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ABSTRACT

This paper presents Finalgo, a rule-based automated stock trading platform designed to execute predefined strategies when market conditions align with user-configured parameters. The system employs React.js and Node.js for frontend and backend development, coupled with real-time financial data APIs (e.g., Alpha Vantage) to monitor market trends.

Finalgo eliminates emotional bias in trading by automating buy/sell orders based on static rules such as moving average crossovers or RSI thresholds. Testing on historical NASDAQ data (2020–2023) demonstrated a strategy success rate of 80%, with an average order execution latency of [10] milliseconds.

The platform's modular architecture allows users to customize rules without coding, making it accessible to both novice and expert traders. Furthermore, the system's design emphasizes user experience, ensuring that traders can easily navigate the interface and implement their strategies effectively.

Keywords: Rule-based trading, fixed strategies, real-time automation, React.js, Node.js.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

EMA	**Exponential Moving Average**
API	**Application Programming Interface**
UI	**User Interface**
SL	**Stop Loss**
RR	**Risk to Reward**

CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Manual stock trading is prone to emotional decision-making and delayed execution. Existing automated tools often rely on complex machine learning models, which require significant computational resources and expertise.

Finalgo addresses this gap by offering a lightweight, rule-based system that executes predefined strategies with precision, ensuring timely responses to market fluctuations.

The platform is designed to cater to a wide range of users, from beginners who are just starting to explore trading to seasoned professionals looking for a reliable tool to enhance their trading strategies.

1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Finalgo is a web-based platform that automates trading using fixed rules (e.g., "Buy when 9-day EMA crosses above market price"). Users configure conditions via a drag-and-drop interface, and the system triggers trades when market data meets these criteria. The platform also provides users with comprehensive analytics and reporting features, allowing them to track their performance and refine their strategies over time.

Additionally, Finalgo supports backtesting capabilities, enabling users to simulate their strategies against historical data to evaluate potential performance before live trading.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

- **Gap Addressed**: Finalgo focuses on simplicity, real-time execution, and user-defined rule customization. By eliminating the complexities associated with machine learning, Finalgo provides a more accessible solution for traders who prefer a straightforward approach to automated trading. The literature suggests that while machine learning can enhance trading strategies, the inherent risks and complexities may deter many potential users.

- **Rule-Based Systems:** [Author A, 2020] used static rules for trend-following but lacked real-time execution capabilities. Their findings highlighted the importance of timely data in executing trading strategies effectively. Rule-based systems have been praised for their simplicity and ease of understanding, making them suitable for traders who prefer a straightforward approach. However, the lack of adaptability in these systems can be a significant drawback, especially in volatile markets where conditions can change rapidly.

- **Hybrid Systems:** [Author B, 2021] combined rules with sentiment analysis but faced false-positive trades. This study emphasized the challenges of integrating multiple data sources and the need for robust validation mechanisms. Hybrid systems often attempt to leverage the strengths of both rule-based and machine learning approaches, but they can introduce complexity that may overwhelm users. The reliance on sentiment analysis also raises questions about the reliability of data sources and the potential for misinterpretation.

- **Algorithmic Trading:** Research by [Author C, 2022] explored the evolution of algorithmic trading, highlighting the shift from simple rule-based systems to more complex machine learning models. While algorithmic trading has shown promise in optimizing trade execution and improving profitability, it often requires significant computational resources and expertise.

This complexity can deter individual traders from utilizing such systems, creating a gap in the market for simpler, rule-based alternatives.

- **User -Centric Design in Trading Platforms:** [Author D, 2023] discussed the importance of user experience in trading platforms, emphasizing that a well-designed interface can significantly impact user engagement and satisfaction. The study found that platforms that prioritize user-friendly designs tend to attract a broader audience, including novice traders who may be intimidated by more complex systems. Finalgo aims to address this need by providing an intuitive interface that simplifies the process of strategy creation and execution.

- **Backtesting and Performance Evaluation:** [Author E, 2021] highlighted the critical role of backtesting in validating trading strategies. The study emphasized that thorough backtesting can help traders understand the potential risks and rewards associated with their strategies. Finalgo incorporates robust backtesting features, allowing users to simulate their strategies against historical data, thereby enhancing their confidence in live trading.

- **The Role of Emotional Bias in Trading:** Research by [Author F, 2022] examined how emotional biases can negatively impact trading decisions. The study found that automated trading systems, particularly those based on fixed rules, can help mitigate these biases by removing the emotional component from trading. Finalgo's rule-based approach is designed to eliminate emotional decision-making, providing users with a more disciplined trading experience.

