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Introduction to Trading Systems

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Lecture references

- quantmod package
 - Jeffrey Ryan's quantmod website:
<http://www.quantmod.com/>
 - quantmod project page on R-forge:
<http://r-forge.r-project.org/projects/quantmod>
- TTR package
 - Joshua Ulrich's Foss Trading blog:
<http://blog.fosstrading.com/>
 - TTR project page on R-forge:
<http://r-forge.r-project.org/projects/ttr/>
- xts package
 - xts project page on R-forge:
<http://r-forge.r-project.org/projects/xts/>

Quantitative analysis package hierarchy

Application Area	R Package
Performance metrics and graphs	PerformanceAnalytics - Tools for performance and risk analysis
Portfolio optimization and quantitative trading strategies	PortfolioAnalytics - Portfolio analysis and optimization
	quantstrat – Rules-based trading system development
	blotter – Trading system accounting infrastructure
Data access and financial charting	quantmod - Quantitative financial modeling framework
	TTR - Technical trading rules
Time series objects	xts - Extensible time series
	zoo - Ordered observation

The zoo package

The zoo package provides an infrastructure for regularly-spaced and irregularly-space time series

Key functions:

<code>zoo</code>	create a zoo time series object
<code>merge</code>	merges time series (automatically handles of time alignment)
<code>aggregate</code>	create coarser resolution time series with summary statistics
<code>rollapply</code>	calculate rolling window statistics
<code>read.zoo</code>	read a text file into a zoo time series object

Authors:

- Achim Zeileis
- Gabor Grothendieck

The xts package

The `xts` package extends the `zoo` time series class with fine-grained time indexes, interoperability with other R time series classes, and user defined attributes

Key functions:

- `xts` create an xts time series object
- `align.time` align time series to a coarser resolution
- `to.period` convert time series data to an OHLC series
- `[.xts` subset time series

Authors:

- Jeffrey Ryan
- Josh Ulrich

- R-forge is a hosting platform for R package development which includes SVN, daily build and check, mailing lists, bug tracking, message boards etc.
- More than 1000 R packages are hosted on R-forge including all of the trading system development packages mentioned earlier
- It is common for new packages to be developed on R-forge and for mature packages to be maintained on R-forge even after being hosted on CRAN

Install trading system development packages

```
#  
# install these packages from CRAN (or r-forge)  
#  
install.packages("xts", dependencies=TRUE)  
install.packages("PerformanceAnalytics", dependencies=TRUE)  
#  
# Install these package from r-forge  
#  
install.packages("quantmod", repos = "http://R-Forge.R-project.org")  
install.packages("TTR", repos = "http://R-Forge.R-project.org")  
install.packages("FinancialInstrument", repos = "http://R-Forge.R-project.org")  
install.packages("blotter", repos = "http://R-Forge.R-project.org")  
install.packages("quantstrat", repos = "http://R-Forge.R-project.org")
```

- R-Forge packages can be installed by setting the repos argument to `http://R-Forge.R-project.org`

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The quantmod package

The quantmod package for R is designed to assist the quantitative trader in the development, testing, and deployment of statistically based trading models.

Key functions:

`getSymbols` load or download price data

- Yahoo Finance / Google Finance
- FRED
- Oanda
- csv, RData
- MySQL, SQLite

`chartSeries` charting tool to create standard financial charts

Author:

- Jeffrey Ryan

The getSymbols function

The getSymbols function loads (downloads) historic price data

Usage:

```
getSymbols(Symbols = NULL, env = parent.frame(), src = "yahoo",  
          auto.assign = getOption('getSymbols.auto.assign', TRUE), ...)
```

Main arguments:

- Symbols** a vector of ticker symbols
- env** where to create objects. Setting env=NULL is equal to auto.assign=FALSE
- src** source of data (yahoo)
- auto.assign** should results be returned or loaded to env
- ...** additional parameters

Return value:

an object of type return.class depending on env and auto.assign

The `getSymbols.yahoo` function

The `getSymbols.yahoo` function downloads historic price data from `finance.yahoo.com`

Usage:

```
getSymbols.yahoo(Symbols, env, return.class = 'xts', index.class = 'Date',  
  from = "2007-01-01", to = Sys.Date(), ...)
```

Main arguments:

`return.class` class of returned object
`index.class` class of returned object index (xts only)
... additional parameters

Return value:

an object of type `return.class` depending on `env` and `auto.assign`

The `getSymbols` function

```
library(quantmod)
getSymbols("^GSPC")
ls()

## [1] "filename" "GSPC"

class(GSPC)

## [1] "xts" "zoo"

class(index(GSPC))

## [1] "Date"

dim(GSPC)

## [1] 1933    6
```

- By default, the symbol was *auto-assigned* to the parent environment

The getSymbols function

```
tail(GSPC,4)
```

```
##           GSPC.Open GSPC.High GSPC.Low GSPC.Close GSPC.Volume GSPC.Adjusted
## 2014-09-02    2004.07   2006.12   1994.85    2002.28  2819980000      2002.28
## 2014-09-03    2003.57   2009.28   1998.14    2000.72  2809980000      2000.72
## 2014-09-04    2001.67   2011.17   1992.54    1997.65  3072410000      1997.65
## 2014-09-05    1998.00   2007.71   1990.10    2007.71  2818300000      2007.71
```

```
tail(Cl(GSPC),4)
```

```
##           GSPC.Close
## 2014-09-02    2002.28
## 2014-09-03    2000.72
## 2014-09-04    1997.65
## 2014-09-05    2007.71
```

```
tail(Ad(GSPC),4)
```

```
##           GSPC.Adjusted
## 2014-09-02    2002.28
## 2014-09-03    2000.72
## 2014-09-04    1997.65
## 2014-09-05    2007.71
```

- Note that the symbol is prepended to column names of the xts object; use extractor functions to access column data (e.g. `Cl(GSPC)`)

xts extractor functions

The xts package includes a number of functions to extract specific series from an xts object of market data:

Function	Description
Op(x)	Get Open
Hi(x)	Get High
Lo(x)	Get Low
Cl(x)	Get Close
Vo(x)	Get Volume
Ad(x)	Get Adjusted Close
HLC(x)	Get High, Low, and Close
OHLC(x)	Get Open, High, Low, and Close

The chartSeries function

The chartSeries function creates financial charts

Usage:

```
getSymbols(Symbols = NULL, env = parent.frame(), src = "yahoo",  
  auto.assign = getOption('getSymbols.auto.assign', TRUE), ...)
```

Main arguments:

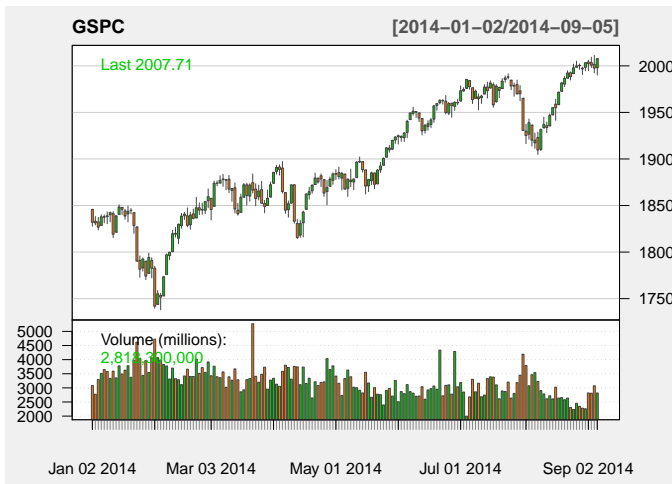
- x** an OHLC object
- type** style of chart to draw
- theme** a chart.theme object
- subset** xts style date subsetting argument
- TA** a vector of technical indicators and params

Return value:

a chob object

The chartSeries function

```
chartSeries(GSPC,subset="2014",theme="white")
```



Customize a chartSeries plot

```
whiteTheme <- chartTheme("white")
names(whiteTheme)

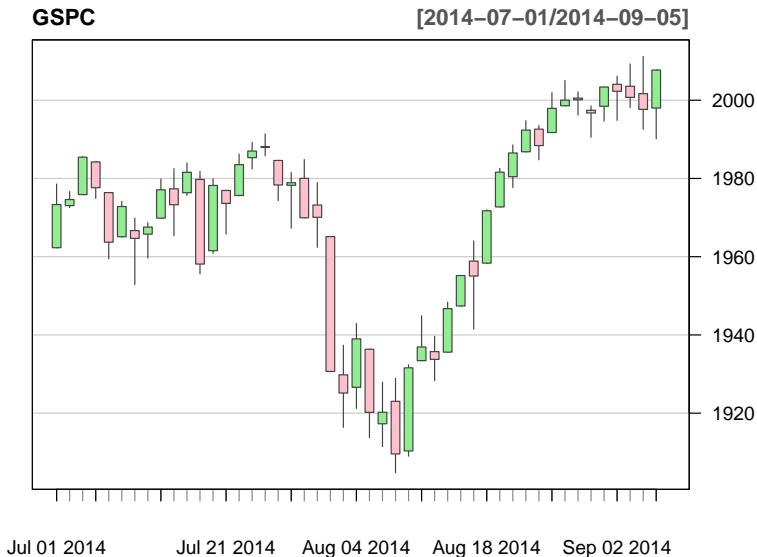
## [1] "fg.col"      "bg.col"      "grid.col"    "border"      "minor.tick"
## [6] "major.tick"  "up.col"      "dn.col"      "dn.up.col"   "up.up.col"
## [11] "dn.dn.col"   "up.dn.col"   "up.border"    "dn.border"   "dn.up.border"
## [16] "up.up.border" "dn.dn.border" "up.dn.border" "main.col"    "sub.col"
## [21] "area"        "fill"        "Expiry"      "theme.name"

whiteTheme$bg.col <- "white"
whiteTheme$dn.col <- "pink"
whiteTheme$up.col <- "lightgreen"
whiteTheme$border <- "lightgray"
x <- chartSeries(GSPC, subset="last 3 months", theme=whiteTheme, TA=NULL)
class(x)

## [1] "chob"
## attr(,"package")
## [1] "quantmod"
```

- subset to last 3 months
- totally white background
- no volume sub-graph (TA=NULL)

A chartSeries plot



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Time series data

Almost all data related to trading is a time series:

- market data
- technical analysis indicators
- trades
- position data
- P&L

Time series data

Time series

A *time series* is a sequence of *ordered* data points measured at specific points in time

Time series object

A time series object in R is a *compound data structure* that includes a data matrix as well as a vector of associated time stamps

class	package	overview
ts	stats	regularly spaced time series
mts	stats	multiple regularly spaced time series
zoo	zoo	reg/irreg and arbitrary time stamp classes
xts	xts	an extension of the zoo class

Time series methods

Time series classes in R will typically implement the following methods:

<code>start</code>	return start of time series
<code>end</code>	return end of time series
<code>frequency</code>	return frequency of time series
<code>window</code>	Extract subset of time series
<code>index</code>	return time index of time series
<code>time</code>	return time index of time series
<code>coredata</code>	return data of time series
<code>diff</code>	difference of the time series
<code>lag</code>	lag of the time series
<code>aggregate</code>	aggregate to lower resolution time series
<code>cbind</code>	merge 2 or more time series together
<code>merge</code>	merge 2 or more time series together

Components of an xts object

An xts object is composed of 3 components:

Index a Data class or Time-Date class used for the time-stamp of observations

Matrix the time series observations (univariate or multivariate)

- can be numeric, character, logical, etc. but must be homogeneous

Attr hidden attributes and user attributes

- class of the index
- format of the index
- time zone

Date class

- A Date object is stored internally as the days since 1970-01-01

```
myStr <- "2013-07-04"
class(myStr)

## [1] "character"

myDate <- as.Date(myStr)
class(myDate)

## [1] "Date"

as.numeric(myDate)

## [1] 15890

format(myDate, "%m/%d/%y")

## [1] "07/04/13"

as.Date("110704", format="%y%m%d")

## [1] "2011-07-04"
```

Date-Time classes

- A POSIXct object is a Date-Time object internally stored as the number of seconds since 1970-01-01
- A POSIXlt object is a Date-Time object internally stored as 9 calendar and time components

```
d <- Sys.time()
class(d)
```

```
## [1] "POSIXct" "POSIXt"
```

```
unclass(d)
```

```
## [1] 1410038854
```

```
sapply(unclass(as.POSIXlt(d)), function(x) x)
```

