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What is the D.O.T.S. Method?

The D.O.T.S. (Daily Open Trading System) Method, exclusively designed by CompassFX, is an intraday price-based indicator that calculates and plots potential market entry, exit, and target levels from daily and historical price movement. The key advantage of the D.O.T.S. Method indicator is its simplicity. Most every trader, regardless of experience, trading style or trading system, can use D.O.T.S. in real-time at a glance.

At the Open of the Day or a specific trading session, the D.O.T.S. algorithm identifies:

- Buy (Long) Entry
- Buy Target # 1
- Buy Target # 2
- Buy Stop Loss
- Sell (Short) Entry
- Sell Target #1
- Sell Target #2
- Sell Stop Loss



Selectable trading sessions:

- Broker Daily Open
- Australian Open
- Tokyo Open
- Midnight NY Open
- European Open
- London Open
- New York Open



Automated Trading Sessions

- Broker Daily Open
- Australian Open
- Tokyo Open
- Midnight NY Open
- European Open
- London Open
- New York Open

The DOTS Method indicator has a variety of options including:

- Current trend direction
- Average Daily Range
- Previous Session High/Low
- Current Bid/Ask Spread

Why Trade with the D.O.T.S. Method?

The benefits of DOTS

The benefits of trading with the DOTS Method are clear-cut:

- Plots entry, target and exit levels at the start of a trading session.
- Provides a road map of the market showing where to enter and exit.
- Appears in the right margin of the price chart so not to interfere with trading systems.
- Works on any MT4 platform as a stand-alone indicator or combined with any trading method or system.



Before Installing D.O.T.S

The DOTS Method indicator works with the MetaTrader 4.0 trading platform on the following Window Operating Systems: Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, and Windows 8.

BEFORE INSTALLING:

- 1. Update MetaTrader 4.0 to Build 765 or higher.
- 2. Allow DLL imports.
- 3. Set Maximum bar in Chart and download adequate historical data.

To update the Build number of MetaTrader 4.0, follow these steps:

- 1. Open MetaTrader 4.0 (MT4).
- 2. Go to the top menu bar.
- 3. Select "Help".
- 4. In the drop-down menu, select "About".
- 5. A pop-up window will appear similar to the one to the right.
- 6. The Build number is located in the lower left corner (outlined in red).



- 7. If the Build number is less than 765, go to the broker's website and download a new demo.
- 8. When installing the new demo account, follow the prompt instructions.
- 9. Allow the update to complete.
- 10. The latest Build number will now appear in the "About" window of MT4.
- 11. Repeat this process for each MT4 platform on your computer.

Before Installing D.O.T.S.

The next step before installation is to "Allow DLL imports" within MetaTrader 4.0. The D.O.T.S. Method indicator will not operate properly without this setting.

To Allow DLL imports, follow these steps:

- 1. Open MetaTrader 4.0.
- 2. Go to the Top Menu bar.
- 3. Select "Tools".
- 4. In the drop-down menu, select "Options".

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5. In the Options window, select the "Expert Advisors" tab.



- 6. Check the box to the left of "Allow DLL imports" (marked by the red arrow).
- 7. Click the "OK" button.
- 8. Repeat this process for each MT4 platform on your computer.

Before Installing D.O.T.S.

To set Maximum bar in Chart and download adequate historical data, follow these steps:

First, adjust the "Maximum Bars in History" and "Maximum Bar in Chart" as follows:

- 1. Open MetaTrader 4.0 (MT4).
- 2. Go to the top menu bar.
- 3. Click "Tools".
- 4. Select "Options".
- 5. Click the "Charts" tab.
- 6. Max bars in history...enter 100,000.
- 7. Max bars in chart... click 65,000.
- 8. Click "OK".
- 9. Close and re-open MT4.

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Second, add more history to a MT4 chart by the following steps:

- 1. Open a new chart for the currency pair that needs more historical data (e.g., EURUSD).
- 2. Select the time frame of the chart that you want more data (e.g., EURUSD, M15).
- 3. Turn off "Auto Scroll" found in the top menu bar.
- 4. Click the left arrow key multiple times (or hold it down).
- 5. The chart will move back in time and import historical data automatically.
- 6. Depending on the time frame, the chart should go back about 3 months or longer.
- 7. Repeat steps 1 5 for each currency pair and time frame that requires more historical data.



Before Installing D.O.T.S.

Third, import historical data from another MetaTrader 4.0 platform or data source:

- 1. In the top menu bar, click Tools.
- 2. Select History Center.
- 3. Select the currency pair.
- 4. Select the time frame.
- 5. Click the "Import" button.
- 6. Browse to another MetaTrader 4 History folder.
- 7. Select the same currency pair and time frame.
- 8. Click "OK".