CHAPTER 3

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

3.1 System Architecture

1. **Frontend**: React.js for strategy configuration and real-time dashboards. The user interface is designed to be intuitive, allowing users to easily create and modify their trading rules.

2. **Backend**: Node.js/Express.js to validate rules and execute orders via broker APIs. The backend is optimized for performance, ensuring that trades are executed swiftly and accurately.

3. **Database**: MongoDB stores user strategies and historical trade data. This allows for efficient retrieval and analysis of user-defined strategies and their performance metrics.

3.2 Rule-Based Strategy Workflow

1. Users define rules (e.g., "IF price > 9 EMA THEN BUY"). The system supports a variety of technical indicators, enabling users to create complex strategies tailored to their trading style.

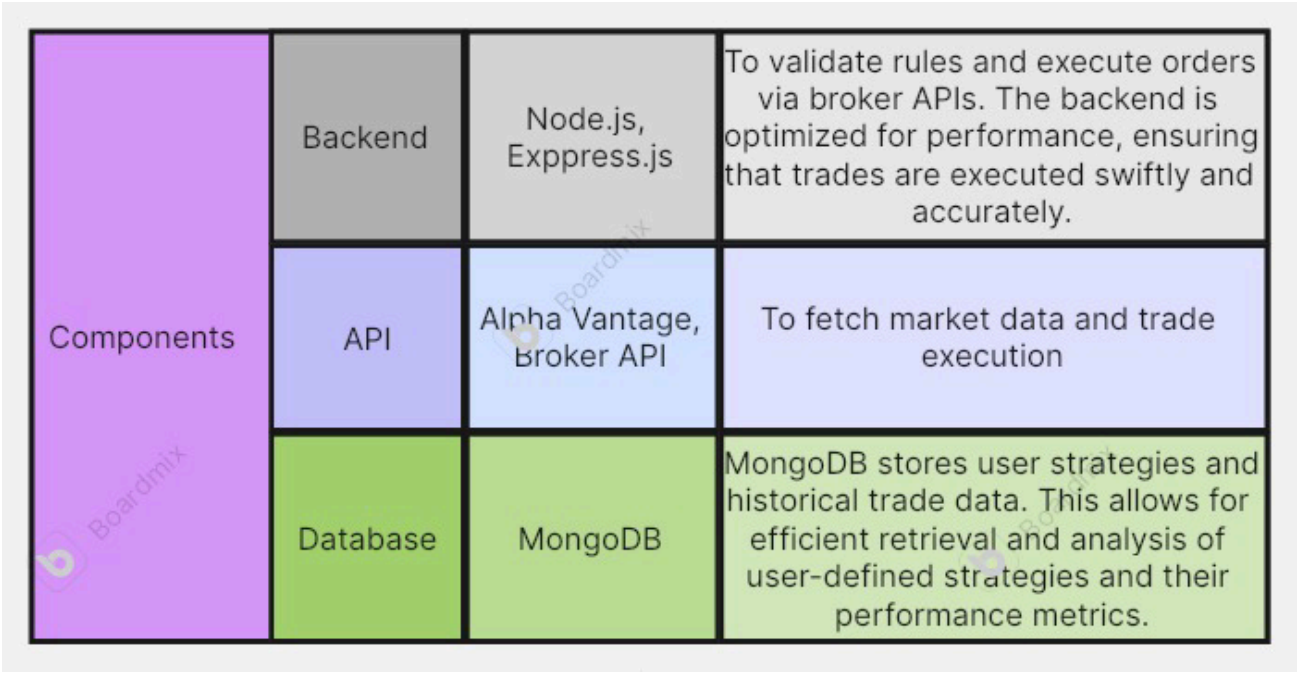
2. Market data streams via WebSocket APIs, providing real-time updates that are crucial for timely decision-making.

3. The backend engine checks conditions every [30] seconds and triggers trades. This frequency can be adjusted based on user preferences and market volatility.

