

# tickerplant.ai

## SINGLE CONSOLE TICKERPLANT : Q/KDB+/PYQ/PYTHON STACK

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- Machine Learning and Order Book Analysis

# Temporal Big Data

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# Order Book

The real-time fx/equity/derivative order book is generally available at one of 4 levels.

- Level 1 : best bid/ask prices with size and traded volume
- Level 2 : market depth 5
- Level 3 : market depth 20
- Tick by Tick : yeverything

## BOMBAY & NATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGES

The NSE provides feeds for all 4 levels whereas the BSE only provides 1 minute snapshots of the first 2 levels? Derivatives data from the BSE is currently free.

## PRICING

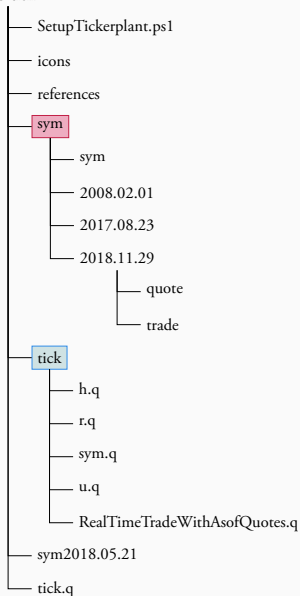
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# Order Book Size on Disk

# FILES : DATE PARTITIONED COLUMN DATABASE & Q CODE

kdb-tick



# TABLES : QUOTE & TRADE

kdb-tick

SetupTickerplant.ps1

icons

references

sym

sym

2008.02.01

2017.08.23

2018.11.29

quote

trade

tick

h.q

r.q

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RealTimeTradeWithAsofQuotes.q

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C	T	F	A
date	d		
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bid	f		
ask	f		
bsize	j		
asize	j		

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# JOINS: LATEST TRADE

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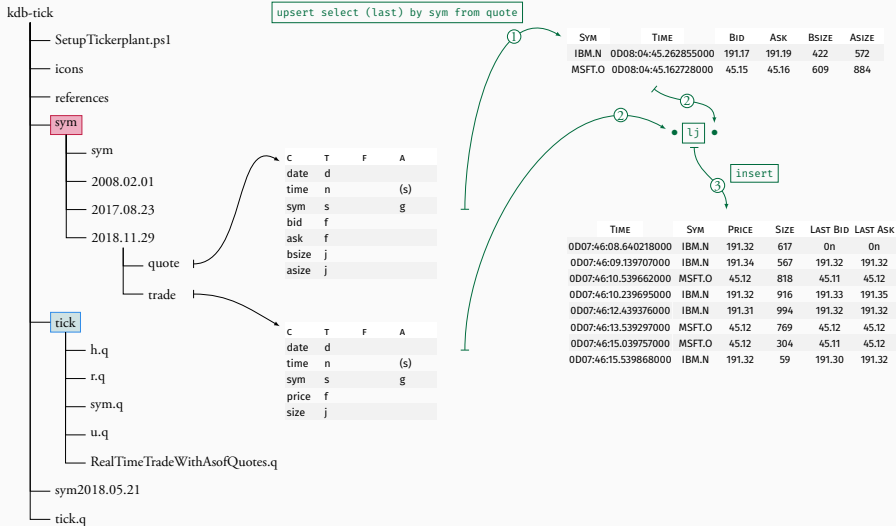
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sym	s		g
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ask	f		
bsize	j		
asize	j		

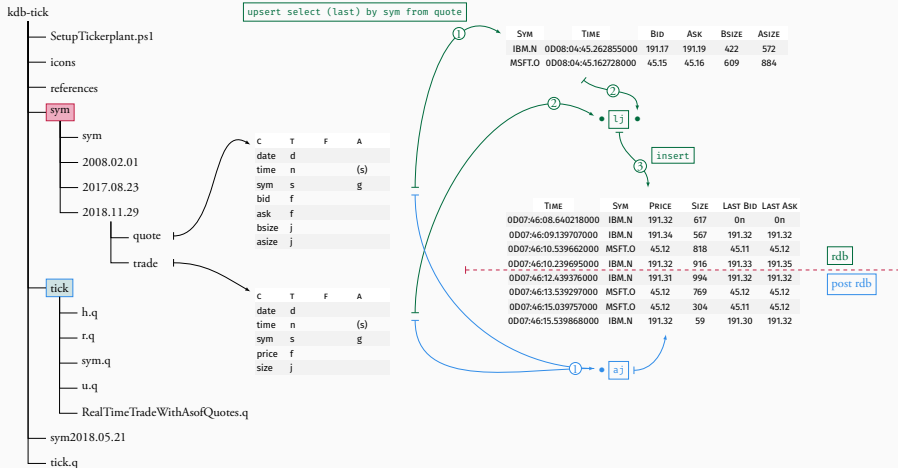
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price	f		
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SYM	TIME	BID	ASK	BSIZE	ASIZE
IBM.N	0D08:04:45.262855000	191.17	191.19	422	572
MSFT.O	0D08:04:45.162728000	45.15	45.16	609	884

