

**TRADING TECHNOLOGIES, INC.'S MD TRADER®
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CLAIM 1	TT'S MD TRADER® WINDOW	TRADESTATION'S MATRIX WINDOW
1. A method for facilitating trade order entry, the method comprising:	Trading Technologies, Inc.'s ("TT") MD Trader® window ("MD Trader window") facilitates trade order entry by connecting to and displaying market information from electronic exchanges, such that users may place trade orders for a commodity. <i>See</i> Figure 1; Ex. 1, X_TRADER® Version 7.12.X User Manual; Ex. 2, X_TRADER® Version 6.11.0 User Manual; Ex. 3, X_TRADER® Version 5.2.2 User Manual.	TradeStation's Matrix ("Matrix") facilitates trade order entry by connecting to and displaying market information from electronic exchanges, such that users may place trade orders for a commodity. <i>See</i> Figure 1; Ex. 1, X_TRADER® Version 7.12.X User Manual; Ex. 2, X_TRADER® Version 6.11.0 User Manual; Ex. 3, X_TRADER® Version 5.2.2 User Manual.
receiving, by a computing device, market data for a commodity, the market data comprising a current highest bid price and a current lowest ask price available for the commodity;	The MD Trader window receives market data for a commodity from an electronic exchange, the market data comprises a current highest bid price (e.g., 129195) and a current lowest ask price (e.g., 129200) available for the commodity. <i>See</i> Figure 1; Ex. 1, X_TRADER® Version 7.12.X User Manual, p. 376 ("To make it easier to identify the mid-point of the inside market, MD Trader places a bold line across the width of its grid. The mid-point line appears midway between the best bid and the best offer in the market."); <i>see also</i> Ex. 2, p. 305; Ex. 3, pp. 104-107.	TradeStation's Matrix window receives market data for a commodity from an electronic exchange, the market data comprises a current highest bid price (e.g., 25.26) and a current lowest ask price (e.g., 25.28) available for the commodity. <i>See</i> Figure 1A; Ex. 1, X_TRADER® Version 7.12.X User Manual, p. 376 ("To make it easier to identify the mid-point of the inside market, Matrix places a bold line across the width of its grid. The mid-point line appears midway between the best bid and the best offer in the market."); <i>see also</i> Ex. 2, p. 305; Ex. 3, pp. 104-107.

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<p>identifying, by the computing device, a plurality of sequential price levels for the commodity based on the market data, where the plurality of sequential price levels includes the current highest bid price and the current lowest ask price;</p>	<p>The MD Trader window identifies a plurality of sequential price levels (<i>e.g.</i>, price levels in “Price” column) for the commodity based on the market data. The plurality of sequential price levels includes the current highest bid price (<i>e.g.</i>, 129195 as shown in Figure 1) and the current lowest ask price (<i>e.g.</i>, 129200 as shown in Figure 1). <i>See</i> Figure 1; Ex. 1, X_TRADER® Version 7.12.X User Manual, p. 330; Ex. 2, p. 296, 299; Ex. 3, pp. 106-107.</p>	<p>TradeStation’s Matrix identifies a plurality of price levels (<i>e.g.</i>, price level column) for the commodity based on the market data. The plurality of sequential price levels includes the current highest bid price (shown in Figure 1) and the current lowest ask price (<i>e.g.</i>, shown in Figure 1).</p>
<p>displaying, by the computing device, a plurality of graphical locations aligned along an axis, where each graphical location is configured to be selected by a single action of a user input device to send a trade order to the electronic exchange, where a price of the trade order is based on the selected graphical location;</p>	<p>The MD Trader window displays a plurality of graphical locations (<i>e.g.</i>, cells in the blue “Bids” column and red “Asks” column in Figure 1) aligned along an axis. Each graphical location (cell) is configured to be selected by a single action (<i>e.g.</i>, single click (Up Click or Down Click) or double click) of a user input device (<i>e.g.</i>, mouse) to send a trade order to the electronic exchange. The price of the trade order is based on the selected graphical location (cell). <i>See</i> Figure 1; Ex. 1, X_TRADER® Version 7.12.X User Manual, p. 338 (“Click the ladder next to the price at which you want to place an order.”); <i>see also</i> Ex. 2, p. 302; Ex. 3, pp. 112-113.</p>	<p>TradeStation’s Matrix displays a plurality of graphical locations (cells) in the blue “Bid Size” column and red “Ask Size” column aligned along an axis. Each graphical location (cell) is configured to be selected by a single action (single click (Up Click or Down Click) or double click) of a user input device (<i>e.g.</i>, mouse) to send a trade order to the electronic exchange. The price of the trade order is based on the selected graphical location (cell). (“With just a single click on the Bid or Ask column, you can immediately place an order.”)</p>
<p>mapping, by the computing device, the</p>	<p>The MD Trader window maps the</p>	<p>TradeStation’s Matrix</p>