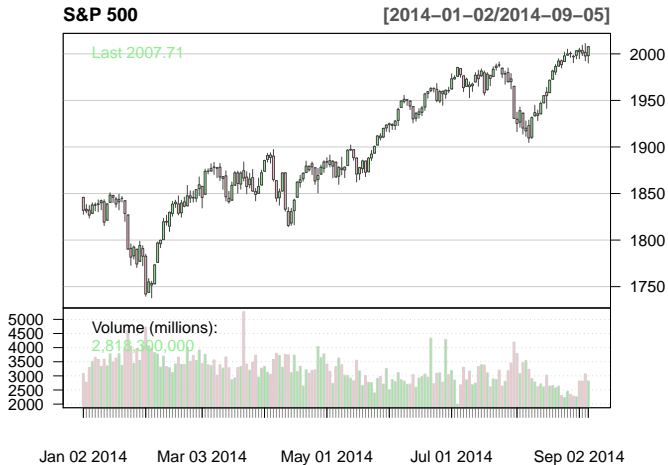
##	sec	min	hour	mday
##	"33.5228459835052"	"27"	"14"	"6"
##	mon	year	wday	yday
##	"8"	"114"	"6"	"248"
##	isdst	zone	gmtoff	
##	"1"	"PDT"	"-25200"	

xts time series objects can be easily subset:

- Date and time organized from most significant to least significant
 - CCYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS[.s]
- Separators can be omitted
 - CCYYMMDDHHMMSS
- Intervals can be designated with the "/" or "::"
 - 2010/2011
 - 2011-04::2011-07

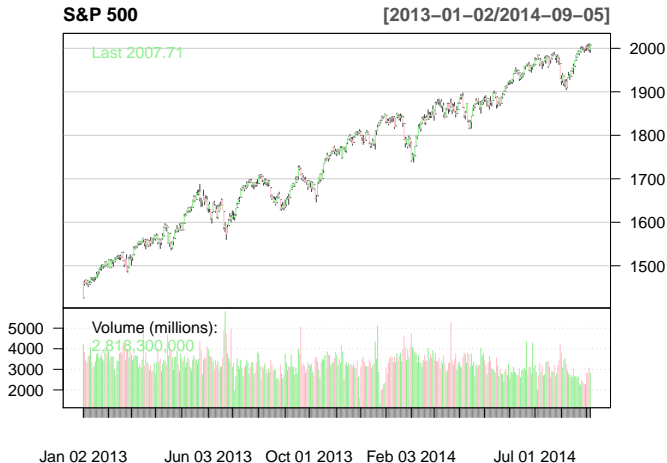
xts subsetting

```
chartSeries(GSPC["2014"], theme=whiteTheme, name="S&P 500")
```



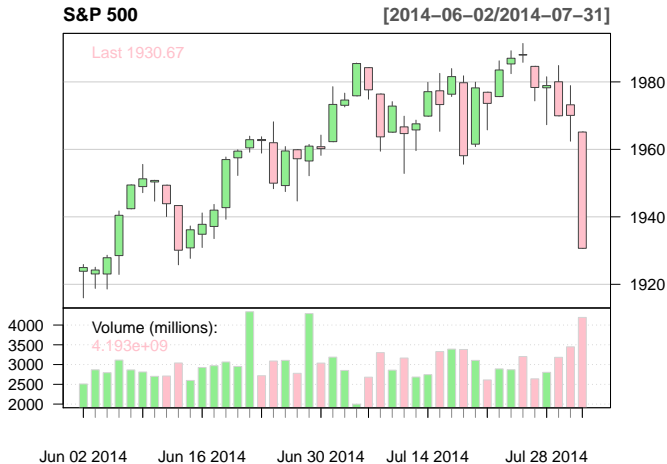
xts subsetting

```
chartSeries(GSPC["2013/2014"], theme=whiteTheme, name="S&P 500")
```



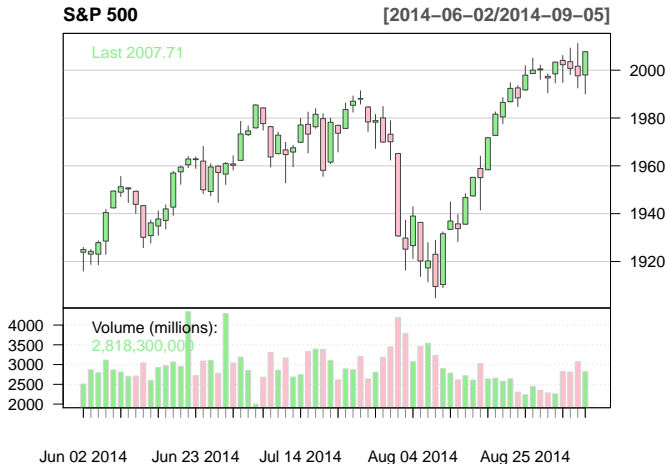
xts subsetting

```
chartSeries(GSPC["2014-06::2014-07"], theme=whiteTheme, name="S&P 500")
```



xts subsetting

```
chartSeries(GSPC["201406::"], theme=whiteTheme, name="S&P 500")
```



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Download historic quotes: specifying the start date

```
getSymbols("SPY",from="2000-01-01")
```

```
class(SPY)
```

```
## [1] "xts" "zoo"
```

```
head(SPY)
```

```
##           SPY.Open SPY.High SPY.Low SPY.Close SPY.Volume SPY.Adjusted
## 2000-01-03   148.25   148.25   143.88   145.44    8164300     111.46
## 2000-01-04   143.53   144.06   139.64   139.75    8089800     107.10
## 2000-01-05   139.94   141.53   137.25   140.00   12177900     107.29
## 2000-01-06   139.62   141.50   137.75   137.75    6227200     105.56
## 2000-01-07   140.31   145.75   140.06   145.75    8066500     111.70
## 2000-01-10   146.25   146.91   145.03   146.25    5741700     112.08
```

```
head(index(SPY))
```

```
## [1] "2000-01-03" "2000-01-04" "2000-01-05" "2000-01-06" "2000-01-07" "2000-01-10"
```

```
class(index(SPY))
```

```
## [1] "Date"
```

Download historic quotes: specifying the time stamp class

```
getSymbols("SBUX",index.class="POSIXct",from="2000-01-01")
class(SBUX)

## [1] "xts" "zoo"

head(SBUX)

##           SBUX.Open SBUX.High SBUX.Low SBUX.Close SBUX.Volume SBUX.Adjusted
## 2000-01-03      23.88    24.69    23.25     24.66    12116000         5.76
## 2000-01-04      24.06    24.88    23.75     23.88    10782400         5.58
## 2000-01-05      23.94    24.62    23.69     24.19    14103200         5.65
## 2000-01-06      24.00    25.62    24.00     25.06    15412800         5.86
## 2000-01-07      24.75    25.00    24.25     24.94    13022400         5.83
## 2000-01-10      25.88    26.75    25.81     26.00    14515600         6.08

head(index(SBUX))

## [1] "2000-01-03 UTC" "2000-01-04 UTC" "2000-01-05 UTC" "2000-01-06 UTC"
## [5] "2000-01-07 UTC" "2000-01-10 UTC"

class(index(SBUX))

## [1] "POSIXct" "POSIXt"

chartSeries(SBUX,theme=whiteTheme,minor.ticks=FALSE)
```