# TEMPORAL JOINS : LATEST BID/ASK ASOF TRADE : METHOD 1



# TEMPORAL JOINS : LATEST BID/ASK ASOF TRADE : METHOD 2



# TEMPORAL JOINS

function	description
<b>aj/aj0</b>	get the value of a field in one table asof the value in another
<b>asof</b>	like aj except can be passed a dictionary as left argument of the sym/times to return data asof
<b>wj</b>	generalization of aj with an additional argument list of pairs of start/end times that specify windows
<b>raj</b>	reverse aj for most recent future looking data points; simplest implementation negate the date

# TEMPORAL ARITHMETIC

function	description
<b>date <math>\pm</math> integers</b>	integers representing day counts can be added/subtracted from dates and as a result dates themselves can be added to/subtracted from to give day counts
<b>time <math>\pm</math> integers</b>	integers representing milliseconds can be added/subtracted from times
<b>datetime <math>\pm</math> floats</b>	the integer part represents a day count and the fractional part represents a fraction of a day <code>2003.03.23T08:31:53.000 + 2.5%24</code>
<b>timestamp <math>\pm</math> floats</b>	does not work
<b>timestamp <math>\pm</math> integers</b>	integers representing milliseconds can be added/subtracted
<b>timestamp <math>\pm</math> 1D</b>	integers with trailing "D" representing days can be added/subtracted
<b>timestamp <math>\times</math> integers</b>	multiply minutes/hours/days etc by integer <code>0D00:12*3</code> <code>0D01:00*2</code> <code>2012.02.28D00:18:00+(0D00:10+til 115)</code>
<b>.Q.addmonths</b>	<code>.Q.addmonths[.z.P;12]</code>
<b>addyear</b>	<code>addyear[.z.P;1]</code>



# EXAMPLE: AJ VERSUS WJ

Listing 1: Q/KDB+ code for aj vs. wj








```
1 t:([sym:3#`ibm;time:10:01:01 10:01:04 10:01:08;price:100 101 105)
2 q:([sym:9#`ibm;time:10:01:01+til 9;ask:101 103 104 104 107 108 107 108;
   bid:98 99 102 103 103 104 106 106 107)
3 w:-2 1+\:t.time
4 w:0 10+\:t.time
5 wj[w;`sym`time;t;(q;(max;`ask);(min;`bid)))]
6 aj[`sym`time;t;q]
```

asks and bids				trades		start/end times of bins		wj		aj	
sym	time	ask	bid	time	price	w1	w2	ask	bid	ask	bid
'ibm	10:01:01	101	98	10:01:01	100	10:01:01	10:01:11	108	98	101	98
'ibm	10:01:02	103	99								
'ibm	10:01:03	103	102	10:01:04	101	10:01:04	10:01:14	108	103	104	103
'ibm	10:01:04	104	103								
'ibm	10:01:05	104	103								
'ibm	10:01:06	107	104	10:01:08	105	10:01:08	10:01:18	108	106	107	106
'ibm	10:01:07	108	106								
'ibm	10:01:08	107	106								
'ibm	10:01:09	108	107								
'ibm	10:01:10	108	107								