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<p>plurality of sequential price levels to the plurality of graphical locations, where each graphical location corresponds to one of the plurality of sequential price levels, where each price level corresponds to at least one of the plurality of graphical locations, and where mapping of the plurality of sequential price levels does not change at a time when at least one of the current highest bid price and the current lowest ask price changes;</p>	<p>plurality of sequential price levels (<i>e.g.</i>, price levels in the “Price” column) to the plurality of graphical locations (<i>e.g.</i>, cells in the blue “Bids” column and red “Asks” column in Figure 1). Each cell in the Bids column and Asks column corresponds to one of the price levels. Each price level corresponds to at least one of the cells in the Bids column and Asks column. <i>See</i> Figure 1; Ex. 1, X_TRADER® Version 7.12.X User Manual, p. 330; Ex. 2, p. 296, 299; Ex. 3, pp. 106-107.</p> <p>In the MD Trader window, mapping between the price levels in the “Price” column and the locations in the Bids/Asks columns does not change when the current highest bid price or lowest ask price changes. For instance, in Figure 2, the lowest ask price changes from 129200 to 129205. <i>See</i> Figure 2, Time 1 / Time 2 comparison. But the mapping between the price levels and the locations in the Bids/Asks columns does not change.</p>	<p>the plurality of sequential price levels (<i>e.g.</i>, price levels in the “Price” column) to the plurality of graphical locations (<i>e.g.</i>, cells in the blue “Bids” column and red “Asks” column in Figure 1). Each cell in the Bid Size column and Ask Size column corresponds to one of the price levels. Each price level corresponds to at least one of the cells in the Bid Size and Ask Size column.</p> <p>In TradeStation’s Matrix window, mapping between the price levels in the “Price” column and the locations in the Bid Size/Ask Size columns does not change when the current highest bid price or lowest ask price changes. For example, in Figure 2 the lowest ask price changes from 25.25 to 25.25 in Time 2, but the mapping between the price levels and the locations in the Bid Size/Ask Size columns does not change.</p>
<p>and setting a price and sending the trade order to the electronic exchange in response to receiving by the computing device commands based on user actions consisting of: (1) placing a cursor associated with the user input device</p>	<p>The MD Trader window sets a price and sends the trade order to the electronic exchange upon the receipt of commands based on user actions (<i>e.g.</i>, single click). For example, the MD Trader window sets the price of an</p>	<p>Matrix sets a price and sends the trade order to the electronic exchange upon the receipt of commands based on user actions (<i>e.g.</i>, single click or double click or mouse). For example,</p>

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<p>over a desired graphical location of the plurality of graphical locations and (2) selecting the desired graphical location through a single action of the user input device.</p>	<p>order and sends the order to the electronic exchange when a user places a cursor over a desired graphical location in the Bids column or Asks column and selects the desired graphical location through a single click of a mouse. <i>See</i> Figure 1; Ex. 1, X_TRADER® Version 7.12.X User Manual, p. 338 (“Click the ladder next to the price at which you want to place an order.”); p. 377 (“MD Trader lets you buy or sell products using one click of a mouse.”); <i>see also</i> Ex. 2, p. 302, 308; Ex. 3, pp. 111-113.</p>	<p>window sets the price and sends the order to the exchange when a user places a cursor over a desired graphical location in the Bid Size column or Ask Size column and selects the desired graphical location through a single click of a mouse. <i>See</i> Ex. 4 (“With just a click on any row in the Bid or Ask column you’re able to immediately place an order.”).</p>
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CLAIM 8	TT'S MD TRADER® WINDOW	TRADESTATION'S M WINDOW
<p>8. The method of claim 1, further comprising: changing the mapping of the plurality of sequential price levels to the plurality of graphical locations in response to receiving by the computing device a re-centering command.</p>	<p>MD Trader window changes the mapping of the plurality of sequential price levels (<i>e.g.</i>, in the “Price” column) to the plurality of graphical locations (<i>e.g.</i>, the cells in the Bids and Asks columns) in response to receiving a re-centering command.</p> <p>For instance, MD Trader centers the inside market upon receipt of a re-centering command by the user, such as by pressing the spacebar on a keyboard or double-clicking in the Price column. <i>See</i> Figure 1; Ex. 1, X_TRADER® Version 7.12.X User Manual, p. 344 (“To center the market: Press the Spacebar.”); p. 362 (“Double-click the Price column to recenter the MD Trader grid.”); <i>see also</i> Ex. 2, p. 303; Ex. 3, p. 111.</p>	<p>TradeStation’s Matrix window changes the mapping of the plurality of sequential price levels (<i>e.g.</i>, in the “Price” column) to the plurality of graphical locations (<i>e.g.</i>, the cells in the Bid Size and Ask Size columns) in response to receiving a re-centering command. For example, the user can click the middle mouse button in the Price column, right click on the Matrix window, then left click “Center,” followed by left click “Ask,” “Bid,” “Mid,” or “Last,” to configure the re-centering command such that the mapping of the plurality of sequential price levels to the plurality of graphical locations occurs in response to receipt of a re-centering command based on time (<i>e.g.</i>, 1 second) or based on the number of rows the last price must move up/down (<i>e.g.</i>, 1 row – 10 rows). <i>See</i> Figure 3B; Figure 5.</p>

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