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GBPJPYx	2013.07.18 06:00	151.590	151.621	151.576	151.600	587
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5 Minutes (M5)	2013.07.18 05:30	151.666	151.681	151.590	151.613	806
15 Minutes (M15)	2013.07.18 05:15	151.675	151.731	151.629	151.661	1343
	2013.07.18 05:00	151.676	151.702	151.590	151.675	1606
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Weekly (W)	0 2013.07.18 04:15	151.588	151.696	151.570	151.603	212
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Installing D.O.T.S. in MetaTrader 4.0

After purchasing or updating the DOTS Method indicator, an email was sent to you with a Software Key. You will be prompted to enter this Software Key and the Email Address used when registering for DOTS during the installation process.

The DOTS Method indicator is designed specifically for the MetaTrader 4.0 platform with Build 765 or later. Follow the steps outlined on page 5 of this manual to check the Build number.

IMPORTANT: If a MetaTrader 4.0 platform has a Build number less than 765, the MetaTrader 4.0 platform may crash, freeze, or not respond when installing the DOTS Method Indicator. In this case, close the application and reboot the computer.

To get the most up-to-date version of MetaTrader 4.0, click <u>new MT4 platform</u> to download a new demo or contact your broker for a new demo account.

To install the DOTS Method indicator, follow the steps shown on this webpage to:

http://www.compassfx.com/dots/install.html

Quick Start

The DOTS v5 installation includes six templates that are pre-formatted to ready to use. These templates are set to the three most popular trading sessions: Australian Open, European Open, and New York Open. The DOTS v5 installed templates:

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Symbol EURUSD

- 1. DOTS v5 Aussie Open
- 2. DOTS v5 European Open
- 3. DOTS v5 New York Open
- 4. DOTS Guppies v5 Aussie Open
- 5. DOTS Guppies v5 European Open
- 6. DOTS Guppies v5 New York Open

Quick Start steps to using DOTS v5:

- 1. After install, open MetaTrader.
- 2. Click "File" in top menu bar.
- 3. Select "New Chart".
- 4. Select currency pair.
- 5. Blank chart appears.
- 6. Click Template icon.
- Select an installed D.O.T.S. template.
- 8. D.O.T.S. levels appear.
- 9. Adjust chart and DOTS options.

Note: It is recommended to create a new DOTS template if the installed templates are modified in anyway. See the chapter "Creating Templates & Profiles".

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- (DOTS set to the New York Open)
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- (DOTS with Guppies set to European Open)
- (DOTS with Guppies set to New York Open)

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Applying the Indicator to a Chart

To apply the D.O.T.S. Method indicator to a chart, follow these steps:

- 1. Open the MetaTrader 4.0 (MT4) platform.
- 2. Open a new chart.
- 3. Locate the Custom Indicators folder in the Navigator window.
- 4. Double click on the "DOTS Method" indicator.



5. The "Custom Indicator – DOTS Method" window will appear. Under the "Common" tab, make sure the "Allow DLL imports" is checked.



Applying the Indicator to a Chart

6. All the parameters and options are listed under the "Inputs" tab.

Variable	Value
Custom_Indicator	D.O.T.S. Method
Copyright	Version 5, © 2015 CompassFX
Web_Address	http://www.compassfx.com
Session	=== Session Settings ===
🔄 Broker_Daily_Open	false
Aussie_NZ_Open5PM_NY	true
Tokyo_Open7PM_NY	true
Midnight_NY12AM_NY	true
European Open 2AM NY	true

- 7. Use the side scrollbar (red arrow) to scroll through the options within the DOTS Method indicator.
- 8. To modify an option, double click on a value (red arrow) and enter a new value. For example, to change the Level Width, double-click on 3 and enter a number from 1 to 5.

Variable	Value	
ab Levels	=== Level Settings ===	
Level_Line_Style	1	
😖 Level_Width	3	
Level_Font_Size	9	
🔢 Level_Text_Shift	3	
Z Extend_Lines	true	
A Show_Session_Open	true	
Show_Session_Separator	true	
Show_ADR_Levels	true	-

NOTE: If after applying DOTS to a chart, there is a red-lettered alert "Not enough bars on the chart", follow the instructions of the alert. Review the "Troubleshooting" section of this manual for more details.

Adjust the Right Margin Setting



The DOTS Method indicator appears in the right margin of the MT4 price chart.

If the indicator does not appear like the snapshot shown above, the first thing to do is check if the Auto Scroll and Chart Shift are in the "On" position. Look within the Charts toolbar near the top menu bar.



Click both to turn each "On". The chart should shift to the left and the DOTS price levels appear.

Adjust the Right Margin Setting

If the Auto Scroll and Chart Shift are "On" but the DOTS price levels still do not appear in the right margin, locate the small upside-down triangle in the upper right corner of the chart. Click the triangle and drag it to the left. The chart will move to the left and the prices will appear.



