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New Scan Wizard Stock Market Software Finds Trend and Force Breakouts First; Charts, Finds News, Logs Track Record

CHICAGO -- New Scan Wizard™ stock market software scans lists of stock ticker symbols for breakout trend change.

This innovative yet easy to use software also:

- **Generates buy-sell signals** based on price, volume, trend and momentum
- **Logs a track record** for all buy-sell signals for each and every ticker symbol.
- **Charts** (candles, Force Index and stochastics)
- **Accesses news** (from Yahoo) on any ticker symbol.

An Internet product from conception to completion, Scan Wizard does not require the client to have a stock data file on the hard drive; it accesses historical data for any stock directly from the Internet. This means the client can analyze any stock instantly.

Scan Wizard comes with lists of the Dow Jones 30, Internet 100 and S&P 500; clients may customize and create their own lists as well. Scan Wizard uses free stock historical data from the Internet; there is no data fee.

Two sets of buy-sell signals are generated:

- **Force Index** -- (developed by Dr. Alexander Elder), a price-volume indicator. When 20-day Force Index changes from negative to positive a buy signal is generated; conversely, when 20-day Force Index changes from positive to negative, a sell signal is generated.
- **Triple Filter** -- which more restrictively adds conditions to the basic Force Index buy or sell signal and so prevents buying overbought or downtrending stocks (and the reverse for

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short sales).

A permanent Scan Wizard license is available for \$995. Alternately, Scan Wizard may also be received by monthly subscription for \$99.95. Both forms are received by instant, convenient web download. A free, non-expiring trial (with fixed ticker list (QQQ, MSFT, INTC, SUNW, ORCL), fixed scan ticker (CSCO) and fixed charting (QQQ) is available as well.

Details, manual, screenshots, and free trial at <http://option-wizard.com/scanwizard/>.

Scan Wizard is the third of three financial software products offered by Sarkett & Associates, Inc. It joins Option Wizard™ Online, comprehensive options analytics, and Backtest Wizard™, buy-sell technical analysis, both in Microsoft Excel® format. Introduced on the web in August, 1995, and popular choice with money managers around the world, Option Wizard is a past Reader's Choice award winner from *Technical Analysis of Stocks and Commodities* magazine.

Scan Wizard Background: QQQ short nets 31% in two weeks

While "false breakouts" in financial markets are numerous, so to are major trend breakouts. Sometimes these are catalyzed by major news events, hence the inclusion of the Yahoo news tool in Scan Wizard. Sometimes they are not, however, being instead the result of a "stealth" change in market sentiment that is often not noticed by the media for weeks or months.

Scan Wizard has the capability of finding these trend as they happen. For example, regarding the NASDAQ crash of April, 2000, Scan Wizard provided short signals on the QQQ on both March 29 (QQQ, 110) and April 3 (102.938). The next signal generated was long May 15 (88.3125), after QQQ hitting an interim low of 78, April 14.

Scan Wizard will generate losing trades as well, as any other indicator or system does. For these, traders must apply money management discipline. All gains and losses are logged into the program, however, to provide the client with a "track record" of previous signals.

The makers of Scan Wizard do not recommend following the buy-sell signals mindlessly, but rather combining them with other fundamental and technical research. This approach is discussed in the firm's publication: Option Wizard Trading Method.

Using another example from recent markets, Scan Wizard can locate trend change before it becomes 'big news' on CNBC, CNN, Wall Street Journal, Barrons, and other financial media.

Energy was a hot market area in August, 2000 as oil and natural gas prices spiked up again. Scan Wizard, however, back in February, 2000, long before "energy" became a buzzword, gave a long signal on EPG by capturing the change in Force Index from negative to positive. No signal to go short returned until July, 2000, when EPG was some 27% higher. Scan Wizard quickly returned to a long position, however, to capture another 25% gain in the stock across the next 23 days, when "energy" was white hot.

