

# Problem Statement

Calculating **daily Profit & Loss ('PnL') of portfolio of stocks** is a key part amongst many processes that are typical for our clients.

We want you to build an intra-day Profit/Loss **'PnL' calculation and aggregation (group of stocks) module as a standalone component** for a hypothetical Global Equities (Stocks) Desk.

The component should provide summarization of profit (or loss) across **multiple groupings of stocks** when market values (stock prices) change.

# Context & Dataset(s)

Portfolio

Global Equities

*/global*

Region

North America

*/global/nam*

EMEA

*/global/emea*

APAC

*/global/apac*

Sector

*/global/nam/fin*

Financials

Technology

Real Estate

Consumer

Financials

Technology

Consumer

Technology

Materials

Ticker: BAC  
Name: Bank of America Corp  
Holding: 1500  
Currency: USD  
Prev Day Close: 29.65  
Current Price: 30.16  
*(Price changes in 'real-time')*

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# Hackathon Objectives

**Objective 1** – Ingest ‘Bootstrap’ holdings data from End of the Previous Day

**Objective 2** – Ingest real-time changes to stock prices ‘intra-day’ by processing mini-batch of files as they appear in a folder

**Objective 3** - Calculate and Show ‘real-time’ PnL by the handle through an interactive command or visual interface, without restarting the file processing that might happen in the background.

Example of tests, but not limited to:

*showPnL /global*

*showPnL /global/nam*

*showPnL /global/apac*

*showPnL /global/nam/fin*

*showPnL /global/name/fin:BAC*

*(Note: Candidate can come up with alternate command conventions (like parameter prefixes like -h, -s etc.,) as long as they are intuitive and not constricting)*

# Utilities and Helper Classes

1. **File Handler Helper** – A file handler class will be provided that parses bootstrap and any ‘real-time’ files into a structured value object(s). It is candidate’s responsibility to leverage this code in any way helpful to incorporate into his/her main module(s). Candidate can build a better one his/her own for additional credits.
2. **A graphing utility** – A graphing utility code will be provided to show any time-series data visually. It is candidate’s responsibility to leverage this code in any way helpful to incorporate into his/her module(s). Candidate can build a better one on his/her own for additional credits. Example: This utility shows a line chart with X-axis (time in 1 hour increments), Y-Axis (Price, PnL, etc.,).
3. **FX conversion utility** – A static FX conversion utility code will be provided to convert prices or any derived values from one currency to another currency. It is candidate’s responsibility to leverage this code in any way helpful to incorporate into his/her module(s). No additional credits for building his/her own as this is a simple static conversion utility.

# Solution Assumptions

- a) This component needs to be a Core Java application/solution that handles simultaneous (non-blocking) loading of files based on availability and showing visually through interactive commands latest Profit/Loss of the Portfolio at various regions
- b) Stock holding amounts do not change from the previous day. If Holding amount is provided in the file, it can be ignored or processed, no changes to holding amounts
- c) Prices may not change at all during the day for a given set of stocks
- d) Prices will not be negative or zero
- e) No new stocks (or holdings) would be added or removed to the portfolio during the day
- f) Regions and Sectors are static
- g) A new file or multiple files might be dropped into a 'landing folder' and should be immediately processed and PnL should be reflected
- h) All times quoted are in EST (Single time-zone throughout the data sets)
- i) Files are provided in 1 hour increments and snapshotted respectively (no other intermediary time periods will be posted) – Only following could be posted (PREV\_DAY, 7AM, 8AM, 9AM, 10AM, 11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 2PM, 3PM, 4PM, 5PM, 6PM, 7PM)
- j) Files will be sequenced for ease of use but candidate can manually drop files in a sequence if needed (No penalties for manually dropping the files in the drop zone) during the Demo(s)
- k) No persistent data store is expected, module needs to be able to restart from “Start of the Day” if required by terminating all the appropriate daemons and restarting in necessary sequence
- l) No need to handle changes to files and re-loading of same timestamp of prices
- m) Participants can use any open source or 3<sup>rd</sup> party packages as long as the components are pre-built Portfolio and Profit/Loss calculators

# Basic Calculations

1. The system receives a 'bootstrap' snapshot of the portfolio from the previous day's close of business and uses that as a basis for all PnL calculations. Throughout the 'day' (defined as multiple files) the system receives intra-day price updates and is expected to process this information in real-time.

1.  $PnL \text{ in a currency} = \text{PrevDay } \underline{\text{Value of Portfolio}} - \text{Current } \underline{\text{Value of Portfolio}}$

2.  $\text{Value of portfolio} = \text{Sum of all stock values}$

3.  $\text{Stock value} = \# \text{ of stocks of a particular company} * \text{stock price in a single currency}$

All the necessary utilities/helper code/data files/instructions/sample excel for review are available for participants at:

[https://github.com/skandula76/PS\\_NY\\_Fall2018\\_CoreJavaHack](https://github.com/skandula76/PS_NY_Fall2018_CoreJavaHack)

# Solution Presentation & Judging

Correctness

Extendibility

Modularity

Presentation of  
Solution

Exception Handling

Elegant use of Data  
Structures

Ease of Use  
*(e.g., multi-currency results)*

Performance

