

New developments in AmiBroker



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AmiBroker 4.80 key improvements



- brand new fully customizable User Interface
- much better performance
- enhanced functionality in almost every area
- 64 bit version available

UI improvements



- Advanced nested docking
- Sliding Auto-hide panes
- Tear-off tabs
- Tear-off color picker
- Advanced customizable toolbars and menus
- Themed appearance

UI: Advanced nested docking

The screenshot displays the AmiBroker software interface for the symbol 'AA - ALCOA INC'. The main window is titled 'AmiBroker - [AA - ALCOA INC]' and features a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Format, Symbol, Analysis, Tools, Window, Help) and a toolbar. The interface is divided into several docked panes:

- Charts Panel (Left):** Contains a tree view with categories: Averages (DEMA, EMA, Linear Regression, MA, TEMA, TSF, Wilders, WMA), Bands, Basic Charts (Price, Price (all in one)), and Layers (Default, Intraday, Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Custom).
- Notepad (Bottom Left):** A text area for notes with the placeholder '<enter your notes here>'. It is docked in a 'Nested' fashion, overlapping the bottom of the Charts panel.
- Main Chart Area (Center):** Displays a 'Daily' candlestick chart for 'AA - Daily 2005-11-09' with technical indicators overlaid. The price range is Open 25.34, Hi 26.75, Lo 25.34, Close 26.2 (0.8%). The x-axis shows months from May to Nov. A yellow callout box with the text 'Panels can be docked in any way including nested groups' is positioned over this chart.
- Volume Chart (Bottom Right):** A bar chart titled 'AA - Volume() = 7,994,800.00' showing trading volume. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 20,000,000. The volume for the current day is 7,994,800.
- Right Panel (Bottom):** A data table showing various metrics for the current day, including 'Close 26.2 (0.8%) Vol 7,994,800'. Other values include 31.0, 26.4266, 26.2, 26.0839, 25.0, 24.4613, 24.4298, 23.0, 22.4961, and 22.0.

At the bottom of the window, the status bar indicates 'Sheet 1 | Sheet 2 | Sheet 3 | Sheet 4 | Sheet 5 | NYSE, Group 2, Basic Materials, Metal Mining Data'. A help prompt 'For Help, press F1' is visible in the bottom left corner.

UI: Advanced nested docking

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- Interpretation window:** Contains tabs for Symbols, Layouts, Charts, Notepad, and Interpretation. A central diamond-shaped "docking sticker" is overlaid on this window, with arrows pointing to it from the callout boxes.
- AA - Daily 2005-11-09:** A candlestick chart showing price movement from May to November. A vertical line marks a specific date, and a price of 26.2 is highlighted.
- AA - Daily 2005-11-09 (Volume):** A volume bar chart below the price chart, showing trading volume for the same period. A volume of 7,994,800.00 is highlighted.
- Layers window:** A list of layers with checkboxes: Default layer (checked), Intraday layer, Daily layer (checked), Weekly layer, Monthly layer, Custom, Custom, Custom, Custom, Custom layer 5.
- Right Panel:** A vertical panel displaying various data points, including price levels (29.0, 28.0, 27.0, 26.2, 25.0, 24.0, 23.0, 22.0) and volume information (Vol 7,994,800.00).

Two yellow callout boxes provide instructions:

- Top Callout:** "Docking stickers allow easy control over placement of docking window" (with arrows pointing to the diamond stickers on the charts).
- Bottom Callout:** "Central sticker allows to dock as tab" (with an arrow pointing to the central diamond sticker in the Interpretation window).

At the bottom of the window, the status bar shows "Sheet 1 | Sheet 2 | Sheet 3 | Sheet 4 | Sheet 5 | Sheet 6" and "NYSE, Group 2, Basic Materials, Metal Mining Data".