Unadjusted SBUX data



Get stock split history

```
(spl <- getSplits("SBUX"))
```

```
##           SBUX.spl
## 1993-09-30      0.5
## 1995-12-04      0.5
## 1999-03-22      0.5
## 2001-04-30      0.5
## 2005-10-24      0.5
```

```
class(spl)
```

```
## [1] "xts" "zoo"
```

Get stock dividend history

```
(div <- getDividends("SBUX"))
```

```
##           [,1]
## 2010-04-05 0.10
## 2010-08-02 0.13
## 2010-11-16 0.13
## 2011-02-07 0.13
## 2011-05-09 0.13
## 2011-08-08 0.13
## 2011-11-15 0.17
## 2012-02-06 0.17
## 2012-05-07 0.17
## 2012-08-06 0.17
## 2012-11-13 0.21
## 2013-02-05 0.21
## 2013-05-07 0.21
## 2013-08-06 0.21
## 2013-11-12 0.26
## 2014-02-04 0.26
## 2014-05-06 0.26
## 2014-08-05 0.26
```

```
class(div)
```

```
## [1] "xts" "zoo"
```

The adjustOHLC function

The adjustOHLC adjusts all columns of an OHLC object for split and dividend

Usage:

```
adjustOHLC(x, adjust = c("split", "dividend"), use.Adjusted = FALSE,  
  ratio = NULL, symbol.name=deparse(substitute(x)))
```

Main arguments:

- `x` an OHLC object
- `use.Adjusted` calculated from dividends and splits, or used Adjusted price column

Return value:

An object of the original class, with prices adjusted for splits and dividends

Using `use.Adjusted = TRUE` will be less precise than the method that employs actual split and dividend information

Adjust for split and dividend

```
head(SBUX)
```

```
##           SBUX.Open SBUX.High SBUX.Low SBUX.Close SBUX.Volume SBUX.Adjusted
## 2000-01-03      23.88    24.69    23.25     24.66    12116000         5.76
## 2000-01-04      24.06    24.88    23.75     23.88    10782400         5.58
## 2000-01-05      23.94    24.62    23.69     24.19    14103200         5.65
## 2000-01-06      24.00    25.62    24.00     25.06    15412800         5.86
## 2000-01-07      24.75    25.00    24.25     24.94    13022400         5.83
## 2000-01-10      25.88    26.75    25.81     26.00    14515600         6.08
```

```
adj.exact <- adjustOHLC(SBUX)
```

```
head(adj.exact)
```

```
##           SBUX.Open SBUX.High SBUX.Low SBUX.Close SBUX.Volume SBUX.Adjusted
## 2000-01-03 5.5818405 5.7711743 5.4345809 5.7641619    12116000         5.76
## 2000-01-04 5.6239146 5.8155859 5.5514536 5.5818405    10782400         5.58
## 2000-01-05 5.5958652 5.7548121 5.5374288 5.6543016    14103200         5.65
## 2000-01-06 5.6098899 5.9885575 5.6098899 5.8576601    15412800         5.86
## 2000-01-07 5.7851990 5.8436353 5.6683263 5.8296106    13022400         5.83
## 2000-01-10 6.0493313 6.2526898 6.0329691 6.0773807    14515600         6.08
```

- An article that describes how Yahoo calculates the adjusted close can be found here:

http://help.yahoo.com/kb/index?locale=en_US&y=PROD_ACCT&page=content&id=SLN2311

Compare adjustment methods

```
head(adj.exact)
```

##		SBUX.Open	SBUX.High	SBUX.Low	SBUX.Close	SBUX.Volume	SBUX.Adjusted
##	2000-01-03	5.5818405	5.7711743	5.4345809	5.7641619	12116000	5.76
##	2000-01-04	5.6239146	5.8155859	5.5514536	5.5818405	10782400	5.58
##	2000-01-05	5.5958652	5.7548121	5.5374288	5.6543016	14103200	5.65
##	2000-01-06	5.6098899	5.9885575	5.6098899	5.8576601	15412800	5.86
##	2000-01-07	5.7851990	5.8436353	5.6683263	5.8296106	13022400	5.83
##	2000-01-10	6.0493313	6.2526898	6.0329691	6.0773807	14515600	6.08

```
adj.approx <- adjustOHLC(SBUX, use.Adjusted=TRUE)  
head(adj.approx)
```

##		SBUX.Open	SBUX.High	SBUX.Low	SBUX.Close	SBUX.Volume	SBUX.Adjusted
##	2000-01-03	5.5778102	5.7670073	5.4306569	5.76	12116000	5.76
##	2000-01-04	5.6220603	5.8136683	5.5496231	5.58	10782400	5.58
##	2000-01-05	5.5916081	5.7504341	5.5332162	5.65	14103200	5.65
##	2000-01-06	5.6121309	5.9909497	5.6121309	5.86	15412800	5.86
##	2000-01-07	5.7855854	5.8440257	5.6687049	5.83	13022400	5.83
##	2000-01-10	6.0519385	6.2553846	6.0355692	6.08	14515600	6.08

```
chartSeries(adj.exact, theme=whiteTheme, name="SBUX", minor.ticks=FALSE)
```

Adjusted SBUX plot



Download historic quotes: specifying adjusted OHLC

```
getSymbols("SBUX",index.class="POSIXct",from="2000-01-01",adjust=T)
```

```
## [1] "SBUX"
```

```
head(SBUX)
```

```
##           SBUX.Open SBUX.High  SBUX.Low SBUX.Close SBUX.Volume SBUX.Adjusted
## 2000-01-03 5.5818405 5.7711743 5.4345809 5.7641619   12958543         5.76
## 2000-01-04 5.6239146 5.8155859 5.5514536 5.5818405   11532205         5.58
## 2000-01-05 5.5958652 5.7548121 5.5374288 5.6543016   15083932         5.65
## 2000-01-06 5.6098899 5.9885575 5.6098899 5.8576601   16484602         5.86
## 2000-01-07 5.7851990 5.8436353 5.6683263 5.8296106   13927974         5.83
## 2000-01-10 6.0493313 6.2526898 6.0329691 6.0773807   15525011         6.08
```

```
head(adj.exact)
```

```
##           SBUX.Open SBUX.High  SBUX.Low SBUX.Close SBUX.Volume SBUX.Adjusted
## 2000-01-03 5.5818405 5.7711743 5.4345809 5.7641619   12116000         5.76
## 2000-01-04 5.6239146 5.8155859 5.5514536 5.5818405   10782400         5.58
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## 2000-01-06 5.6098899 5.9885575 5.6098899 5.8576601   15412800         5.86
## 2000-01-07 5.7851990 5.8436353 5.6683263 5.8296106   13022400         5.83
## 2000-01-10 6.0493313 6.2526898 6.0329691 6.0773807   14515600         6.08
```