If the price bars or candles appear larger than normal, the magnification of the chart may be set to high. Click the Zoom In / Zoom Out functions in the top menu bar to see less or more of the chart. By zooming out, the chart should reset and the DOTS price levels been seen.



Also, adjust "Level Text Shift" indicator option discussed in the Indicator Options section.

Adjust the Right Margin Setting

At times the price movement of a currency pair will extend beyond the range of the chart for the prices shown. This will cause only a few DOTS levels to appear. The solution is to click and drag the prices in the far right margin down to adjust the vertical scale (as shown below) or change the time frame of the chart.



One final solution is to scale the chart to match the price range of the market. Select Properties by clicking on the F8 key. Select the "Common" tab. Locate and check "Scale Fix". This will allow you to adjust and position the chart vertically and horizontally.

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Indicator Options

The DOTS Method indicator is designed with a number of settings:

- 1. Session settings
- 2. Alert settings
- 3. Display settings
- 4. Level settings
- 5. Clock settings
- 6. Corner Display settings
- 7. Color settings

This is a snapshot showing all the options and parameters:

Variable	Value
ab Custom_Indicator	D.O.T.S. Method
ab Copyright	Version 5, © 2015 CompassFX
ab Web_Address	http://www.compassfx.com
ab) Session	=== Session Settings ===
Roker_Daily_Open	false
Aussie_NZ_Open5PM_NY	true
ATokyo_Open7PM_NY	true
Aidnight_NY12AM_NY	true
European_Open2AM_NY	true
Andon_Open3AM_NY	true
Rew_York_Open8AM_NY	true
Lookback_Number_of_Days	1
ab Alerts	=== Alert Settings ===
Ruy_Sell_Entry_Alert	true
Alert_Pips_to_Entry	10
Cappy_Filter_Alert	true
ab Broker_Offset	=== Broker Offset Settings ===
ab Broker_Offset_Info	Enter 1 or -1 to adjust broker start
📖 Adjust_Broker_Hourly_Offset	0
ab Display	=== Display Settings ===
Display_Font_Size	9
A Show_Session_Label	true
ADR_Display	true
ADR_Number_of_Days	5
A Show_Trend	true
A Show_Spread	true
ab Levels	=== Level Settings ===
📖 Level_Line_Style	1
📖 Level_Width	3
Level_Font_Size	9
📖 Level_Text_Shift	3
Z Extend_Lines	true
A Show_Session_Open	true
Show_Session_Separator	true
Show_ADR_Levels	true
A Show_Prev_Session_Hi_Lo	true
A Show_Targets_In_Pips	true

Variable	Value
ab Clock	=== Clock Settings ===
A Show_Clock	false
Contraction Contractica Contra	false
Clock_Vertical_Position	100
ab Comer_Display	=== Comer Display Setting ===
ab c_0	0 = Upper left
ab c_1	1 = Upper right
ab c_2	2 = Lower left
ab c_3	3 = Lower right
123 Comer	0
ab Color	=== Color Settings ===
Level_Text_Color	Gray
Session_Open_Color	White
Session_Separator_Color	Gray
Clock_Color	Yellow
Spread_Color	Green
🔜 Buy_Color	Green
🔜 BT1_Color	LimeGreen
BT2_Color	ComflowerBlue
BuySL_Color	Olive
ell_Color	Crimson
ST1_Color	OrangeRed
ST2_Color	Goldenrod
SellSL_Color	SaddleBrown
Jup_Trend_Color	ComflowerBlue
Down_Trend_Color	Red
Rat_Trend_Color	Gray
Prev_Day_High_Color	SeaGreen
Prev_Day_Low_Color	SeaGreen
ADR_High_Color	DarkOrchid
ADR_Low_Color	DarkOrchid

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Indicator Options

Session Open Setting

This option allows the user to choose which trading session open time to show the DOTS levels. In DOTS v5, the user can select each session by setting a "true" (On) or "false" (Off) condition. The default setting is "true" for all trading sessions except the Broker Daily Open.

The Broker Daily Open is shown at 0:00 on the MetaTrader 4.0 chart. However, the broker's server time may vary. For example, one broker may start a new day at 5:00 PM Eastern while another starts a new day at Midnight Eastern. Both will show 0:00 as the respective Daily Open. This can be quite confusing for traders!

To simplify the time settings, DOTS v5 has built in time settings based on New York time.

1 = Broker Daily Open	(Broker start of new day)
2 = Australian Open	(5:00 PM New York)
3 = Tokyo Open	(7:00 PM New York)
4 = Midnight NY Open	(12:00 AM New York)
5 = European Open	(2:00 AM New York)
6 = London Open	(3:00 AM New York)
7 = New York Open	(8:00 AM New York)

Review the list of trading sessions and set each session to "true" or "false" for DOTS v5 to automatically update the DOTS level for that session.

