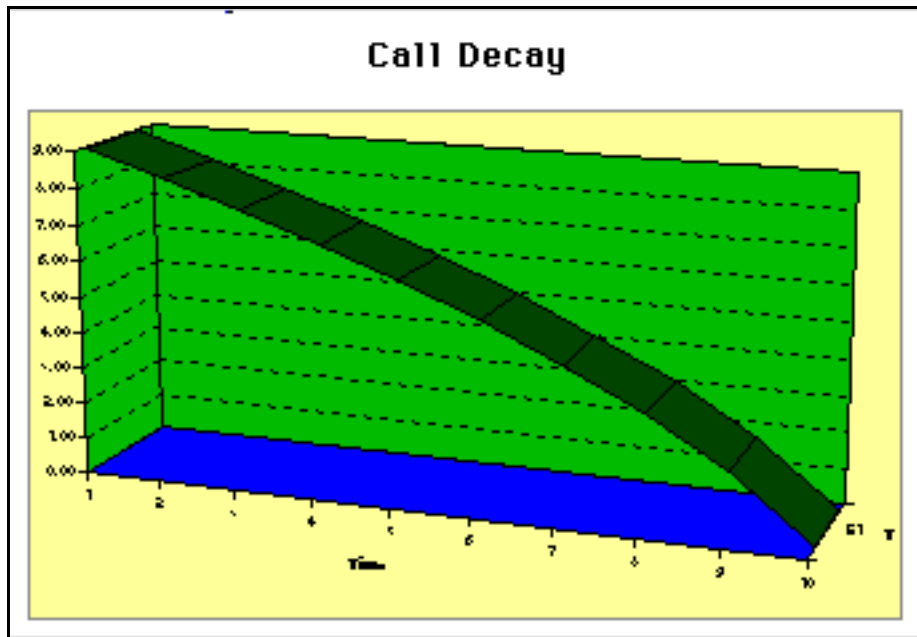
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1	Option Wizard™ Calls with table by stock (or ind					
13	Please fill in variables 1-6:					
14			<i>probability</i>		Ticker	Market
15			Call	Put	Symbol	Price
16	CALLS		81.78%	18.22%	XYZ	90.25
17	Days from now (table)		76.97%	23.03%	1	87.25
18	Price increment in the table		71.32%	28.68%	3	84.25
19	Stock price (minus dividends)	p	64.85%	35.15%	\$75.25	81.25
20	1. Strike price	s	57.66%	42.34%	75	78.25
21	Today's date		49.90%	50.10%	1/05/98	75.25
22	2. Expiration		41.84%	58.16%	1/16/98	72.25
23	Days to expiration		33.79%	66.21%	11	69.25
24	Time remaining as % of a year	t	26.12%	73.88%	0.0301	66.25
25	3. Risk-free interest rate	r	19.17%	80.83%	0.0700	63.25
26	4. Implied volatility	v	13.25%	86.75%	50.00%	60.25

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Option Wizard™ prices puts. Selling puts can be a cost effective way of acquiring stock for the patient investor. Table also shows popular "percent to double" across time-price spectrum.

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36	Table shows pricing of 75 puts, expiration in 111 days, volatility .42.						
37	With stock at 78.50, put seller, if delivered to, acquires stock for \$75.00 - \$4.75,						
38	or net \$70.25. If not delivered, put seller keeps \$4.75 premium.						
39	Easy to spot popular "percent to double" - boldface below - as time and price changes.						
50	Stock	DAYS FROM NOW:					
51	Price	0	10	20	30	40	50
52	83.50	3.28	2.99	2.70	2.40	2.08	1.76
53	82.50	3.53	3.25	2.95	2.63	2.31	1.97
54	81.50	3.81	3.52	3.21	2.89	2.55	2.20
55	80.50	4.11	3.81	3.49	3.16	2.82	2.45
56	79.50	4.42	4.11	3.80	3.46	3.11	2.73
57	78.50	4.75	4.44	4.12	3.78	3.42	3.04
58	77.50	5.11	4.79	4.47	4.12	3.76	3.37
59	76.50	5.48	5.17	4.84	4.49	4.12	3.73
60	75.50	5.87	5.56	5.23	4.88	4.51	4.11
61	74.50	6.29	5.98	5.65	5.30	4.93	4.53
62	73.50	6.73	6.42	6.09	5.75	5.38	4.98

Option Wizard™ charts decay, which accelerates into expiration. Decay is the friend of the options seller, enemy of the options buyer.



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