UI: Sliding auto-hide panes



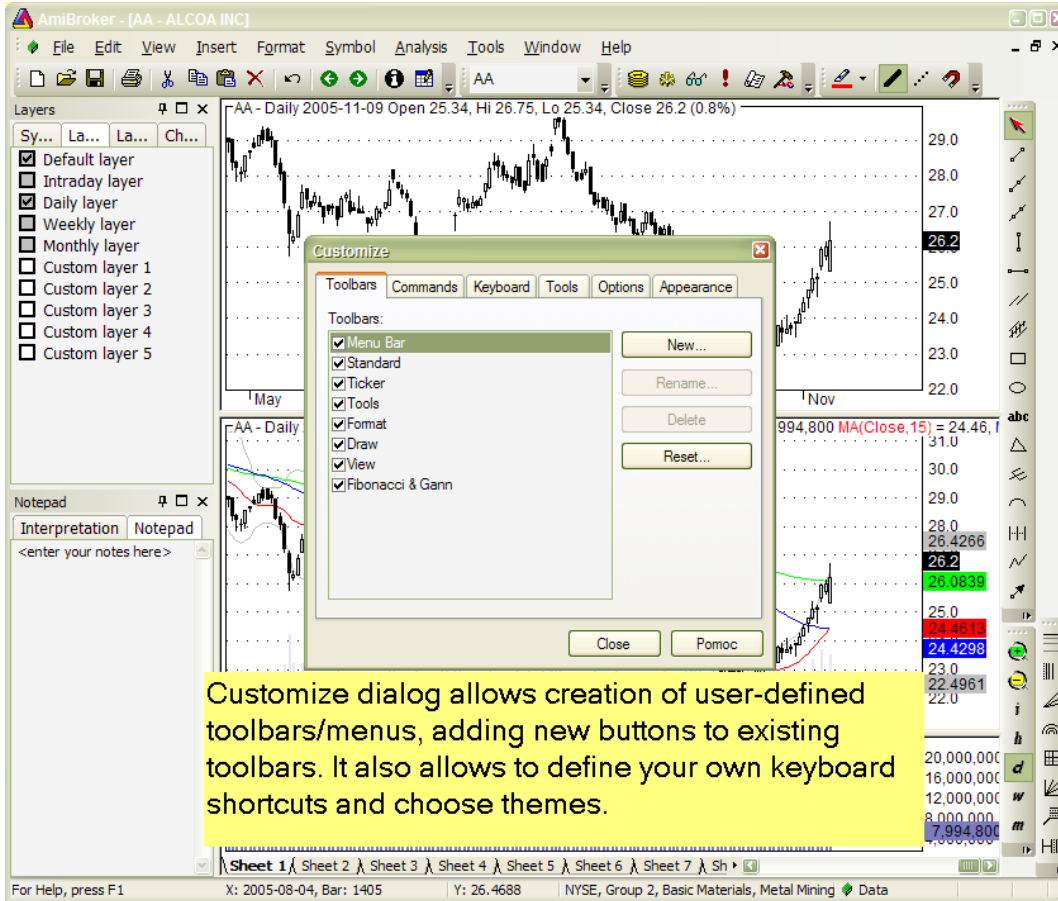
UI: Tear-off tabs

The screenshot displays the AmiBroker software interface for the stock symbol AA (ALCOA INC). The 'Layers' panel on the left contains a list of layers with checkboxes: Default layer (checked), Intraday layer (unchecked), Daily layer (checked), Weekly layer (unchecked), Monthly layer (unchecked), Custom layer 1 (unchecked), Custom layer 2 (unchecked), Custom layer 3 (unchecked), Custom layer 4 (unchecked), and Custom layer 5 (unchecked). The 'Lay...' tab in this panel is highlighted as a tear-off tab. A yellow callout box with the text 'Tear-off tabs allow to re-organize tabbed groups freely using drag-drop' is positioned over the chart area, with arrows pointing to the 'Lay...' tab and the 'Charts' tab. The main chart area shows three stacked charts: a daily price chart (top), a daily price chart with multiple moving averages (middle), and a volume chart (bottom). The top chart title is '-AA - Daily 2005-11-09 Open 25.34, Hi 26.75, Lo 25.34, Close 26.2 (0.8%)'. The middle chart title is '-AA - Daily 2005-11-09 Open 25.34, Hi 26.75, Lo 25.34, Close 26.2 (0.8%) Vol 7,994,310'. The bottom chart title is '-AA - Volume() = 7,994,800.00'. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Format, Symbol, Analysis, Tools, Window, Help) and a toolbar with various icons. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'For Help, press F1' and 'NYSE, Group 2, Basic Materials, Metal Mining Data'.

UI: Tear-off color picker



UI: Advanced customizable toolbars & menus



AmiBroker - [AA - ALCOA INC]

File Edit View Insert Format Symbol Analysis Tools Window Help

Layers

- Default layer
- Intraday layer
- Daily layer
- Weekly layer
- Monthly layer
- Custom layer 1
- Custom layer 2
- Custom layer 3
- Custom layer 4
- Custom layer 5

AA - Daily 2005-11-09 Open 25.34, Hi 26.75, Lo 25.34, Close 26.2 (0.8%)

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May Nov

994.800 MA(Close,15) = 24.46, T

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For Help, press F1 X: 2005-08-04, Bar: 1405 Y: 26.4688 NYSE, Group 2, Basic Materials, Metal Mining Data

Customize

Toolbars Commands Keyboard Tools Options Appearance

Toolbars:

- Menu Bar
- Standard
- Ticker
- Tools
- Format
- Draw
- View
- Fibonacci & Gann

New...
Rename...
Delete
Reset...

Close Pomoc

Customize dialog allows creation of user-defined toolbars/menus, adding new buttons to existing toolbars. It also allows to define your own keyboard shortcuts and choose themes.