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Variable	Value
ab Session	=== Session Settings ===
Broker_Daily_Open	false
Aussie_NZ_Open5PM_NY	true
Tokyo_Open7PM_NY	true
Midnight_NY12AM_NY	true
European_Open2AM_NY	true
London_Open3AM_NY	true
New_York_Open8AM_NY	true
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	OK Cancel Reset

Indicator Options

Session Settings

For instance, to show the DOTS levels for the European Open ONLY, set the value to "true". Then, set all other session values to "false" and double-click "OK".

Value
=== Session Settings ===
false
false
false
false
true
false
false

Indicator Options

Lookback Number of Days

This option plots multiple DOTS levels separated by vertical lines representing the number of days. The default parameter is set to 1 for the current session's DOTS levels.

NOTE: The maximum number of local days is 22.

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Variable	Value	-
ab) Session	=== Session Settings ===	
Kanger Broker Daily Open	false	4
Aussie_NZ_Open5PM_NY	false	
Tokyo_Open7PM_NY	false	
A Midnight_NY12AM_NY	false	
Zameran_Open2AM_NY	true	
London_Open3AM_NY	false	
New_York_Open8AM_NY	false	
Lookback_Number_of_Days	1	-
	-	-
	OK Cancel Reset	

The snapshot below shows the DOTS levels for 5 days.



Indicator Options

Alert Settings

This option allows the user to set an alert which triggers a pop-up display and audible alert as price nears either a DOTS Buy Entry or Sell Entry level. It includes two parameters: Alert Pips to Entry and Guppy Filter Alert. Alert settings default to "true".

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About Common Inputs Dependencies Co	olors Visualization	
Variable	Value	
ab Alerts	=== Alert Settings ===	
Buy_Sell_Entry_Alert	true	
Alert_Pips_to_Entry	10	
Guppy_Filter_Alert	true	
Broker_Offset	=== Broker Offset Settings ===	
Broker_Offset_Info	Enter 1 or -1 to adjust broker start	
Adjust_Broker_Hourly_Offset	0	
ab Display	=== Display Settings ===	
Display_Font_Size	9	-
	OK Cancel	Reset

Buy Sell Entry Alert – This is the primary alert. It triggers when price is within the "Alert Pips to Entry" distance to either the Buy Entry or Sell Entry level. It triggers once per price bar with an audible pop-up alert (shown below).

Alert Pips to Entry – The default setting is "10". The Buy Sell Entry Alert triggers when price is 10 pips away from the Buy Entry level or the Sell Entry level.

Guppy Filter Alert – This alert only triggers if Guppy Multiple Moving Averages are aligned. Default set to "true".

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GBPNZD M	115: 1 pips to 1.9722 - D-G Sell Entry Aussie / NZ Session	<u>^</u>
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lacktrian 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44 44	AUDCAD M15: 3 pips to 0.9561 - D-G Buy Entry Aussie / NZ Session	
lacktrian 40:43:55	AUDJPY M15: 2 pips to 91.97 - D-G Buy Entry Aussie / NZ Session	
	OK	

Each alert includes the local time stamp, currency pair, the distance from the Entry level, trade direction, and the price.

Indicator Options

Display Settings

ustom Indicator - DOTS Method v4		
Common Inputs Colors Visualization		
Variable	Value	
bisplay	=== Display Settings ===	
Display_Font_Size	9	
Show_Session_Label	true	
Show_ADR_Display	true	
ADR_Number_of_Days	5	
Show_Trend	true	
Show Spread	tnie	
OK Cancel Reset		

Display Font Size – This option allows the user to change the font size of the Display text. The default setting is "9". Double click and change the setting from 8 to 16.

Show Session Label – This option displays the session for which the DOTS indicator is applied. Default set to "true".

Show ADR Display – This option displays the ADR number of days and ADR value in pips. Default set to "true".

ADR Number of Days – Enter the number of days to calculate the ADR.

Show Trend – This option displays the current trend direction for the specific time chart. There are three trend directions: Up Trend, Down Trend, and Flat Trend. Default set to "true".