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Screenshots: Scan Wizard firsts scan a ticker list for trend change:

Scan List1

Load Ticker List Update Ticker List

Ticker	Time	Last	Change	High	Low	Open	Volume	Slow Force	Fast Force	L/S Force	10 Day+	10 Day-	L/S Triple Filter
EELN	2:44PM	3.625	-0.25	3.84375	3.5	3.671875	18400	-3187	10321	SHORT	0.00	0.00	SHORT
RHAT	2:50PM	24.9375	3.125	25.1875	23.0625	24	8399900	2141757	11396904	LONG	0.00	0.00	LONG
DCLK	2:50PM	32.625	0.875	33.5	31.75	32	1957500	445635	-290395	LONG	0.00	0.00	-
VRSN	2:50PM	158	11	158.25	146.625	147.4375	2800700	1394040	11027788	LONG	0.00	0.00	-
AMZN	2:50PM	37.734375	2.8593	37.75	34.375	34.625	6142200	-6376930	8890657	-	-	-	-
AOL	2:45PM	54.5	1.5	54.5625	53.25	53.5	9696600	-3088876	3559854	-	-	-	-
ARBA	2:50PM	143.125	3.375	144.75	139.375	139.9375	3126000	13069294	3283738	-	-	-	-
ATHM	2:50PM	14.0625	0.75	14.375	13.25	13.4375	2719900	-1567441	-78865	-	-	-	-
BRCM	2:50PM	248.375	7.625	248.4375	240.375	240.625	2575900	-1629419	6760676	-	-	-	-
BVSN	2:50PM	30	-1.1875	31.03125	29.625	31	5589300	-5269615	-4574362	-	-	-	-
CDNW	2:43PM	2.9375	0.0312	2.96875	2.90625	2.90625	243900	2202	3012	-	-	-	-
CHKP	2:50PM	123.5	-0.4375	124.8125	121.75	124	1063000	-275268	-1592116	-	-	-	-
CKFR	2:49PM	46.875	0.875	49	45.75	46.125	1101900	-1284538	-3551144	-	-	-	-
CMGI	2:50PM	38.1875	0.4375	38.8125	36.875	37.6875	2383400	-1912875	-3024491	-	-	-	-
CNET	2:49PM	27.625	0.625	27.875	26	26.5	710100	-1182463	-6812	-	-	-	-
COMS	2:50PM	16	-0.1875	16.375	15.8125	15.875	6908300	-87216404	-3969560	-	-	-	-
CPTH	2:50PM	50.8125	3.8125	51.25	48.1875	48.375	936600	-1868737	-6239160	-	-	-	-
CSCO	2:50PM	63.5	-1	64.8125	62.9375	64.1875	25392900	-2827395	-8382398	-	-	-	-
CYCH	2:46PM	4.4375	0.6875	4.625	3.6875	3.875	338500	-10556	78431	-	-	-	-
DRIV	2:50PM	5.5	0.125	5.53125	5.375	5.4375	103100	-43154	5383	-	-	-	-
EBAY	2:50PM	52.1875	4	52.1875	48	48.0625	2123200	-782556	2332945	-	-	-	-
EGGS	2:39PM	2.15625	0.0312	2.296875	2.15625	2.28125	207300	34463	-6647	-	-	-	-
EGRP	2:50PM	16.0625	-0.25	16.8125	15.875	16.25	3628300	-147611	1282651	-	-	-	-
ELNK	2:48PM	9.75	-0.25	10.03125	9.6875	9.96875	1296600	-615490	-361792	-	-	-	-
EXDS	2:50PM	60	1.75	60.25	57.625	57.625	5601200	10322439	9998510	-	-	-	-

Then zeroes in on a particular stock:

Scan Stock2

Ticker Symbol: MSFT Calculate

Results

Force:	Triple Filter:
10 Day Max Gain: 166.38	64.25
10 Day Max Loss: 140.06	26.00
# Trades: 29.00	9.00