Analysis Tools Window Help

AA

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Sheet 3

NYSE, Group 2, Basic Materials, Metal Mining Data

If there is not enough space for all toolbar buttons, the ones that were hidden are available from chevron menu

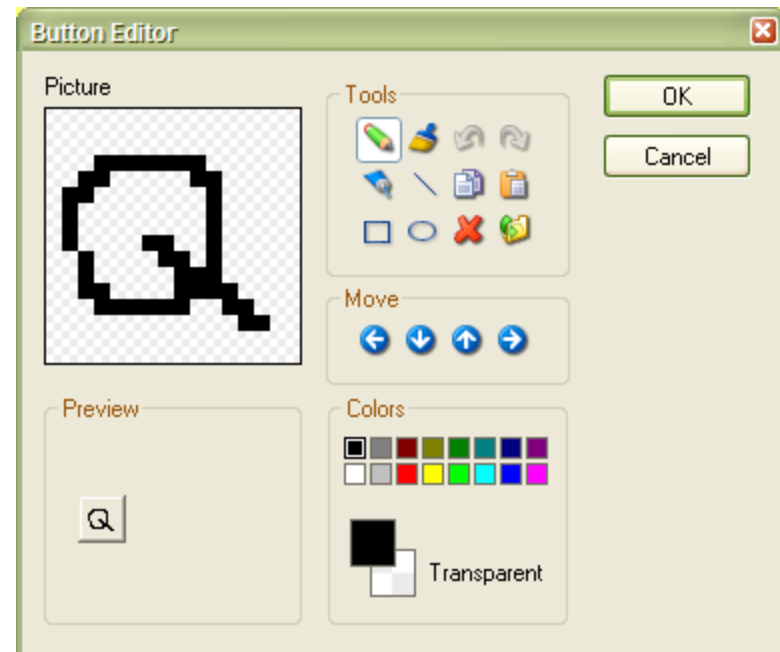
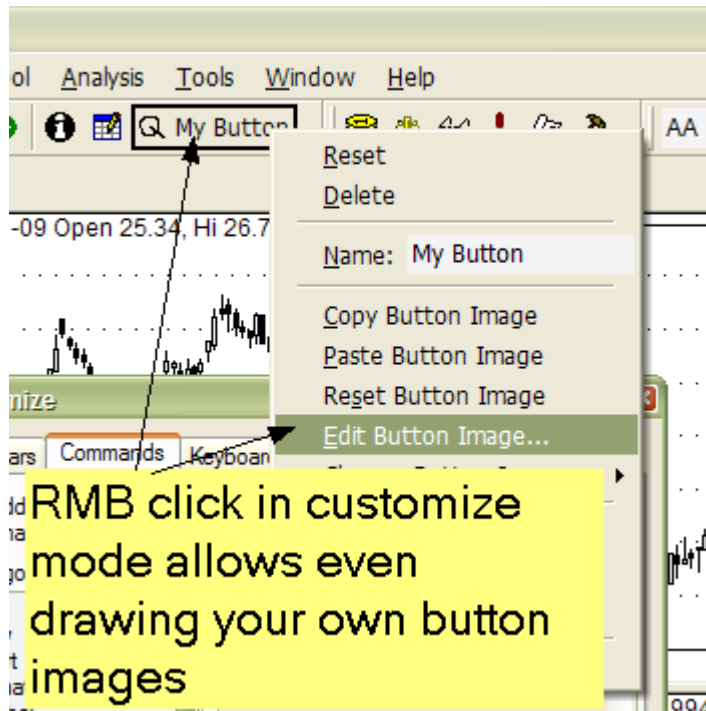
Chevron menu also allows to access toolbar/menu customization

