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Welcome to QuickChart, the 32-bit Windows application to view financial data stored in MetaStock or CompuTrac format.

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Installation

Simply copy all files to a new directory of your choice. Read the important Legal information before use.

The application is qchart.exe. It works when you select a file of the name "master" (no extension) from the File > Open menu. All CompuTrac and MetaStock data are indexed via files of the name master.

sample.zip is a sample of three stocks in CompuTrac/MetaStock format for those who do not have data in that format yet but wish to give QuickChart a test drive. Suggested use is to create a new directory anywhere, move sample.zip to it, unzip and delete sample.zip. The result will be files: f1.dat, f1.dop, f2.dat, f2.dop, f3.dat, f3.dop and master. When you launch qchart.exe do a File > Open on the master file. That's it!

File menu commands

The File menu supports most recently used files. You need to open a file of the name "master" (no extension) to load a data series.

View menu commands

The View menu offers the following commands:

Options

The Options let you adjust the visual aspects of the chart via a dialog box.

You can select 0, 1, or 2 moving averages which can have their lengths set.

The displayed (and printed) bar settings can be set. The bar spacing does not change with window resizing as is typical of comparable applications.

The choice of showing the data's volume can be made.

The choice of ignoring bad or inconsistent data can be made.

The color scheme can be changed by expanding the dialog box. Color changes only take effect if the dialog box is closed with "OK" while it is expanded.

For all Option items, the preferences are automatically written the qchart.ini and thus persistent across sessions.

Slideshow

The slide show progresses from the first chart to the last at an interval you define via a dialog box. The chart sequence does not wrap-around. The right mouse button popup menu is disabled while in Slideshow.

Slideshow may be exited at any time by hitting Escape.

Slideshow may be paused and resumed at any time by hitting Space Bar.

Select menu commands

The Select menu offers the following commands:

Next/
Previous These two commands move to the next or previous chart, respectively. Note that the arrow keys may also be used for this.

GoTo This command permits random access to the charts. Three sorting modes are supported - the most recently chosen mode is persistent across sessions.

Use and Navigation

This application permits quick and easy viewing, printing and navigation for financial data stored in MetaStock or CompuTrac format. QuickChart works when you select a file of the name "master" (no extension) from the File > Open menu. All CompuTrac and MetaStock data are indexed via files of the name master.

Toolbar buttons, arrow keys and a right mouse popup menu enable navigation among the charts.

The viewed chart may be printed. The toolbar button launches a Print Preview. Bar spacing is WYSIWYG between screen and paper.

QuickChart will display about three and one-half years of historical data.

Refer to the [View menu](#) and the [Select menu](#) topics.

Other ShareWare Applications by the Author

MetaFix

MetaFix permits you to modify the disk files for MetaStock or CompuTrac format data including:

- editing a single quote
- adjusting a quote series for a split
- adjusting a quote series for Price or Volume multipliers
- deleting a quote
- displaying underlying facts about a quote series
- automatically scanning for potential splits

No files are ever deleted - any edited .DAT file is first saved with the extension .BAK. This is unlike comparable applications! Also, the automatic split-search is unique and provides suggested split ratios for both forward and reverse splits.

MetaFix is small and fast - an alternative to competitive financial fatware.

FullDisk

FullDisk permits quick and easy profiling of the contents of a local or network drive. Menu selections permit:

- rescanning as needed
- choosing the units for display results (bytes, kilobytes or megabytes)

When launched, FullDisk searches your drive for all sub-directory trees and the file sizes therein starting with the currently selected drive. A color-coded list box shows the results and a pie-chart depicts the usage within that tree / drive.

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What is New in 2.3?

Improved

Dial Data makes a less-than-ASCII .DOP file - not nice. Version 2.3 tolerates their faux pas.

Fixed

Fixed bug where close was shown instead of volume.

Fixed this Help file which incorrectly stated that ctl3dv2.dll was a requirement.

Changes in Version 2.2

Added

Ability to handle data series without the .DOP file. (Thanks, Denis.)

Ability to ignore bad or inconsistent data.

Improved

Removed limit of 127 per master file.

New registration encoding.