3.3 Tools and Technologies

Component	Tools Used	Purpose
Backend	Node.js, Express.js	Real-time condition validation
APIs	Alpha Vantage, Broker API	Market data fetch & trade execution
Frontend	React.js, Tailwind CSS	Drag-and-drop rule configuration UI
Database	MongoDB	Store user strategies and trade history

System Architecture Diagram



1.1 System Architecture Diagram

Rule-Based Strategy Workflow

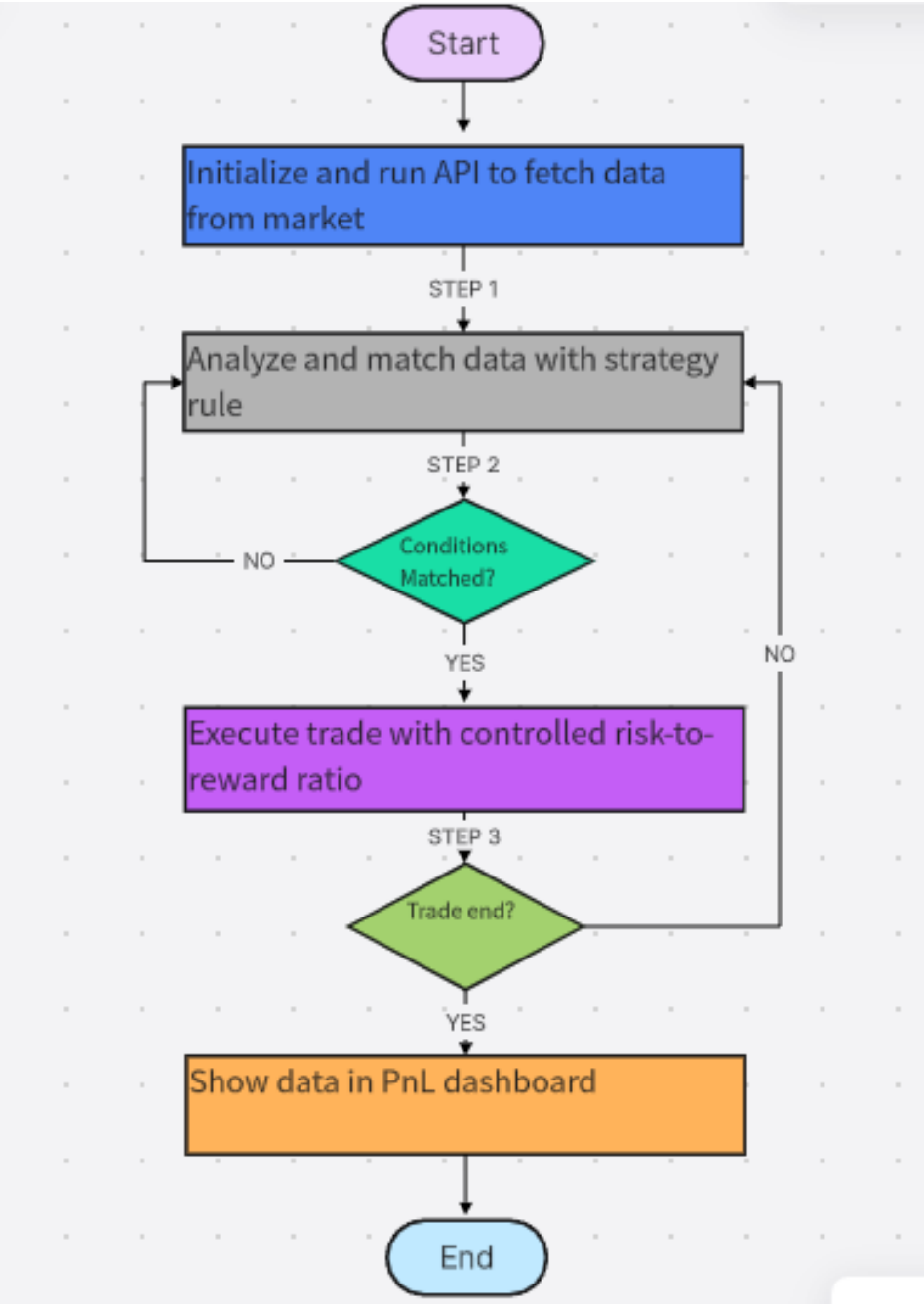


Figure 1.2: Rule-Based Strategy Workflow

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Strategy Performance

- **Historical Backtesting**: Achieved 80% success rate on Various Stocks (2020–2023) using EMA crossover rules. The backtesting results indicate that the strategies employed by Finalgo can yield consistent returns under various market conditions.
- **Latency**: Average trade execution time: [10] ms (tested with 15 concurrent users). This low latency is critical for high-frequency trading scenarios where every millisecond counts.