UI: Adding/removing buttons

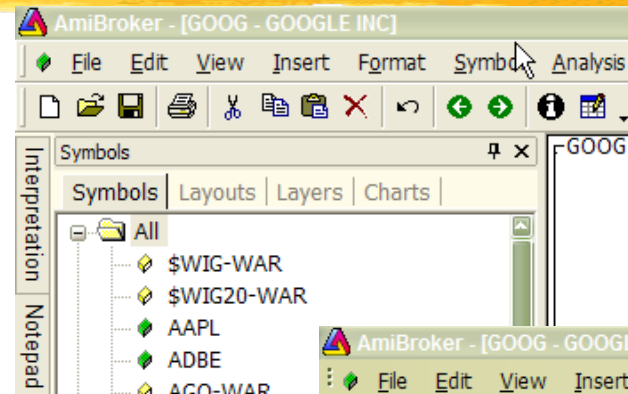
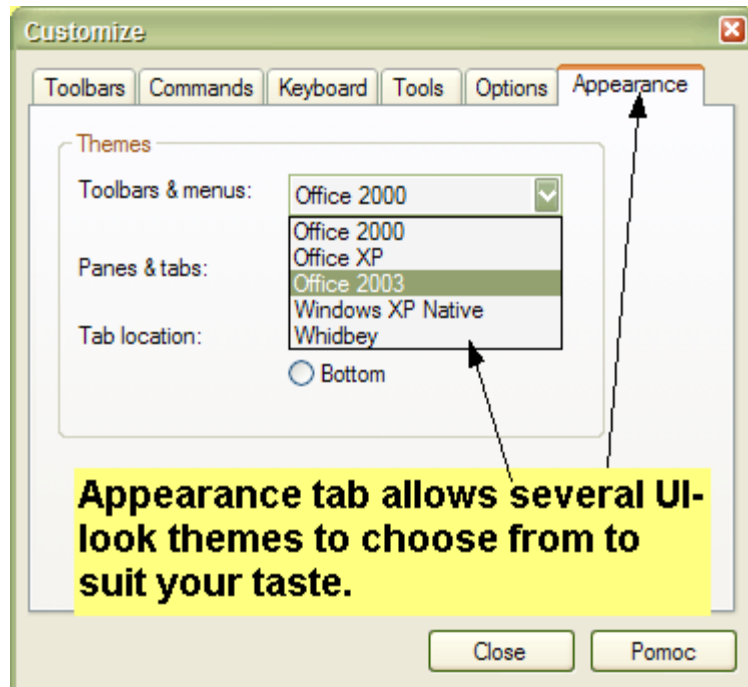
The screenshot displays the AmiBroker software interface for the symbol 'AA - ALCOA INC'. The main window shows a candlestick chart for the period from May to August. A yellow callout box with the text 'Toolbar buttons can be easily added/removed using customization menu' points to the 'Add or Remove Buttons' menu option in the toolbar. This menu is open, showing a list of standard buttons such as 'New database', 'Open', 'Save', 'Print', 'Cut', 'Copy', 'Paste', 'Delete', 'Undo', 'Back', 'Forward', 'Symbol information', 'Quote Editor', 'Print Preview', 'Import Wizard', 'ASCII import', 'MetaStock import', 'Financial results', 'Organize assignments', 'Send image', 'Export chart image to PNG file', 'Copy image to clipboard', 'Properties', 'New symbol', 'Split', 'Find symbol', 'New Window', 'New Linked', and 'Cascade Windows'. The interface also includes a 'Layers' panel on the left, a 'Volume()' chart at the bottom, and a status bar at the bottom with the text 'For Help, press F1', 'X: 2005-11-04, Bar: 1469', 'Y: 27.7713', and 'NYSE, Gr'.

Toolbar buttons can be easily added/removed using customization menu

UI: Editing buttons

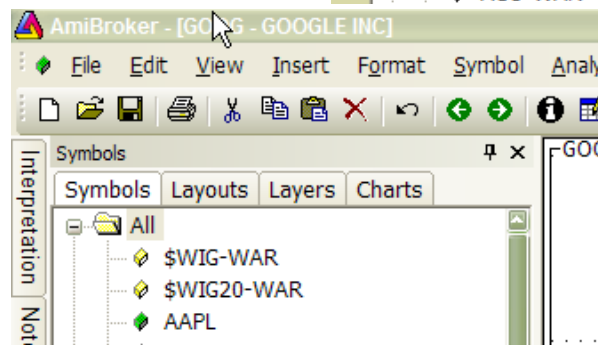
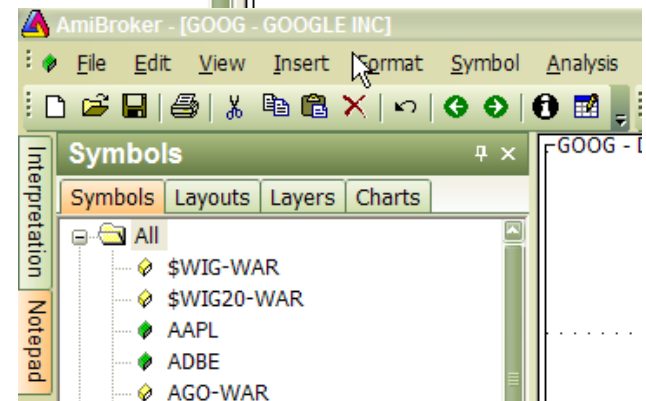


UI: Themed appearance



Office 2000 theme

Office 2003 theme



Whidbey theme

Performance improvements



- AFL engine: basic array arithmetic and logical operations upto 480% faster (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, modulus, AND/OR/NOT)
- Database: much faster handling of very long intraday data (>100000 quotes per symbol)
- startup time decreased 10x (on low end machines from 10s to below 1 second)