Federal reserve economic data

The function `getSymbols` can also be used to access data from the Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED) database



<http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/>

Download interest rate data from FRED

```
getSymbols('DTB3',src='FRED')
```

```
first(DTB3,'1 week')
```

```
##           DTB3
```

```
## 1954-01-04 1.33
```

```
last(DTB3,'1 week')
```

```
##           DTB3
```

```
## 2014-09-01   NA
```

```
## 2014-09-02 0.03
```

```
## 2014-09-03 0.03
```

```
## 2014-09-04 0.03
```

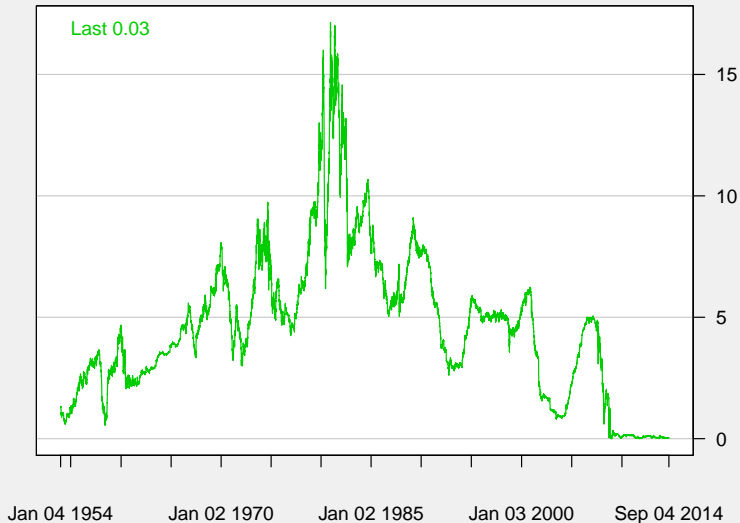
```
chartSeries(DTB3,theme="white",minor.ticks=FALSE)
```

Three-month U.S. Treasury bill rate

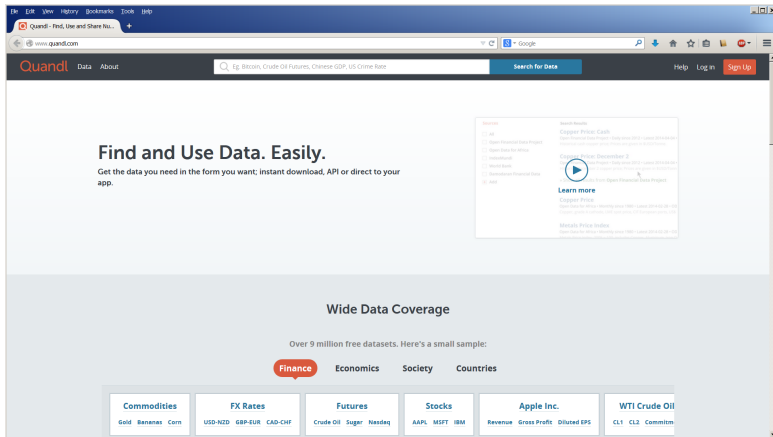
DTB3

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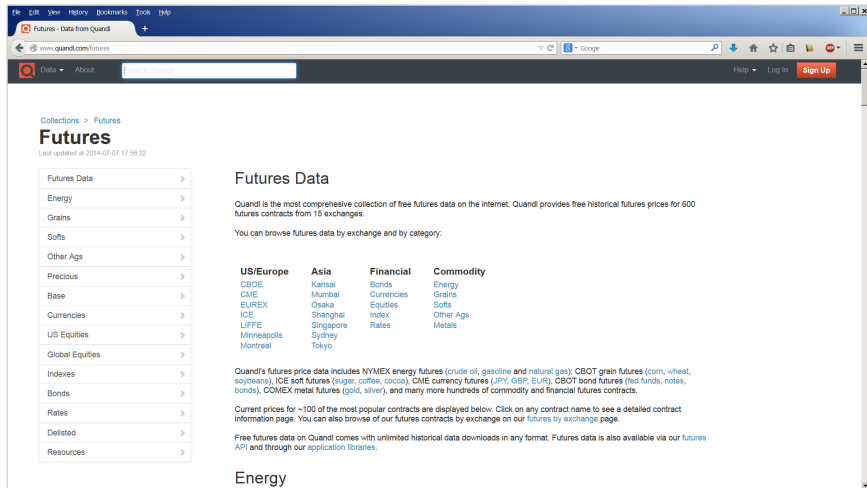
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Tammer Kamel the founder of www.quandl.com wants to do to Bloomberg what Wikipedia did to Britannica.



<http://www.quandl.com/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Futures - Data from Quandl' page. The browser's address bar shows 'www.quandl.com/futures'. The page has a navigation bar with 'Data' and 'About' links, and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'Futures Data' and includes a sub-header 'Collections > Futures'. A sidebar on the left lists various data categories: Futures Data, Energy, Grains, Softs, Other Ags, Precious, Base, Currencies, US Equities, Global Equities, Indexes, Bonds, Rates, Delisted, and Resources. The main content area describes the Quandl futures data collection, stating it is the most comprehensive free collection on the internet, covering 600 futures contracts from 15 exchanges. It also provides a table of categories and a list of popular contracts.

Collections > Futures

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Futures Data

Quandl is the most comprehensive collection of free futures data on the internet. Quandl provides free historical futures prices for 600 futures contracts from 15 exchanges.