Show Spread – This option displays the current spread between the Ask and Bid prices. Default set to "true".

```
    AUDUSDx,M15 0.91960 0.91977 0.91918 0.91918
    D.O.T.S. | CompassFX
    New York Open - 8:00AM Eastern
    5-day ADR: 111
    15-min Trend: Up
    Spread: 2.0
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Indicator Options

Level Settings

Variable Value		
ab Levels	=== Level Settings ===	
🔢 Level_Width	3	
Level_Font_Size	9	
📖 Level_Text_Shift	0	
Ktend_Lines	true	
Show_Session_Open	true	
Show Session Separator	true	

Level Width – This option allows the user to adjust the width of the DOTS levels. The default setting is "3". Double click and change the setting from 1 to 5.

Level Font Size - This option allows the user to change the font size of the text. The default setting is "9". Double click and change the setting from 8 to 16.

Level Text Shift - This option allows the user to shift the DOTS levels and text to the left or the right. Enter a positive number shifts the levels and text to the right and a negative number shifts levels and text to the left. The number equals the number of price bars left or right.



Indicator Options

Level Settings

Custom Indicator - DOTS Method	v4 ? ×	
Common Inputs Colors Visualization		
Variable	Value	
Extend_Lines	true	
Show_Session_Open	true	
Show_Session_Separator	true	
Show_ADR_Levels	true	
Show_Prev_Session_Hi_Lo	true	
Show_Targets_In_Pips	true	
ab Clock	=== Clock Settings ===	
OK Cancel Reset		

Extend Lines – This option plots horizontal lines representing each DOTS Level from the current Session Open to the DOTS Levels in the right margin. Default is set to "true". Double-click and select "false" to remove the extended lines.

Show Session Open – Extends a horizontal price line from Session Open. Default is set to "true". Double-click and select "false" to remove. **NOTE**: The color of the Session Open line is defaulted to "White". If using white background, change the color before selecting this option.

Show Session Separator – Displays vertical line at start of the Session. Default set to "true".



Indicator Options

Show ADR Levels – Displays the Average Daily Range High (ADRH) and Low (ADRL) levels on the price chart. These levels will adjust the ADR distance as the market sets the daily High and daily Low. Default set to "true".

Show Prev Session Hi Lo – Displays the previous session High and Low levels on the price chart. Trade these levels as Resistance and Support. Price will either bounce off or break through these levels. Default is set to "true".



Show Target in Pips – Displays the pip distance from the Entry level to the Target levels. Default set to "true".



Indicator Options

Clock Settings

ustom Indicator - DOTS Method v4 🛛 🔋 🗙		
Common Inputs Colors Visualization		
Variable	Value	
ab) Clock	=== Clock Settings ===	
Show_Clock	false	
Observe_DST	true	
Clock_Vertical_Position	100	
ab Comer_Display	=== Corner Display Setting ===	
ab c_0	0 = Upper left	
ab c 1	1 = Upper right	
	OK Cancel Reset	

Show Clock – Displays four clocks in 24-hour format: Local time, Broker time, New York time, and GMT. Default is set to "false". Double-click and select "true" to view the clocks. Then, double-click "OK".

Observe DST – Default is set to "true" in observance of Daylight Saving Time.

Clock Vertical Position – Change the number to adjust vertical position of Clock on the chart.



Indicator Options

Corner Display Settings

Variable	Value
ab sComer	=== Comer Display Setting ===
ab) c0	0 = Upper Left
ab) c1	1 = Upper right
ab) c2	2 = Lower Left
ab) c3	3 = Lower right
🛤 Comer	0
ab Color	=== Color Settings ===

Corner – Select the corner of the price chart for the Display to appear.

This parameter allows the user to adjust the descriptive DOTS and Trend Direction display. The default parameter is in the upper left corner under the currency pair shown below.

To adjust the corner setting, enter the number of choice and double-click "OK".

Indicator Options

Color Settings

Another option is the ability to modify the colors for:

- Each DOTS Level
- Text Levels and Display
- Session Open
- Session Separator
- Clock
- Spread
- Trend: Up, Down, & Flat
- Previous High & Low
- ADR High & Low

Variable	Value
ab Color	=== Color Settings ===
📑 Level_Text_Color	Gray
Session_Open_Color	White
Session_Separator_Color	Gray
Clock_Color	Yellow
📄 Spread_Color	Green
📄 Buy_Color	Green
BT1_Color	LimeGreen
BT2_Color	ComflowerBlue
BuySL_Color	Olive
📄 Sell_Color	Crimson
ST1_Color	OrangeRed
📑 ST2_Color	Goldenrod
SellSL_Color	SaddleBrown
Up_Trend_Color	ComflowerBlue
Down_Trend_Color	Red
Flat_Trend_Color	Gray
Prev_Day_High_Color	SeaGreen
Prev_Day_Low_Color	SeaGreen
ADR_High_Color	DarkOrchid
ADR_Low_Color	DarkOrchid

To change a color, double-click the color and select a new color from the drop-down menu.

Custom Indicator - DOTS Method Common Inputs Colors Visualization	v4 ?X
Variable	Value === Color Settings ===
Level_Text_Color Session_Open_Color Cock_Color Spread_Color Buy Color	Gray
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Creating a New Template