Charting improvements



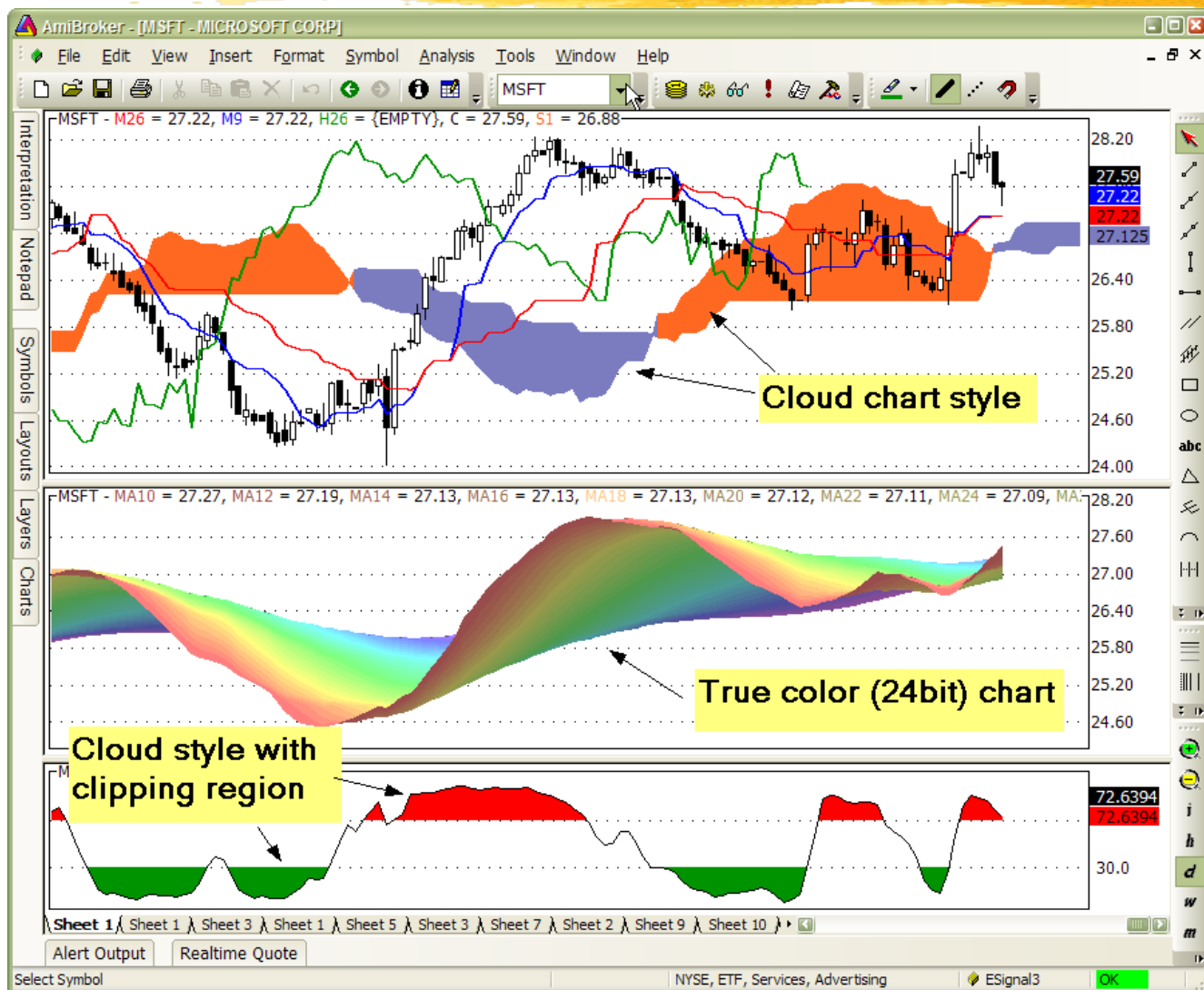
- 16 million colors in charts (also in AA)
ColorRGB/ColorHSB
- new chart styles - 'cloud' chart
- Xshift feature added to Plot() allowing displaced plots
- auto-wrap of chart title
- Y axis can now be scaled in fractions

Charting improvements (cont)