# Architecture

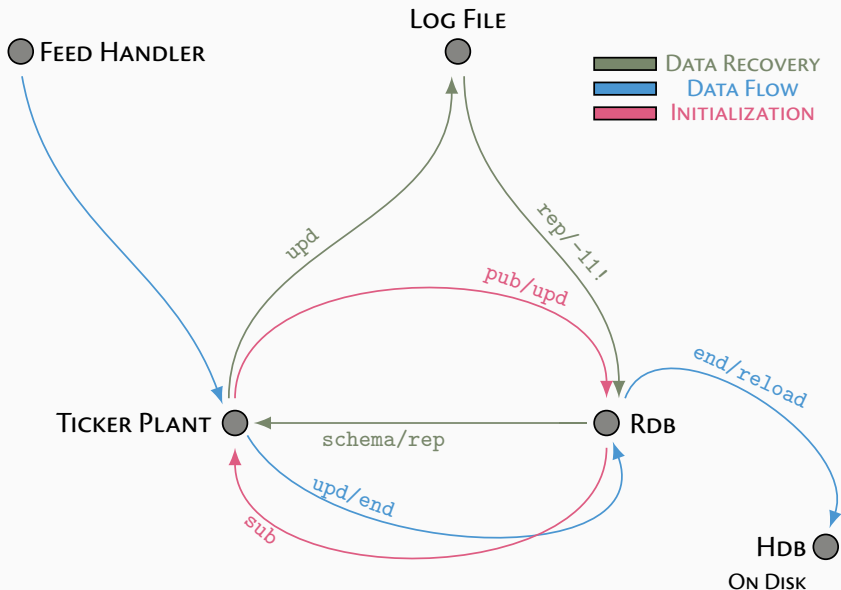
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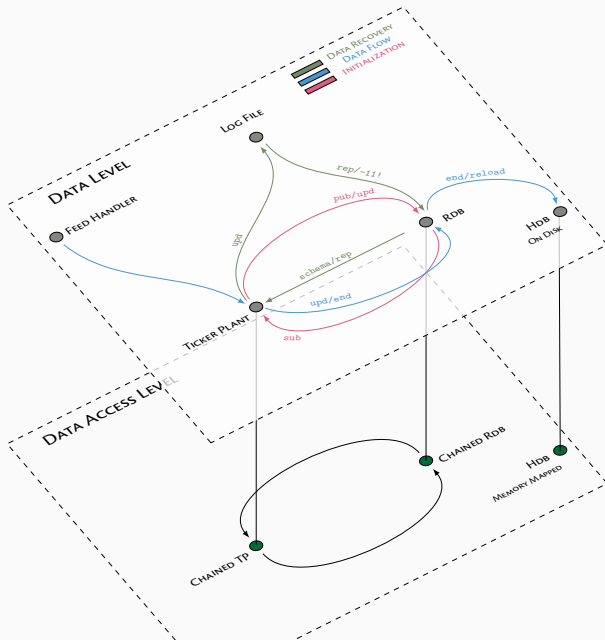
	process	description
	TICKERPLANT	writes to logfile in addition to publishing data to RDB and other subscribers
	FEEDHANDLER	connects, receives & normalizes exchange/market data before feeding it to the tickerplant
	RDB	real-time in-memory store for current day's data
	HDB	partitioned on-disk stores for historical data
	LOGFILE	on-disk file that stores all intra-day updates for potential replay during recovery
	CHAINED TP	subscribes to main (zero-latency) tickerplant and receives delayed updates and keeps no log file
	CHAINED RDB	subscribes to either the main or chained tickerplant

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q/kdb+ tickerplant & gateway
Ticker Plant | Feed Handler | RDB | HDB | Text Editor | Logfile Test | Chained Ticker Plant | Chained RDB | Dos | Power Shell | Basl 4 | X
20 "kdb+tick 2.8 2014.03.12"
21
22 /q tick.q SRC [DST] [-p 5010] [-o h]
23 system"l tick/",(src:first .z.x,enlist"sym"),".q"
24
25 if[not system"p";system"p 5010"]
26
27 \l tick/u.q
28 \d .u
29 ld:[if[not type key L::`$(-10_string L),string x;:[L;();();)];i::j::-11!(-2;L);if[0<type i;-2 (string L)," is a corrupt log. Trunca
30 tick:[init[];if[not min(`time`sym~2#key flip value@each t;`timesym];@[];`sym;`g#]each t;d:::z.D;if[l::count y;L::`$":",y,"/",x,10#".
31
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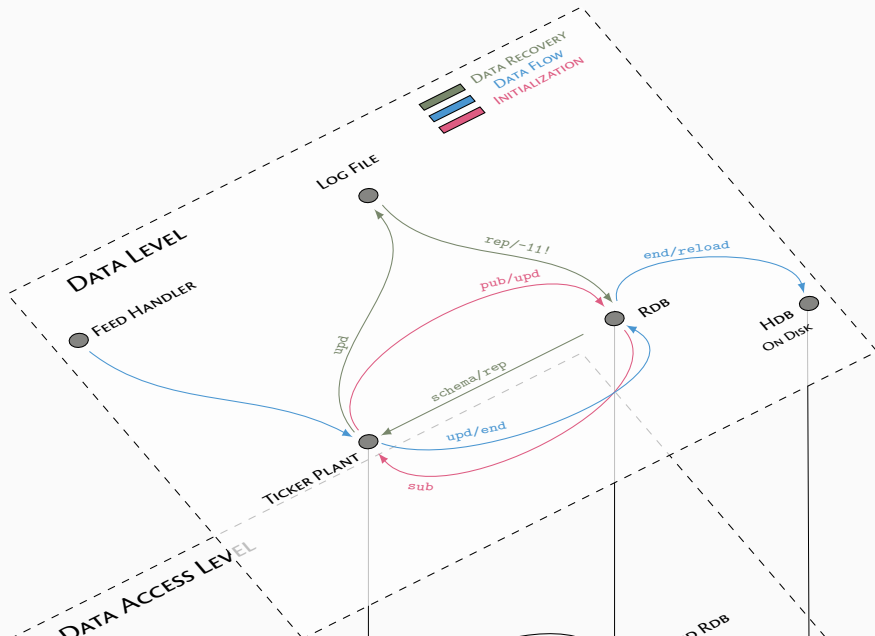
# DATA LAYER