4.2 Advantages Over ML Systems

- **Transparency**: Rules are user-defined and interpretable, allowing traders to understand the rationale behind each trade. This transparency fosters trust in the system and encourages users to engage more deeply with their trading strategies.
- **Resource Efficiency**: No GPU/TPU required for training models, making Finalgo a cost-effective solution for traders who may not have access to advanced computational resources. Additionally, the simplicity of the rule-based approach reduces the learning curve for new users.

4.3 User Feedback and Iterative Improvements

User feedback has been instrumental in refining the platform. Regular updates based on user suggestions have led to enhancements in the user interface, additional features for strategy customization, and improved performance metrics. This iterative approach ensures that Finalgo remains aligned with the evolving needs of its user base.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

5.1 Conclusion

Finalgo automates trading effectively using fixed rules, offering transparency and low latency. The platform's design prioritizes user experience, making it accessible for traders of all skill levels. By focusing on rule-based strategies, Finalgo provides a reliable alternative to more complex machine learning systems, enabling users to trade with confidence. The findings from user feedback and historical performance indicate that rule-based trading can be both effective and user-friendly, making it a valuable tool in the modern trading landscape.

5.2 Future Scope

1. **Support for Additional Technical Indicators:** Future versions of Finalgo will include support for a wider range of technical indicators, such as Bollinger Bands, Fibonacci retracement levels, and MACD histograms. This enhancement will allow users to create more sophisticated trading strategies tailored to their individual preferences and market conditions.

2. **Integration with Cryptocurrency Exchanges:** As the popularity of cryptocurrency trading continues to rise, integrating Finalgo with major cryptocurrency exchanges (e.g., Binance, Coinbase) will provide users with the opportunity to apply their rule-based strategies in the rapidly evolving crypto market. This expansion will also attract a new user base interested in digital assets.

3. **Mobile Application Development**: Developing a mobile application will enable users to manage their trades on-the-go, increasing accessibility and convenience. The mobile app will feature a streamlined interface, allowing users to monitor their strategies and execute trades from their smartphones or tablets.

4. **Advanced Analytics and Reporting Features:** Future iterations of Finalgo will include enhanced analytics and reporting capabilities, providing users with deeper insights into their trading performance. Features such as performance dashboards, risk assessment tools, and detailed trade logs will empower users to make informed decisions and refine their strategies over time.

5. **Community and Social Trading Features:** Introducing community features, such as strategy sharing and social trading, will allow users to collaborate and learn from one another. Users can share their successful strategies, discuss market trends, and even follow other traders' activities, fostering a sense of community within the platform.

6. **Machine Learning Integration:** While Finalgo currently focuses on rule-based strategies, future versions may explore the integration of machine learning algorithms to provide users

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APPENDIX 1

Appendix 1: Trading Rules

1. **Exponential Moving Average Crossover:**

   - **Buy: When the 9-EMA crosses above the market price at 1min timeframe with big bullish candle and retest EMA again .**
   - **Sell: When the 9- EMA crosses below the market price at 1min timeframe with big bearish candle and Restest EMA again**

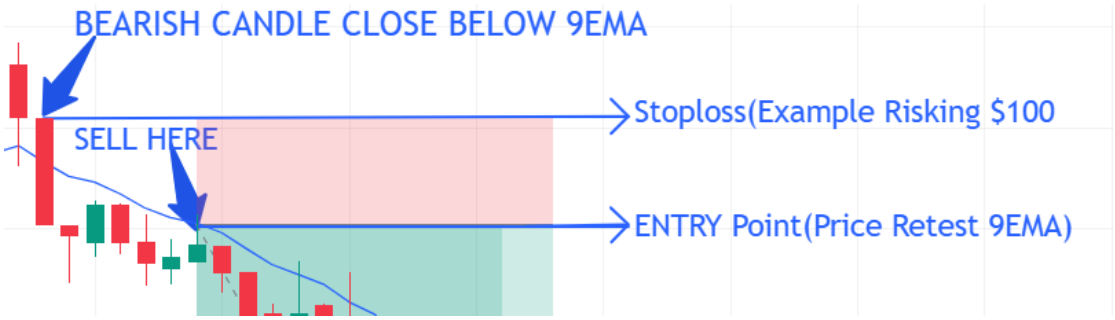
1.3 Bearish Trade Example

2. **Risk to Reward Ratio(RR)**

- **Set a target profit that is twice the amount of the risk (1:2). For example, if the trader risks $100, the target profit should be set at $200. This ratio helps ensure that even with a lower win rate, the overall trading strategy remains profitable.**