Ticker	Last	Change	High	Low	Open	Volume	Slow Force	Fast Force	L/S Force	10 Day+	10 Day-	L/S Triple Filter	10 Day+	10 Day-
MSFT	80	2.8125	80	76.6875	77.0625	26178200	40103155	26789859	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSFT	77.1875	-1.75	78.9375	77.0625	78.25	19224500	34586710	-15161174	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSFT	78.9375	0.125	80.0625	78.625	79	18729600	42473042	-8256987	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSFT	78.8125	-0.6875	80.125	78.375	79.25	15535600	40650025	62547852	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSFT	79.5	1.8125	80.125	77.5	77.5	24143500	47033145	81372432	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSFT	77.6875	-2.1875	80.0625	77	79.9375	24905800	39959604	58916943	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSFT	79.875	-0.8125	82	79.3125	81.375	43657600	34394769	72466559	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSFT	80.6875	5.75	82.1875	76.9375	77	80199800	65732453	187305067	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSFT	74.9375	1.25	75.25	73.75	73.875	31137500	21339908	45874260	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSFT	73.6875	1.125	73.8125	72	72.5625	23302400	17402033	40648561	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSFT	72.5625	0.1875	73.125	71.5	72.625	34355300	13389251	24864020	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSFT	72.375	1.875	72.6875	70.625	70.8125	32796300	13924907	34843650	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSFT	70.5	2.625	71	69.5	69.8125	39996200	10886933	20910796	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSFT	67.875	1	68	66.125	66.75	22144600	1901355	-7114951	LONG	12.81	0.00	LONG	12.81	0.00

Next, charts via candles, stochastics, Force Index



Finally, accesses the latest news to see what may be driving the change:

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "NewsBrowser2". At the top, there is a "Ticker Symbol" field containing "mu" and a "Get News" button. Below this, the main content area is titled "Micron Technology Inc" with "NYSE:MU" on the right. There is another "Get News" button and a link to "Stock Market Toolbar". A navigation menu includes links for "Quote", "Chart", "News", "Profile", "Research", "SEC", "Msgs", "Insider", and "Financials". The news is dated "Aug 15, 2000" and lists several articles from various sources like AP Business, Reuters Business News, and CBS MarketWatch. The articles cover topics such as chip stocks flexing muscles, market trends, and Micron Technology's earnings estimates.

NewsBrowser2

Ticker Symbol:

Micron Technology Inc NYSE:MU

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Aug 15, 2000

- [\[external\] Chip stocks flex muscles ahead of H-P report - at CBS MarketWatch](#) - 1:40 pm
- [\[\\$\\$ - free trial\] A Semi-Sweet Market - at TheStreet.com](#) - 9:42 am

Aug 14, 2000

- [Dow Ends Up 148; Nasdaq Adds 60 - AP Business](#) - 6:56 pm
- [Stocks Surge, No Fed Rate Hike Seen - Reuters Business News](#) - 5:16 pm
- [U.S. stocks surge as Wall Street bets on no Fed rate hike - Reuters Securities](#) - 5:06 pm
- [\[external\] Chip stocks energized; Micron Tech, KLA-Tencor and Novellus standouts - at CBS MarketWatch](#) - 4:44 pm
- [Dow Ends Up 148; Nasdaq Adds 45 - AP Business](#) - 4:41 pm
- [Dow Ends Up 448; Nasdaq Adds 45 - AP Business](#) - 4:36 pm
- [Dow Gains 104; Nasdaq Adds 43 - AP Business](#) - 3:33 pm
- [Interest-Rate Hope Fuels Late Stock Rally - Reuters Business News](#) - 3:26 pm
- [U.S. stocks in afternoon rally in hopes for steady Fed - Reuters Securities](#) - 3:25 pm
- [\[\\$\\$ - free trial\] Mixing and Matching - at TheStreet.com](#) - 3:24 pm
- [\[external\] Chip charge fueled by Micron Technology - at CBS MarketWatch](#) - 1:15 pm
- [\[external\] SSB lifts Micron EPS est. - at CBS MarketWatch](#) - 1:03 pm
- [U.S. stocks inch up at midday - Reuters Securities](#) - 12:55 pm
- [HOT STOCKS HIGHLIGHTS - Aug. 14 - Reuters Securities](#) - 12:42 pm
- [Stocks Inch Up in Midday Trading - Reuters Business News](#) - 12:39 pm
- [\[external\] Chip stocks add 2.9 percent - at CBS MarketWatch](#) - 12:04 pm
- [RESEARCH ALERT-Salomon ups Micron earnings estimates - Reuters Securities](#) - 9:53 am

Aug 11, 2000

- [coverage initiated on Micron Tech by PaineWebber - Briefing.com](#) - 12:00 pm
- [\[external\] Micron target price raised, coverage started - at ZDNet](#) - 10:55 am
- [RESEARCH ALERT - Micron started, target upped - Reuters Securities](#) - 10:13 am

Aug 10, 2000