To create a new template:

After DOTS is applied to a chart with the preferred options and appears properly, right click on the chart. Select Template. Select "Save Template..."

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Then, save the new template with a name DIFFERENT than the original template of choice.

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	🛋 default_gray.tpl	3/28/2012 1:48 PM	TPL File	1)	B
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	synergy_pro_alert_active - g.tpl	7/11/2012 5:26 PM	TPL File	71	B
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Creating a Profile

A profile is a set of charts with specific templates and settings. The advantage of using a profile is that it allows a trader to change multiple charts to different settings quickly.

To create a Profile template:

- 1. Open and set the charts with specific settings.
- 2. Arrange the charts.
- 3. Click "File" in the top menu bar.
- 4. Select "Profiles".
- 5. Select "Save As".

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6. Enter a new profile name in the Save Profile window.

Save Profile	2	? ×			
	Enter new profile name				
	DOTS - New York Open	•			
	OK Cancel				

7. When that Profile is required, click File... select Profiles...then select the save Profile.

NOTE: Modifying charts in a Profile will overwrite and save changes permanently.



DOTS – Guppy Trade

Hundreds of traders use the intelligence of the D.O.T.S. Method Indicator to assist them in their trading as it was designed to work with any trading system. However, we have found that many traders don't have a consistent trading system that gives them an edge in their trading.

We discovered the "DOTS-Guppy Trade" from a client, who is an experienced trader and previous floor broker. He referred to this strategy as the "perfect match".

By using the Guppy Multiple Moving Averages as a smart filter, traders can decipher market direction and momentum and look to enter the market when the DOTS entry levels are aligned with the Guppy Multiple Moving Averages.

From the response of hundreds of clients, the "DOTS-Guppy Trade" is quick to learn, fun to use, and works.



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Troubleshooting

Why do the DOTS levels appear above or below current price?

One of the idiosyncrasies of MetaTrader 4.0 is that it plots an indicator based on old data BEFORE collecting new data. The result is the indicator is displayed incorrectly on the chart.

This will sometimes occur, especially when changing the DOTS from one trading session to another.



When this occurs, the simple fix is to change the chart to a different time frame and then back. For instance, in the 15-minute chart above, change the time to 30-minutes and then back to 15-minutes.

This is called a "force reset". MetaTrader 4.0 is forced to collect new data and re-plot the indicator with the new data.

Troubleshooting

Why do I get "DLL is not allowed" red alert?



The DOTS indicator uses a DLL (Dynamic Link Library) file to get the local time of your computer in order to compare the broker's server time to the "Session_Open_Setting" parameter.

The red alert reads:

"DLL is not allowed. Go to the top menu bar. Select Tools. Select Options. Under Expert Advisor tab, check Allow DLL imports. Close and reopen the MT4 platform."

Follow the instructions shown in the alert to resolve the issue!

Troubleshooting

Why do I get "Not enough bars in chart" red alert?

The number one reason for most issues related to DOTS indicator is a **lack of historical data**. The DOTS Method indicator requires adequate historical data to run properly.

To resolve a historical data issue, we included a red letter alert that will appear on your chart. Here is an example:



The red alert reads:

"Not enough bars in chart. Turn off Auto Scroll. Press Page Up Key repeatedly until this message disappears. Then press the End Key and the DOTS levels should appear. If not, close and reopen the chart. Re-apply DOTS to chart."

Follow the instructions shown in the alert to resolve the issue!

Troubleshooting

To add more history to a MT4 chart, follow these steps:

- 1. Open a new chart for the currency pair that needs more historical data (e.g., EURUSD).
- 2. Select the time frame of the chart that you want more data (e.g., EURUSD, M15).
- 3. Turn off "Auto Scroll" found in the top menu bar.
- 4. Click the left arrow key multiple times (or hold it down).
- 5. The chart will move back in time and import historical data automatically.
- 6. Depending on the time frame, the chart should go back about 3 months or longer.
- 7. Repeat steps 1 5 for each currency pair and time frame that requires more historical data.



In the event the red alert display does not disappear, close the chart and attempt to download data from the broker using the History Center of the MT4 platform. Click on "Tools" in the top menu bar...then select History Center in the drop-down menu.



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A window similar to this window will appear. Select a currency pair.