You can browse futures data by exchange and by category:

US/Europe	Asia	Financial	Commodity
CBOE	Kansai	Bonds	Energy
CME	Mumbai	Currencies	Grains
EUREX	Osaka	Equities	Softs
ICE	Shanghai	Index	Other Ags
LIFFE	Singapore	Rates	Metals
Minneapolis	Sydney		
Montreal	Tokyo		

Quandl's futures price data includes NYMEX energy futures (crude oil, gasoline and natural gas); CBOT grain futures (corn, wheat, soybeans), ICE soft futures (sugar, coffee, cocoa), CME currency futures (JPY, GBP, EUR), CBOT bond futures (fed funds, notes, bonds), COMEX metal futures (gold, silver), and many more hundreds of commodity and financial futures contracts.

Current prices for ~100 of the most popular contracts are displayed below. Click on any contract name to see a detailed contract information page. You can also browse of our futures contracts by exchange on our [futures by exchange](#) page.

Free futures data on Quandl comes with unlimited historical data downloads in any format. Futures data is also available via our [futures API](#) and through our [application libraries](#).

Energy

The Quandl package

The Quandl package interacts directly with the Quandl API to offer data in a number of formats usable in R

Key functions:

`Quandl` Pulls data from the Quandl API

`Quandl.auth` Query or set Quandl API token[†]

`Quandl.search` Search the Quandl database

Authors:

- Raymond McTaggart

[†]Anonymous API calls are limited to 50 requests per day; signed up users receive an authorization token that allows them to get 500 API calls per day; see <http://www.quandl.com/help/r>

The Quandl function

The Quandl function pulls data from the Quandl API

Usage:

```
Quandl(code, type = c("raw", "ts", "zoo", "xts"), start_date, end_date,  
      transformation = c("", "diff", "rdiff", "normalize", "cumul", "rdiff_from"),  
      collapse = c("", "weekly", "monthly", "quarterly", "annual"),  
      sort = c("desc", "asc"), meta = FALSE, authcode = Quandl.auth(), ...)
```

Main arguments:

code	Dataset code on Quandl specified as a string
type	Type of data returned ('raw', 'ts', 'zoo' or 'xts')
start_date	Start date
end_date	End date
collapse	Frequency of data

Return value:

time series data in the specified format

Downloading data from Quandl

```
library(Quandl)

c11 = Quandl("OFDP/FUTURE_CL1",type="xts")
class(c11)

## [1] "xts" "zoo"

class(index(c11))

## [1] "Date"

first(c11)

##           Open   High    Low Settle Volume Open Interest
## 1983-03-30 29.01 29.56 29.01   29.4     949           470

last(c11)

##           Open   High    Low Settle Volume Open Interest
## 2014-09-05 94.57 94.99 92.86   93.29 261386           235848
```

Downloading data from Quandl

```
c11 <- c11[,c("Open", "High", "Low", "Settle", "Volume")]
colnames(c11) <- c("Open", "High", "Low", "Close", "Volume")
sum(is.na(coredata(c11)))

## [1] 0

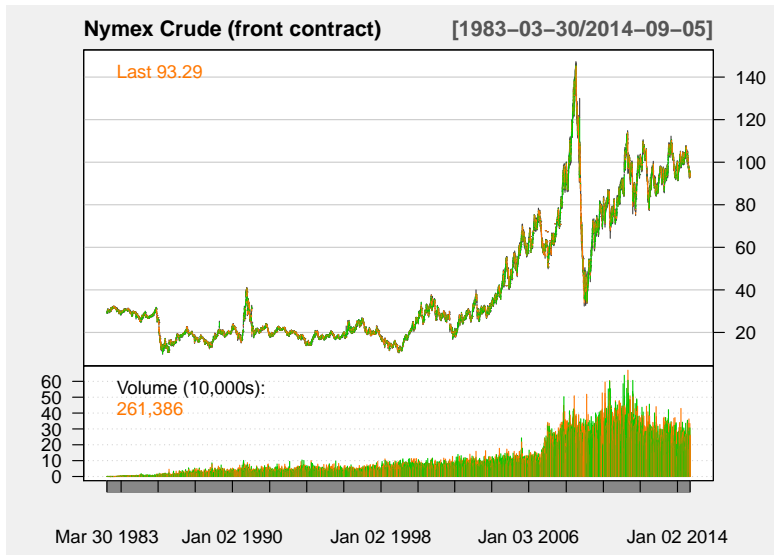
sum(coredata(c11)<0.01)

## [1] 17

c11[c11 < 0.1] <- NA
c11 <- na.approx(c11)
chartSeries(c11, name="Nymex Crude (front contract)", theme=chartTheme("white"))
```

- Required data cleaning: replace zero values with NA and then use the function `na.approx` to interpolate

Historic futures data from Quandl



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The TTR package

The TTR package is a comprehensive collection of technical analysis indicators for R

Key features:

- moving averages
- oscillators
- price channels
- trend indicators

Author:

- Joshua Ulrich

Selected technical analysis indicators in TTR

Function	Description	Function	Description
stoch	stochastic oscillator	ADX	Directional Movement Index
aroon	Aroon indicator	ATR	Average True Range
BBands	Bollinger bands	CCI	Commodity Channel Index
chaikinAD	Chaikin Acc/Dist	chaikinVolatility	Chaikin Volatility
ROC	rate of change	momentum	momentum indicator
CLV	Close Location Value	CMF	Chaikin Money Flow
CMO	Chande Momentum Oscillator	SMA	simple moving average
EMA	exponential moving average	DEMA	double exp mov avg
VWMA	volume weighted MA	VWAP	volume weighed avg price
DonchianChannel	Donchian Channel	DPO	Detrended Price Oscillator
EMV	Ease of Movement Value	volatility	volatility estimators
MACD	MA converge/diverge	MFI	Money Flow Index
RSI	Relative Strength Index	SAR	Parabolic Stop-and-Reverse
TDI	Trend Detection Index	TRIX	Triple Smoothed Exponential Osc
VHF	Vertical Horizontal Filter	williamsAD	Williams Acc/Dist
WPR	William's % R	ZigZag	Zig Zag trend line

