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TRADE THE SLOPE SYSTEM  
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Chart set-up

Step 1:

Open 6 charts of any currency pair you would like to trade.

- Daily chart
- H4 chart
- H1 chart
- 30M chart
- 15M chart
- 5M chart

If you are trading USD/JPY your charts should look like this now.



Step 2:

Add slope direction indicator to all charts.

Add this to 15M chart.

- Pivot point indicator
- Support and resistance levels

Now your charts should look like this for USD/JPY



## How to trade this system

I'll show you exactly how I trade. I have a day job. So I open all my trade just after 5PM EST time. Lets says, for example, today is July 12<sup>th</sup> 2007 and its 5PM EST. I would like to trade USD/JPY today only. What I would do, I'll open one position will be open for few days and I'll to inter day trading on the same pair to catch small moves.

Okay, here are the steps that I would do.

Step 1: Look at the daily chart.



What I see on this chart is that slope on the daily chart has changed from blue to orange indicating downtrend.

Now what we do? Well, we will try to find the best entry point for our short position, which will be open for many days.

Step 2:

H4 Chart also indicates at 5PM EST that the trend is down.



H1 Chart slope is positive at 5PM EST time.



M30 Slope is positive at 5PM EST.



Since 30M and H1 have positive slope it is not the best time to enter in the trade. We will wait until both these charts will have negative slope along with H4 and daily.



So here we see that 2007-07-13 at 18:00 GMT the slope changed the direction on H1 chart.

On 2007-07-13 at 18:00 GMT the slope was already negative on 30M chart.

Hence, I go short on USD/JPY with 100PIP stop loss without any profit target! But just in case I place my T/P at 200 PIPS. However, it is not likely that USD/JPY will move 200 PIPS in a day. I will check my trade status every day at 5PM EST and move my SL/TP accordingly.

- Short at 122.02 with 100 PIPS stop loss (Price never went above 122.37)
- Exit on 114.06
- Total profit +796 PIPS
- When to exit? Look at the chart below.



See the slope is almost going at 0 degree (moving in range). When you see the slope is changing direction toward 0 that's the time to exit the trade. (Daily chart)

Trade closed on 2007-09-20

+796 PIPS in just over two month period. From one trade and one pair.

On My next document I'll show you how to make pips from small moves.