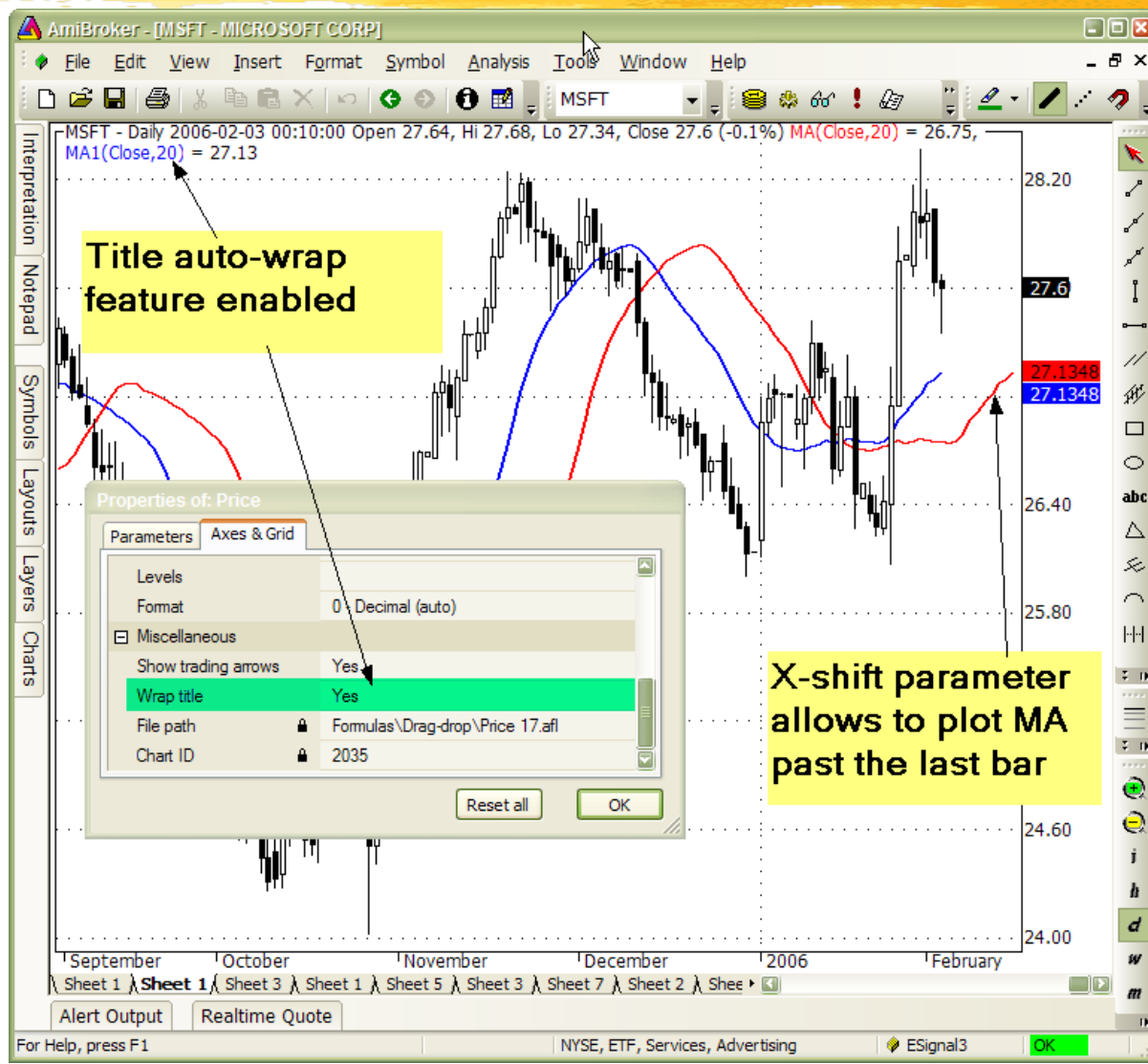


- background color control from formula level
- new PlotText function

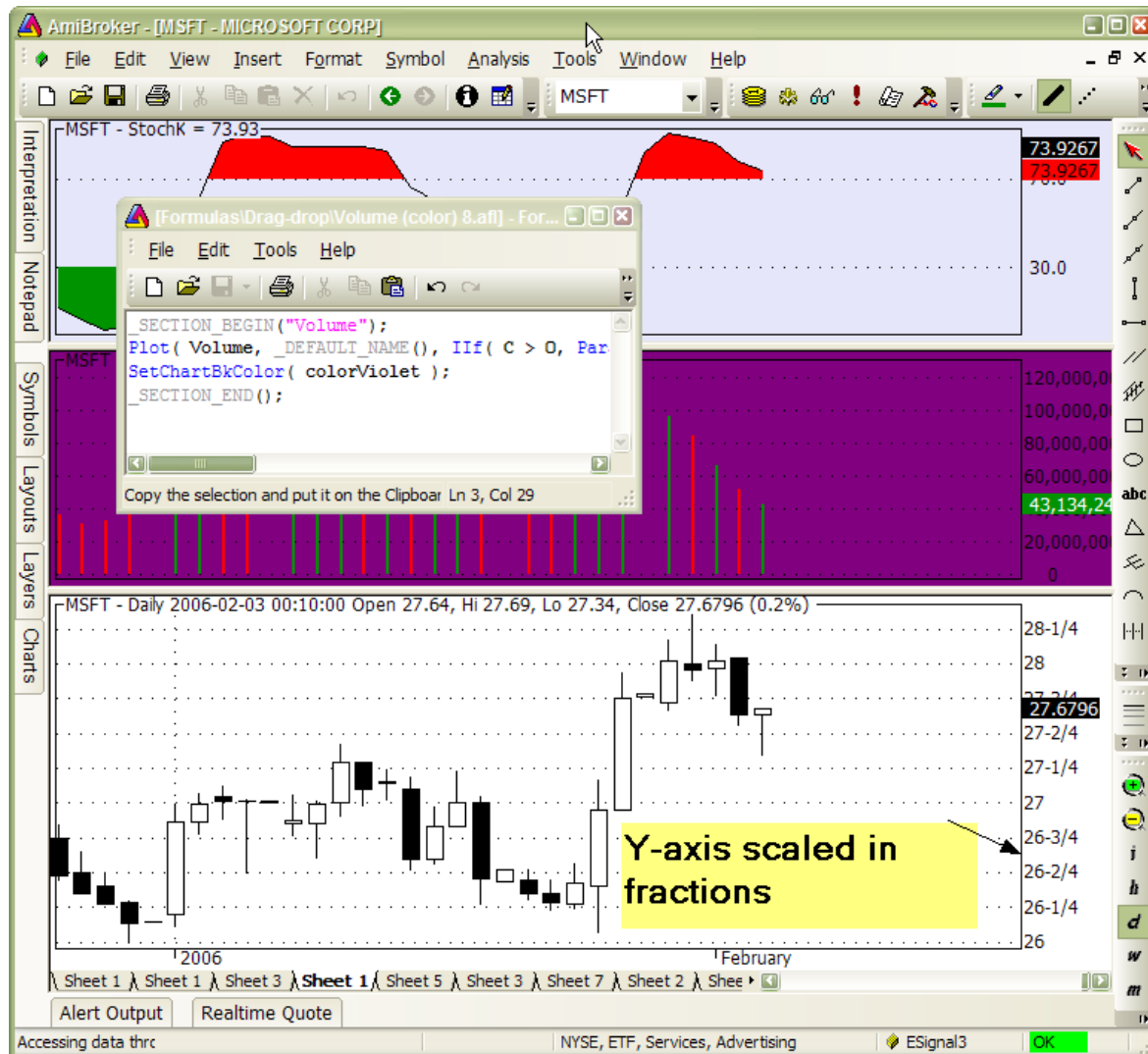
Charting: New 'cloud' style and true color palette