# DATA ACCESS LAYER



# APPLICATION LAYER



# SINGLE CONSOLE TICKERPLANT SCREENSHOT



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30 tick:{init[];if[not min(`time`sym~2#key flip value@)each t;`timesym];@[;`sym;`g#]each t;d::z.D;if[l::count y;L::`$":",y,"/",x,10#".
31
32 endofday:{end d;d+1;if[l;hclose l;l::0(`.u.ld;d)];}
33 ts:{if[d;x;if[d<x-1;system"t 0";"more than one day?"];endofday[]];}
34
35 if[system"t";
36 .z.ts:{pub'[t;value each t];@[;`sym;`g#]0#];i::j;ts .z.D};
37 upd:{{t;x}
38 if[not -16=type first first x;if[d<"d"$a;.z.P;.z.ts[]];a:"n"$a;x:{$[0>type first x;a,x;(enlist(count first x)#a),x]};
39 t insert x;if[l;1 enlist (`upd;t;x);j+1];}};
40
41 if[not system"t";system"t 1000";
42 .z.ts:{ts .z.D};
43 upd:{{t;x}ts"d"$a;.z.P;
44 if[not -16=type first first x;a:"n"$a;x:{$[0>type first x;a,x;(enlist(count first x)#a),x]};
45 f: key flip value t;pub[t;{$[0>type first x;enlist f|x;flip f|x]};if[l;1 enlist (`upd;t;x);i+1];}};
46
tick.q (34,1) q dos
Alt-g: show bindings, CtrlG: open help
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# Installation

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# Install Using Powershell

Download powershell script from :

[HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/ROHANSHILOH/TICKERPLANT.AI](https://github.com/ROHANSHILOH/TICKERPLANT.AI)

## PS1 SCRIPT

- Downloads 64-bit console2 and extracts it
- Downloads all required q files from code.kx.com
- Downloads all reference white-papers from code.kx.com
- Copies console2 config file into appropriate folder
- Checks which version of python and powershell are installed
- Starts single console tickerplant

# Setup Python, Bash & VC Compiler

## PYTHON SETUP

- Install Anaconda and iPython
- Identify your python path and add it to the PATH environment
- follow instructions for experimental setup of pyQ here  
<https://pyq.enlnt.com/install/install.html#experimental-support-for-windows>
- Set console2's shell value :  
`cmd.exe /k C:\Anaconda\IPython.exe`

## BASH SETUP

- Install the Linux Subsystem on Windows
- Set console2's shell value :  
`%SystemRoot%\system32\bash.exe`

## Conclusion

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# Summary

The application of REAL-TIME ITERATIVE machine learning algorithms to stock market order book data can most *efficiently* be done using the Q/KDB+/PYQ/PYTHON stack.

`github.com/rohanshiloh/tickerplant.ai`

## NEXT STEPS

- Tick PCA & Data Visualization of the Order Book at Depth
- Frequentist, Bayesian, Generalized & Regularized (Ridge  $L_2$  & Lasso  $L_1$ ) Linear Regression Models
- Bayesian (Multi-Strategy & Multi-Period) Portfolio Optimization
- Structural (Regularized) Covariance



N. COULTER, *Order book: a kdb+ intraday storage and access methodology*, 2014.

Coulter covers the fine balance between processing/storage of an order book and it's subsequent retrieval and analysis. Different trade table schemas and accessor functions are presented and dicussed.



D. EASLEY AND M. O'HARA, *Price, trade, size and information in securities markets*, 1987.



C. M. C. LEE AND M. J. READY, *Inferring trade direction from intraday data*, 1991.

Lee and Ready's seminal paper on tick data analysis came out in 1991. They did their research on a supercomputer at Cornell; likely not running q/kdb. Oddly enough Canada supported their research. The paper outlines various 'tick tests' for an uptick, downtick, a zero-uptick and a zero-downtick. The additional function `tradeClass` in the file `tickaddendum.q` provides definitions for each of these classes and appends them as a column to the trade table.



C. MCCARTHY, *Intraday writedown solutions*, 2014.

This paper will be incredibly useful to independent researchers running a tickerplant at home on 4core/4gb.



N. PERREM, *Building real-time tick subscribers*, 2014.

Perrem's excellent paper is a good introduction to standard ticker plant architecture. Chapter 4 covers how to build a custom temporally joined trade and quote architecture with its own binary logfile.