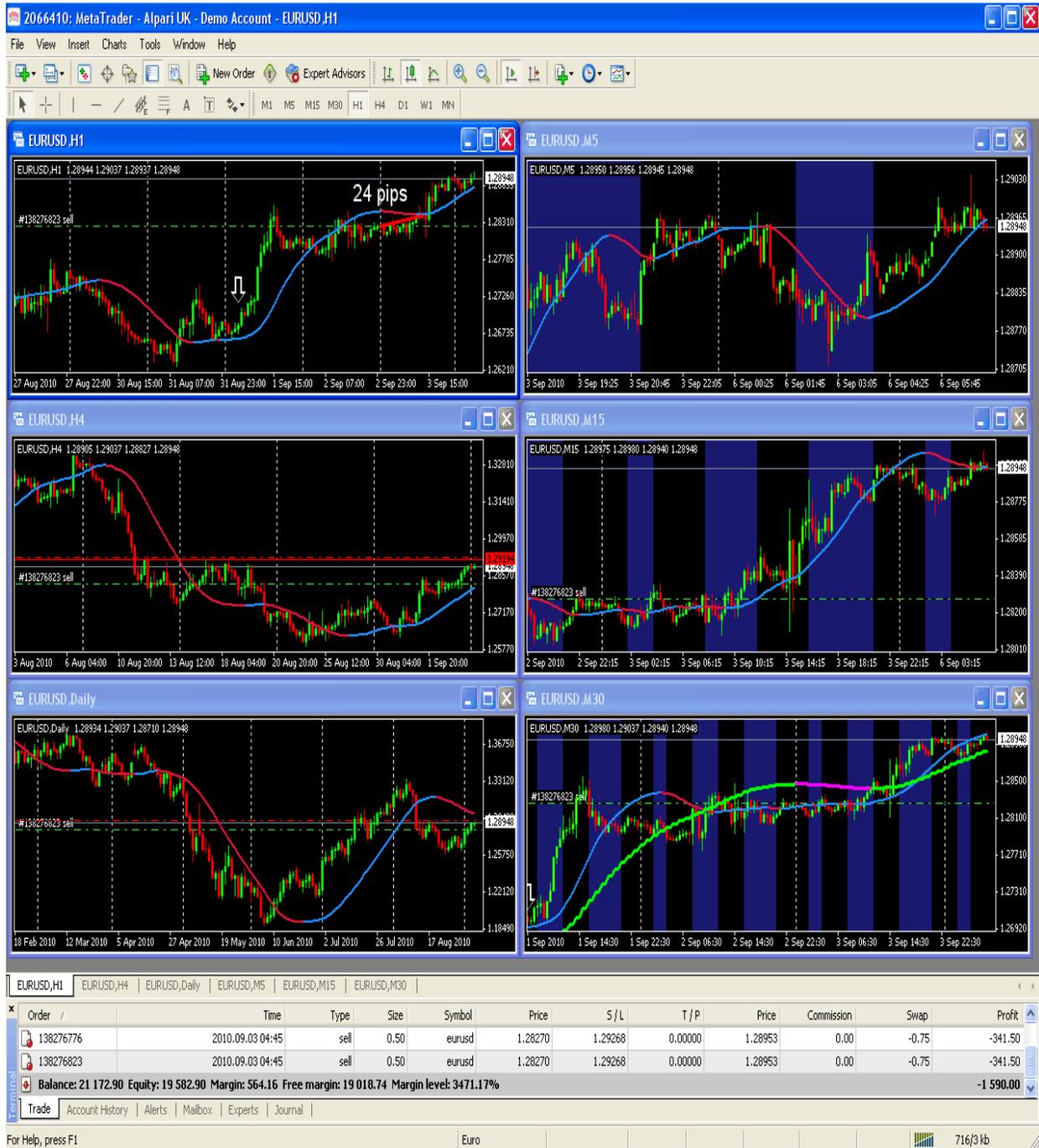
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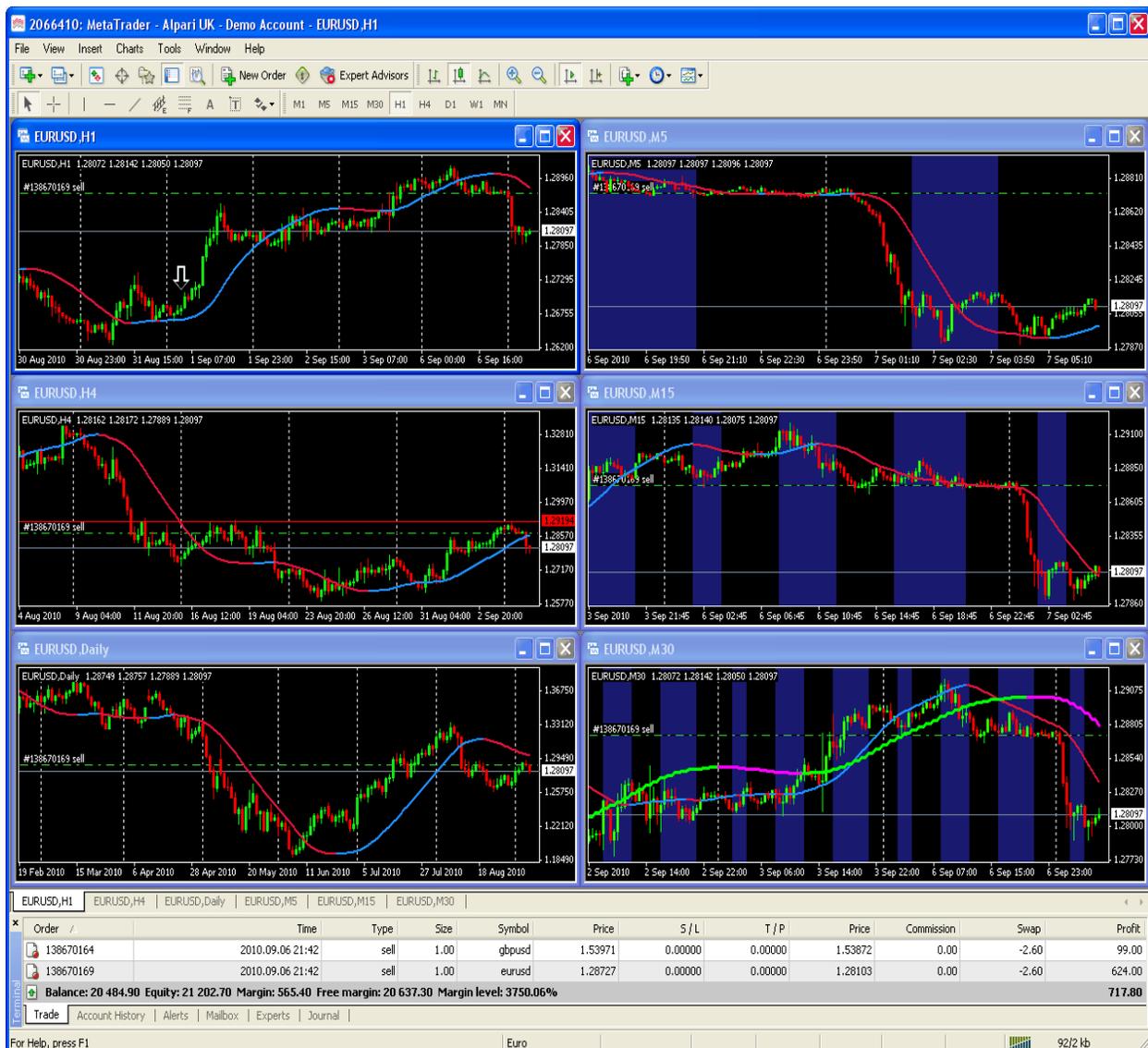
What about all lines in agreement at 5pm eastern time ( actually a little later when Tokyo opens)



Enter immediately with 100 pip stop loss. The slope line on the Day chart has just turned red, H4, H1, M30, M15 also red. Not very far from where H1 turned red also at significant support level.



What if things go wrong? With this system it is normal to place a 100 pip stop loss, but if you look carefully you can see it is exactly at a significant resistance. Well on the H1 chart you can see that approximately 24 pips higher the H1 slope line changed bullish. This is where you must exit and you do not wait for the stop to be hit.



The most difficult of all is to enter on a deal when the previous deal did not work out (see previous page). However by back testing the system numerous times I found them to work about 70% of the time, in other words about 30% will be losers. Now can you tell beforehand which ones will be losers and which will be winners? How do you become a 100% winner? By taking them all (winners and losers look more or less the same when you enter), how you manage your deal makes the difference. Like on the previous page it was soon obvious that this deal wasn't going anywhere when the H1 slope line changed color in the wrong direction. By letting the winners run and cutting the losers short. Remember the rat.

## Exits.

You can either exit when the Daily slope line goes flat or you can make use of significant Support and Resistance levels on the 4 Hourly chart.

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