Custom Strategies & TP/SL functions:

Changes will need to be made to **Bot_Class.py**, **TradingStrats.py** and **app.py** in order to add a custom strategy or new TP/SL function.

TradingStrats.py:

Create a new function to house your strategy, it should have the following definition at the bare minimum:

def <Strategy Name>(Trade_Direction, Close, High, Low, SL, TP, TP_choice, SL_choice, index, …(Any indicators you need for the strategy)):

So for example if I wanted to make a simple ema crossover strategy with two EMA's, I would have this definition:

```
def ema_crossover(Trade_Direction, Close, High, Low, SL, TP, TP_choice, SL_choice, current_index, ema_short, ema_long):
```

Now the Trading logic:

If we wanted to go short when the ema_short crosses below the ema_long, see 1st crossover above.
We would look for a candle where the ema_short is below the ema_long and on the previous candle the ema_short was above the ema_long. We would enter a short here, by setting Trade_Direction to 0 (indicating a short).

Code:

```
def ema_crossover(Trade_Direction, Close, High, Low, SL, TP, TP_choice, SL_choice, current_index, ema_short, ema_long):

    if ema_short[current_index] < ema_long[current_index] and ema_short[current_index - 1] > ema_long[current_index - 1]:
        Trade_Direction = 0
```

Similarly for the long we would look for a candle where the ema_short is above the ema_long and on the previous candle the ema_short was below the ema_long.

So together this would give the Code:

```
def ema_crossover(Trade_Direction, Close, High, Low, SL, TP, TP_choice, SL_choice, current_index, ema_short, ema_long):

    if ema_short[current_index] < ema_long[current_index] and ema_short[current_index - 1] > ema_long[current_index - 1]:
        Trade_Direction = 0

    elif ema_short[current_index] > ema_long[current_index] and ema_short[current_index - 1] < ema_long[current_index - 1]:
        Trade_Direction = 1
```

Now setting up the TP and SL, simply add the following line of code to work with the TP and SL functions that come out of the box:

```
stop_loss_val, take_profit_val = SetSLTP(-99, -99, Close, High, Low, Trade_Direction,
                                         SL, TP, TP_choice, SL_choice, current_index)
```

The final product, we need to return the Trade_Direction, stop_loss_val and take_profit_val:

```
def ema_crossover(Trade_Direction, Close, High, Low, SL, TP, TP_choice, SL_choice, current_index, ema_short, ema_long):

    if ema_short[current_index] < ema_long[current_index] and ema_short[current_index - 1] > ema_long[current_index - 1]:
        Trade_Direction = 0

    elif ema_short[current_index] > ema_long[current_index] and ema_short[current_index - 1] < ema_long[current_index - 1]:
        Trade_Direction = 1

    stop_loss_val, take_profit_val = SetSLTP(-99, -99, Close, High, Low, Trade_Direction,
                                             SL, TP, TP_choice, SL_choice, current_index)

    return Trade_Direction, stop_loss_val, take_profit_val
```

Next add this to Bot_Class.py:

Firstly in the __init__(….) function we need to define our emas.

```
64          self.EMA_short = None
65          self.EMA_long = None
```

The default bot already has two variables for ema_short and ema_long so we can just reuse them.

Next in update_indicators() we need to add an elif clause that generates the emas for us when self.strategy == ‘ema_crossover’:

```
121         elif self.strategy == 'heikin_ashi_ema':
122             self.use_close_pos = True
123             self.fastd = np.array(stochrsi_d(pd.Series(self.Close)))
124             self.fastk = np.array(stochrsi_k(pd.Series(self.Close)))
125             self.EMA200 = np.array(ema_indicator(pd.Series(self.Close), window=200))
126         elif self.strategy == 'ema_crossover':
127             self.EMA_short = np.array(ema_indicator(pd.Series(self.Close), window=10))
128             self.EMA_long = np.array(ema_indicator(pd.Series(self.Close), window=20))
129
```

update_indicators() gets called when a new candle comes in for the live bot and once at the start of a backtest to calculate the indicators.

Similarly we add an elif clause in Make_Decision() now feeding the relevant variables to our strategy:

```
elif self.strategy == 'ema_crossover':
    Trade_Direction, stop_loss_val, take_profit_val = ema_crossover(self.Trade_Direction, self.Close, self.High, self.Low,
                                                                    self.SL, self.TP, self.TP_choice, self.SL_choice,
                                                                    self.current_index, self.EMA_short, self.EMA_long)
```

Finally, in app.py we need to add ema_crossover to the strategy_options array:

```
strategy_options = ["StochRSIMACD", "tripleEMAStochasticRSIATR", "tripleEMA", "breakout", "stochBB", "goldenCross",
                    "candle_wick", "fibMACD", "EMA_cross", "heikin_ashi_ema2", "heikin_ashi_ema", "ema_crossover"]
```

And that’s all we need to do to add a new strategy.