see Technical Analysis from A to Z by Steven Achelis

Calculate and plot Bollinger bands

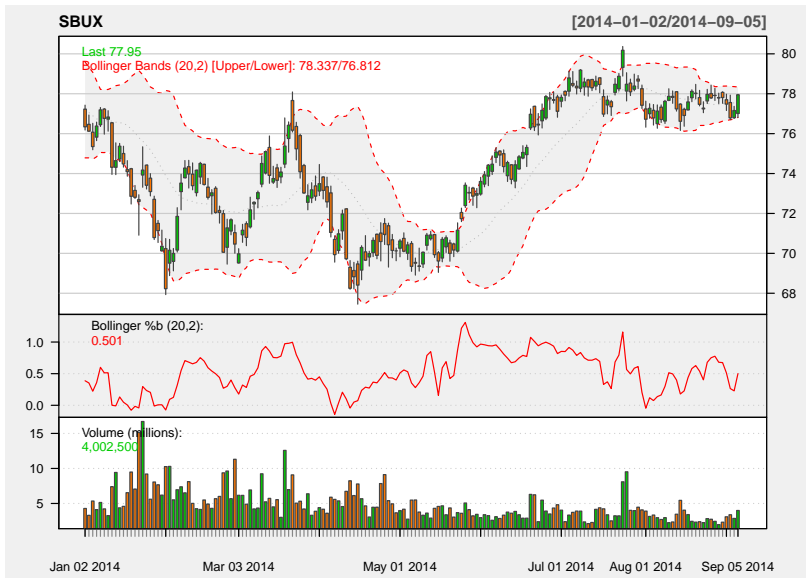
```
b <- BBands(HLC=HLC(SBUX["2014"]), n=20, sd=2)
tail(b,10)
```

```
##           dn      mavg      up      pctB
## 2014-08-22 76.411021 77.528909 78.646797 0.40208802
## 2014-08-25 76.428539 77.511574 78.594608 0.67932318
## 2014-08-26 76.476472 77.485948 78.495424 0.75131112
## 2014-08-27 76.554083 77.453339 78.352595 0.77615115
## 2014-08-28 76.552982 77.457245 78.361509 0.68030579
## 2014-08-29 76.625643 77.503182 78.380720 0.67481749
## 2014-09-02 76.656180 77.521167 78.386153 0.51088649
## 2014-09-03 76.698147 77.533500 78.368853 0.26447097
## 2014-09-04 76.724373 77.541000 78.357627 0.22794613
## 2014-09-05 76.812251 77.574667 78.337082 0.50131162
```

```
chartSeries(SBUX,TA='addBBands();addBBands(draw="p");addVo()',
  subset='2014',theme="white")
```

$$\text{pctB} = \frac{\text{Close} - \text{LowerBand}}{\text{UpperBand} - \text{LowerBand}}$$

Bollinger bands



Moving Average Convergence-Divergence (MACD)

```
macd <- MACD( Cl(SBUX), 12, 26, 9, maType="EMA" )  
tail(macd)
```

```
##                macd      signal  
## 2014-08-28  0.1152221277 0.079458718  
## 2014-08-29  0.1195390995 0.087474794  
## 2014-09-02  0.0876697703 0.087513789  
## 2014-09-03 -0.0092470283 0.068161626  
## 2014-09-04 -0.0470796190 0.045113377  
## 2014-09-05  0.0051187401 0.037114450
```

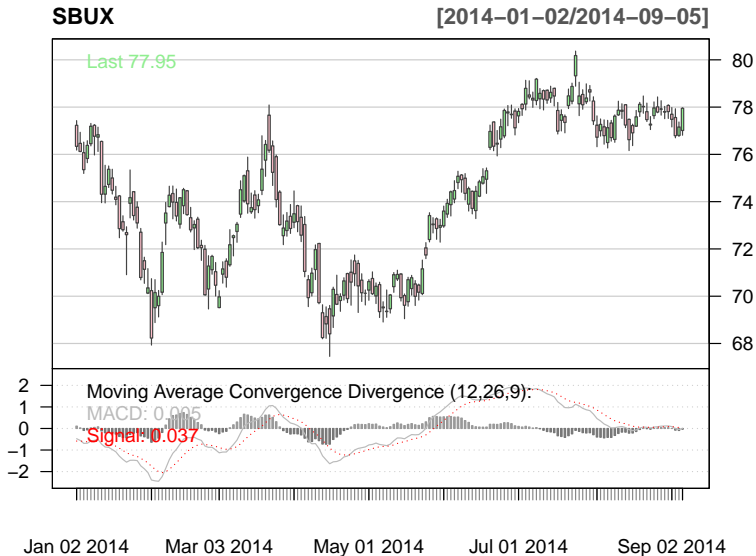
```
chartSeries(SBUX, TA = "addMACD()", subset="2014", theme=whiteTheme)
```

MACD line = $\text{EMA}(\text{Close}, 12) - \text{EMA}(\text{Close}, 26)$

Signal line = $\text{EMA}(\text{MACD line}, 9)$

MACD histogram = MACD line – Signal line

Moving Average Convergence-Divergence (MACD)



Relative Strength Index (RSI)

```
rsi <- RSI( Cl(SBUX), n = 14 )  
tail(rsi)
```

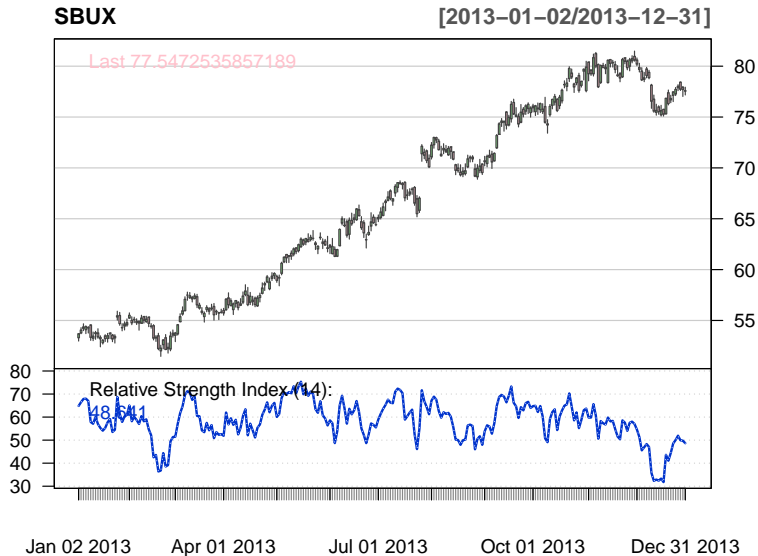
```
##                SBUX.Close.EMA.14  
## 2014-08-28          52.010352  
## 2014-08-29          52.010352  
## 2014-09-02          48.936808  
## 2014-09-03          43.189696  
## 2014-09-04          46.797814  
## 2014-09-05          53.577264
```

```
chartSeries(SBUX, TA = "addRSI()", subset="2013", theme=whiteTheme)
```

$$RSI = 100 - \frac{100}{1 + RS}$$

$$RS = \frac{\text{average of up changes}}{\text{average of down changes}}$$

Relative Strength Index (RSI)



Experimental chart_Series chart

The chartSeries functions are in the process of being updated; quantmod functions incorporating an underscore in their name are experimental version 2 functions:

- chart_Series
- add_TA
- chart_Theme

```
myTheme<-chart_theme()  
myTheme$col$up.col<-'lightgreen'  
myTheme$col$dn.col<-'pink'  
#  
chart_Series(SBUX["2013"],TA='add_BBands(lwd=2)',theme=myTheme,name="SBUX")
```

Experimental chart_Series chart



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Working with intra-day data

- For intra-day data indexing by date alone is not enough
 - beyond the capabilities of zoo objects with Date indexes
 - intra-day bars
 - tick data
- Intra-day time series require formal time-based classes for indexing
- Recommended classes for high-frequency time series:
 - xts class
 - POSIXct/POSIXlt date-time class for indexing

Class	Daily data	Intra-day data
time series class	xts	xts
time index class	Date	POSIXlt

The `strptime` function

The `strptime` function converts character strings to POSIXlt date-time objects

Usage:

```
strptime(x, format, tz = "")
```

Main arguments:

- `x` vector of character strings to be converted to POSIXlt objects
- `format` date-time format specification
- `tz` timezone to use for conversion

Return value:

a POSIXlt object

The xts function

The function `xts` is the constructor function for extensible time-series objects

Usage:

```
xts(x = NULL, order.by = index(x), frequency = NULL,  
    unique = TRUE, tzone = Sys.getenv("TZ"), ...)
```

Main arguments:

`x` data matrix (or vector) with time series data
`order.by` vector of unique times/dates (POSIXct is recommended)

Return value:

an `xts` object

Read GBPUSD 30-minute bars

```
fn1 <- "GBPUSD.txt"
dat <- read.table(file=fn1,sep=",",header=T,as.is=T)
head(dat)

##           Date Time   Open   High    Low  Close Up Down
## 1 10/20/2002 2330 1.5501 1.5501 1.5481 1.5482 0  0
## 2 10/21/2002   0 1.5481 1.5483 1.5472 1.5472 0  0
## 3 10/21/2002  30 1.5471 1.5480 1.5470 1.5478 0  0
## 4 10/21/2002 100 1.5477 1.5481 1.5471 1.5480 0  0
## 5 10/21/2002 130 1.5480 1.5501 1.5479 1.5493 0  0
## 6 10/21/2002 200 1.5492 1.5497 1.5487 1.5492 0  0

tm <- strptime(
  paste(dat[, "Date"], sprintf("%04d", dat[, "Time"])),
  format="%m/%d/%Y %H%M")
class(tm)

## [1] "POSIXlt" "POSIXt"

head(tm)

## [1] "2002-10-20 23:30:00 PDT" "2002-10-21 00:00:00 PDT" "2002-10-21 00:30:00 PDT"
## [4] "2002-10-21 01:00:00 PDT" "2002-10-21 01:30:00 PDT" "2002-10-21 02:00:00 PDT"
```

- Use paste with sprintf to format a Date-Time string
- Use the format argument of strptime to specify the formatting

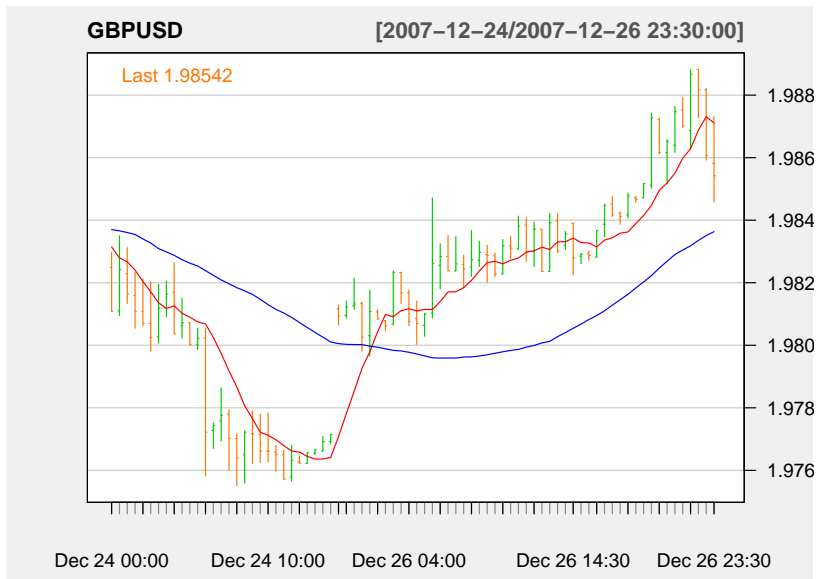
Create and plot xts object

```
GBP <- xts(x=dat[,c("Open", "High", "Low", "Close")], order.by=tm)
GBP <- GBP['2007']
first(GBP, '4 hours')
```

##		Open	High	Low	Close
##	2007-01-01 17:30:00	1.9649	1.9650	1.9644	1.9645
##	2007-01-01 18:00:00	1.9646	1.9648	1.9641	1.9644
##	2007-01-01 18:30:00	1.9645	1.9653	1.9645	1.9650
##	2007-01-01 19:00:00	1.9651	1.9652	1.9647	1.9650
##	2007-01-01 19:30:00	1.9651	1.9658	1.9651	1.9654
##	2007-01-01 20:00:00	1.9655	1.9657	1.9650	1.9654
##	2007-01-01 20:30:00	1.9653	1.9656	1.9651	1.9655

```
barChart(GBP, TA='addSMA(n = 7, col = "red");addSMA(n = 44, col = "blue")',
  subset='2007-12-24/2007-12-26', theme="white", name="GBPUSD")
```

GBPUSD crossover example



GBPUSD crossover example with annotation

```
# make candle stick plot with moving averages
#
chart_Series(GBP,subset='2007-12-24/2007-12-26',theme=myTheme,name="GBPUSD",
  TA='add_SMA(n=7,col="red",lwd=2);add_SMA(n=44,col="blue",lwd=2)')
#
# find cross-over bar
#
fastMA <- SMA(C1(GBP),n=7)
slowMA <- SMA(C1(GBP),n=44)
co <- fastMA > slowMA
x <- which(co['2007-12-24/2007-12-26'])[1]
#
# identify cross-over bar
#
ss <- GBP['2007-12-24/2007-12-26']
add_TA(ss[x,"Low"]-0.0005,pch=17,type="p",col="red", on=1,cex=2)
#
text(x=x,y=ss[x,"Low"]-0.0005,"Crossover\nbar",pos=1)
```


GBPUSD crossover example with annotation



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