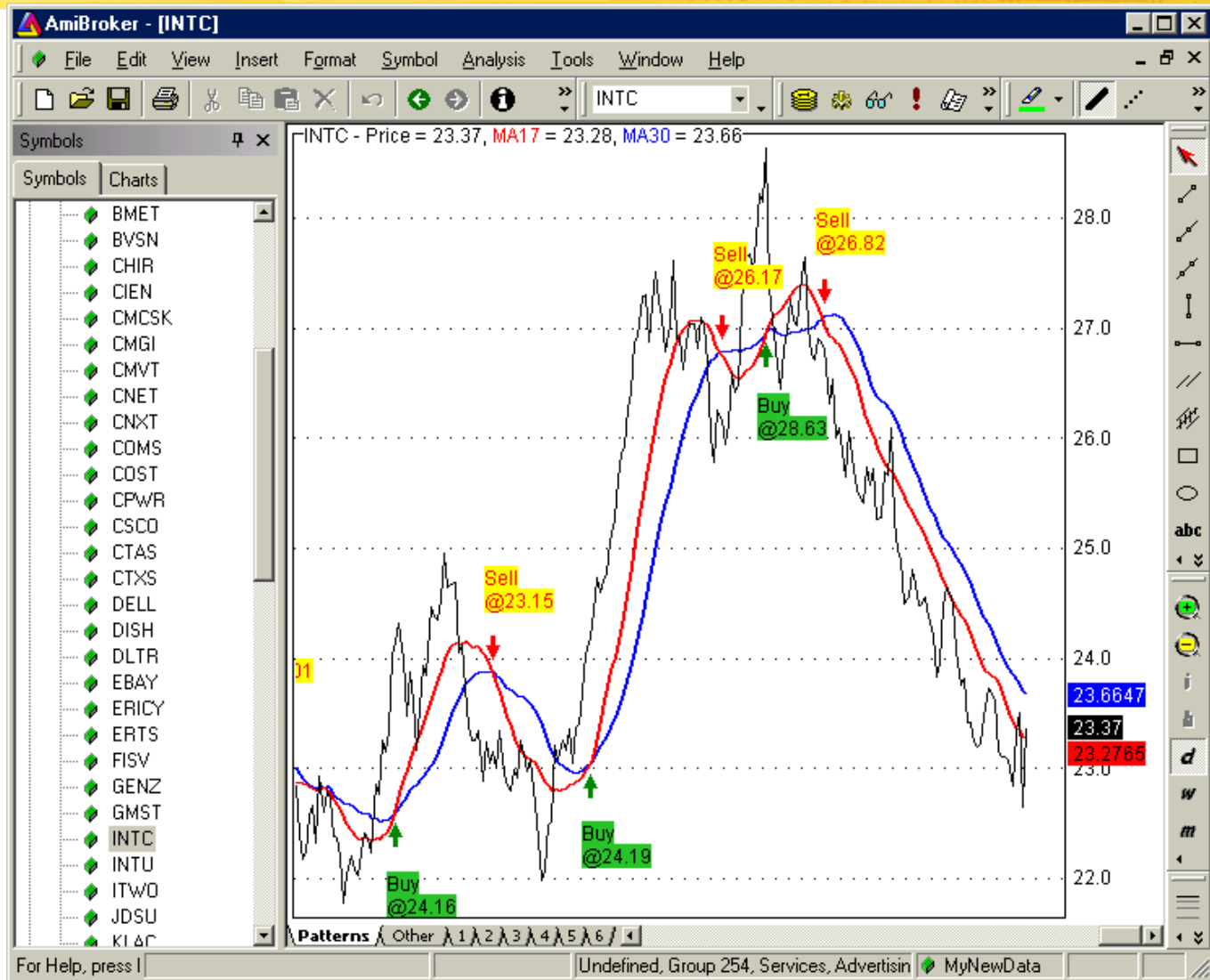
Charting: X-shift and title auto-wrap



Charting: Background color & Y-axis in fractions



Charting: New PlotText() function



AFL improvements / new functions



- AddToComposite support for custom backtest
- new hyperbolic functions: tanh, sinh, cosh
- StrToUpper, StrToLower
- GetRTDataForeign
- GetCursorXPosition/GetCursorYPosition
- DateTimeToStr/StrToDateTime
- TimeFrameMode
- AlmostEqual

OLE automation improvements



- New object: Window (ActiveWindow)
- new function allowing automatic/batch saving charts in PNG/GIF format (allows easy web publications) - ExportImage
- other new functions: MoveWindow, SelectedTab, LoadTemplate, SaveTemplate, ZoomToRange

Backtester improvements



- Custom backtest procedures fully support multiple positions on the same symbol
- Reports now include custom parameters

Real-time functionality improvements



- new Interactive Brokers plugin featuring 30 / 180 DAY 1-minute bar backfill
- new IQFeed plugin with much improved stability thanks to IQAPI 4.1.x.x
- new Easy alerts feature (coming soon)
- user-definable filtering in Times&Sales window (coming soon)

Other improvements



- TimeFrame functionality: new compression: N-Volume bars
- ASCII importer improvements: import of tick data
- Import wizard allows easy entering of extra commands, file dialogs allow now upto 20000 files to be selected at once

64 bit technology (AMD x64 / Intel EMT64)



- AmiBroker is first among technical analysis platforms to offer 64 bit versions now
- AmiBroker and AmiQuote source code was updated to fully conform with 64 bit (x64) technology, while keeping compatibility with 32 bit so BOTH versions are produced from the same source code base.

Benefits of 64 bit version:



- on average 25% faster execution
- huge physical memory supported - upto 1 TB (terabyte) - that's 1024 gigabytes
- huge addressable (virtual) memory - upto 16 TB
- ready for the future

Disadvantages of 64 bit version:



- runs only on 64 bit version of Windows (currently Windows XP Pro x64, Windows 2003 x64)
- requires 64 bit CPU (Athlon 64, Intel EMT64)
- loads only 64 bit DLLs - so all old plugins need to be recompiled to 64 bit

64-bit: Current availability



- AmiBroker v4.77 Std/Pro x64 - now
- AmiQuote v1.82 x64 - now
- 64 bit plugins:
 - IB (Interactive Brokers) - now
 - MS (Metastock) - March 30
 - DDE - March 30
 - QT (QuoteTracker) - March 30