History Center: GBPUSD,H4 ?X						
Symbols:	Database: 6123 records					
FX Solutions	Time	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume 🔺
É 🛐 Forex	0 2012.11.15 16:00	1.5855	1.5866	1.5853	1.5861	161
AUDCAD	2012.11.15 12:00	1.5861	1.5866	1.5841	1.5854	635
AUDCHF	0 2012.11.15 08:00	1.5833	1.5877	1.5828	1.5862	1457
AUDJPY	2012.11.15 04:00	1.5846	1.5856	1.5828	1.5832	1154
AUDNZD	0 2012.11.15 00:00	1.5844	1.5854	1.5838	1.5847	707
AUDUSD	0 2012.11.14 20:00	1.5840	1.5854	1.5837	1.5845	432
5 Minute (M1)	+ 2012.11.14 16:00	1.5841	1.5846	1.5835	1.5841	332
15 Minutes (M15)	2012.11.14 12:00	1.5846	1.5872	1.5838	1.5840	784
	2012.11.14 08:00	1.5861	1.5878	1.5838	1.5845	1388
1 Hour (H1)	2012.11.14 04:00	1.5882	1.5900	1.5853	1.5860	1300
🗐 4 Hours (H4)	2012.11.14 00:00	1.5886	1.5892	1.5870	1.5883	896
Daily (D1)	0 2012.11.13 20:00	1.5873	1.5890	1.5868	1.5887	326
Weekly (W)	0 2012.11.13 16:00	1.5868	1.5880	1.5865	1.5874	380
Monthly (MN)	2012.11.13 12:00	1.5881	1.5884	1.5868	1.5869	420
	2012.11.13 08:00	1.5893	1.5897	1.5866	1.5882	1278
	0 2012.11.13 04:00	1.5871	1.5914	1.5866	1.5892	1852
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	2012.11.12 20:00	1.5863	1.5871	1.5857	1.5858	654 💌
Download	Add Edit	Delete	Ex	port	Import	Close

If the time frame preferred is gray, select that time frame and double click it to collect historical data from the broker. In some instances, continuous clicking will collect additional data.

History Center: AUDUSD,M30						? ×
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🗟 FX Solutions	Time	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume 🔺
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AUDCAD	2012.11.15 17:30	1.0331	1.0334	1.0328	1.0329	27
AUDCHF	0 2012.11.15 17:00	1.0329	1.0332	1.0326	1.0332	71
AUDJPY	0 2012.11.15 16:30	1.0329	1.0332	1.0329	1.0330	36
AUDNZD	0 2012.11.15 16:00	1.0328	1.0331	1.0325	1.0330	65
AUDUSD	0 2012.11.15 15:30	1.0315	1.0331	1.0313	1.0329	105
5 Minutes (M5)	2012.11.15 15:00	1.0327	1.0327	1.0316	1.0316	100
15 Minutes (M15)	+ 2012.11.15 14:30	1.0328	1.0330	1.0324	1.0328	65
	. 15 14:00	1.0326	1.0329	1.0320	1.0329	64
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🗎 4 Hours (H4)	0 2012.11.15 13:00	1.0309	1.0317	1.0306	1.0317	91
Daily (D1)	+ 2012.11.15 12:30	1.0308	1.0315	1.0306	1.0308	82
Weekly (W)	2012.11.15 12:00	1.0312	1.0315	1.0307	1.0307	86
Monthly (MN)	2012.11.15 11:30	1.0321	1.0324	1.0308	1.0313	162
CADCHF	2012.11.15 11:00	1.0324	1.0328	1.0320	1.0320	170
	2012.11.15 10:30	1.0329	1.0331	1.0322	1.0325	198
I EURAUD	0 2012.11.15 10:00	1.0320	1.0337	1.0315	1.0328	258
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Download	Add Edit	t Delete	Expo	ort	Import	Close

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After downloading the data via the History Center, close and re-open the MT4 platform. Open a new chart and re-apply the DOTS indicator.

In some instances, a MT4 broker may not provide enough data for a specific time frame. In this case, use a higher intraday chart.

If your computer is a Mac, there may not be a Page Up key. In some instances, hold the **Fn** key and press the Up arrow key to page up. If this does not work, refer to your computers manual.

Troubleshooting

I still have "Not enough bars in chart" alert, and MT4 will not go back in time any further. Why?

You may need to reset the "Max bar in chart" to a higher number.

To set the number of bars on the chart, follow these steps:

- 1. Go to the top menu bar and click Tools.
- 2. Select Options.
- 3. Click the Charts tab.
- 4. Max bars in history...click on the drop-down menu and select 100,000.
- 5. Max bars in chart... click on the drop-down menu and select 65,000.
- 6. Click "OK".
- 7. Close and re-open MT4.

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If you follow these instructions and the DOTS levels do not appear, close and re-open the chart... or close and re-open the MetaTrader 4.0 platform to force a reset.

Troubleshooting

Why are my MetaTrader 4.0 charts not responding or freezing up?

There could be a number of issues related to MT4 charts not responding. However, we have found the most probably reasons related to DOTS Method are:

- 1. Old MT4 Build number. MT4 must be Build 765 or higher.
- 2. Lack of Historical data.
- 3. Another custom indicator conflicts with the DOTS indicator.

To check for the Build number, see page 5.

To resolve a lack of historical data, follow steps shown on pages 35-37.

Why doesn't DOTS work when I apply another MT4 custom indicator?

The DOTS indicator works with all the standard MT4 indicators and most custom MT4 indicator.

There are some MT4 custom indicators that may interfere with the plotting of the DOTS levels.

First apply DOTS to a NEW chart and then apply the other custom MT4 indicator. If the DOTS levels disappear after applying the other custom indicator, there is a conflict.

To resolve the conflict, apply the other custom indicator to the chart first and then apply the DOTS indicator.

Troubleshooting

Why don't I see the DOTS levels?

Did your computer recently do a Windows or Anti-virus update?