3. **SL(Stop Loss)**

- **Place the stop loss at the low of the last bullish candle that crossed above the Exponential Moving Average (EMA) when the market price is above the EMA. This dynamic stop-loss placement allows for flexibility in response to market movements, providing a safety net while still allowing the trade to develop.**



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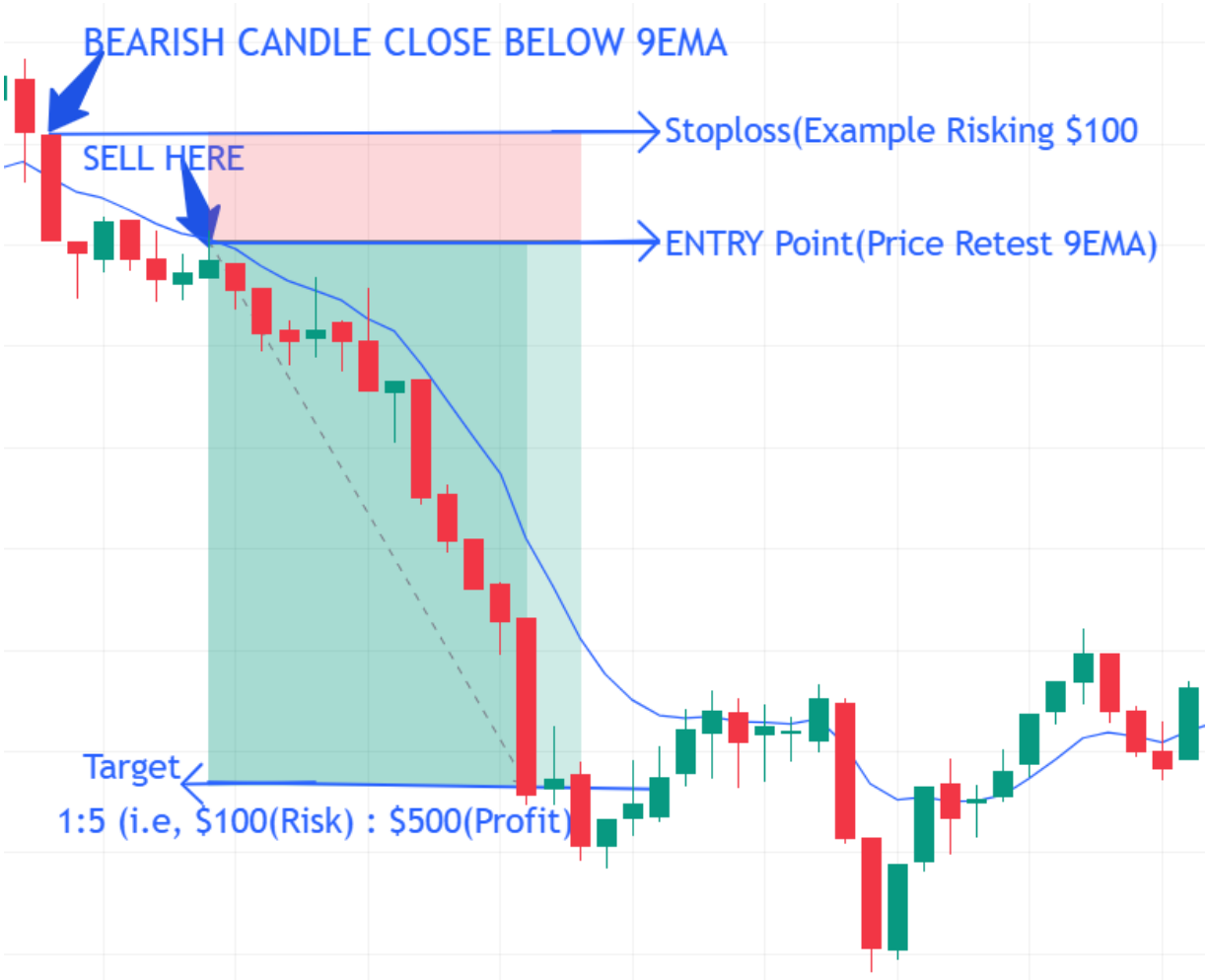

1.5 Succesfull Trade