64-bit: Where can I get it?



- There is a AmiBroker 4.77 x64 BETA version available now for download from:

<http://www.amibroker.com/x64/>

Again: it requires 64 bit processor AND 64 bit Windows.

64-bit: What to do with old data vendor sw?

- There are lots of programs (like FastTrack) that are 32 bit only now and that may or may not move to 64 bit in near future.
- Best solution: convince data vendor to release 64 bit API :-)
- Possible workaround: 64bit DLL /32bit EXE bridge communicating with 64 bit AmiBroker using TCP/IP

Summary



- New major upgrade of AmiBroker brings some key improvements and opens it for a new 64 bit technology setting new standards for technical analysis software
- If you are buying a new machine anytime near, make sure to buy 64 bit capable CPU AND 64 bit of Windows (it will run all your 32 bit programs BUT... if you have ANY 16 bit program that you use it will NOT run on Win64)

Future improvements

- Multi-threaded optimizer
- HoldMinBars feature in rotational backtester
- New account manager (multiple acc.)
- Layout sharing
- AFL code wizard
- new design of automatic analysis/formula edit
- On-line knowledge base
- On-line suggestion tracker with voting capability

Multi-threaded optimizer



- Support for multiple-core / multiple-CPU computers by using multiple-threading in optimizer.
- Optimization speed increase for dual-core CPU can reach 2x

HoldMinBars feature in rotational backtester



- per-symbol user definable minimum number of bars to hold position
- per-symbol user definable penalty in percent for early exit

Layout sharing



- XML-based export of formulas/layouts to allow people to share their layouts in an easy way

AFL code wizard



- The user interface driven tool for creation of AFL formulas for people without coding experience.

New design of automatic analysis/formula edit



- A kind of “integrated environment” for AFL development with tabbed interface allowing multiple editor window, multiple AA result lists.

On-line services



- Knowledge base - categorized / searchable database of answers to many common questions that arise frequently (the idea is to post answer to the knowledge base, instead to the mailing list - on the mailing list I would give only the link to the KB article)
- suggestion tracker with voting capability

Thank You

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**For more information visit:
<http://www.amibroker.com>**