In some cases, a Windows update or an Anti-Virus software update affects the computers registry files which in turn may disable or delete files deemed suspicious or potentially malicious. If a Windows update or Anti-virus update was done, there is a chance that a DOTS system file was deleted. In this case, do a re-install of DOTS to solve the issue. The re-install will restore all the DOTS files on your computer.

To do a re-install of DOTS, follow these steps:

- 1. Close your MetaTrader 4.0 charts and platform.
- 2. Go to: <u>http://www.compassfx.com/dots/install.html</u>
- 3. Skip down to "Installing D.O.T.S. Method" and follow the steps.
- 4. Follow all the installation prompts and enter your DOTS Software Key when prompted.
- 5. After installation, turn off your computer and restart it.
- 6. After rebooting the computer, **right-click** on the MetaTrader 4.0 icon on your Desktop and select "Run as administrator".
- 7. When MetaTrader 4.0 opens, apply the DOTS Method indicator to a new chart. The DOTS levels should appear.

If DOTS Method indicator still does not appear, you may need to change your User Account security permissions.

Troubleshooting

Why don't I see the DOTS levels?

To change your User Account security permissions, let's review the reason why?

Microsoft has had a number of problems related to "missing files" while protecting computers from read-write executable (.exe) data files. Vista and later versions of Windows use what is called "file virtualization", which is a way of saving certain read-write files to virtual areas of the hard drive in order to protect computer programs and maintain a level of security.

What does all this mean? Some of the DOTS installation files (especially the DLL files) may not be saved in the Program Files directory. Apparently Windows allocates them to a hidden directory instead of the Program Files or Program Files (x86)...where it should be installed. You can open the Program Files directory and see the files are listed; but, some of the files are not actually stored in the Program Files directory. This is confusing for the average computer user!

Three solutions to stop this Windows behavior and let MT4 store files in Program Files:

- 1. Right-click the MT4 icon on the desktop and select "Run as administrator".
- 2. Change the security permissions on the MT4 directories within Program Files. Right click on a MT4 Program File. Select Properties. Click the Security tab. Then, click Edit. Select "Users" and then check "Full Control" (red arrow). If you change the security so that normal users can write and delete these directories, then file virtualization no longer kicks in.

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Object name: C:\Program Files\FXDD - MTXtreme	Object name: C:\Program Files\FXDD - MTXtreme	
Group or user names:	Group or user names:	
& CREATOR OWNER		
& SYSTEM		
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Troubleshooting

To change your User Account security permissions (cont'd)...

3. Turn off User Account Controls. Look in the lower left corner of the desktop and click Start. Select Control Panel. Select User Accounts. Select Change User Account Control Settings. Then move the slider bar down to "Never Notify". In effect, this turns off User Account permission and allows MT4 to run properly from the Program Files directory. It is the easiest of the three solutions, but you must be fully aware of any updates or changes to your computer.

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In a nutshell, do one of the three solutions above. Number 2 may be best in order to have Windows maintain a level of security permissions. After settings are changed, turn off the computer and restart it. If you changed the settings correctly, then DOTS will appear after rebooting the computer and starting MT4.

Troubleshooting

Why don't I see the DOTS levels?

Inconsistencies with MetaTrader 4.0

Due to some inconsistencies with the MetaTrader 4.0 brokers and platforms, there is a chance the DOTS levels will not appear.

Simply fixes:

- 1. Close all charts. Close and reopen the MetaTrader 4.0 platform, and then apply DOTS to a new chart.
- 2. Close and reopen a chart.
- 3. Change the chart to another timeframe and then return to the original timeframe.

Also, there is a common misperception that the DOTS indicator will automatically refresh the chart by itself. The indicator does not refresh the chart if the historical data does not refresh. In most instances missing historical data, even data from the previous day, and the lack of new data at the start of the normal Broker Daily Open can cause issues with DOTS indicator plotting the levels.

Time chart too small

If you are on a small time chart, like the 1-minute or 5-minute, you may not see the DOTS levels due to the range of price. Click and drag down the prices in the far right margin. This will scale the chart to see the DOTS levels.



Troubleshooting

Time chart too small (cont'd)...

In this case, do one of the following:



2. Place the cursor in the far right margin where price is shown. Click and drag down. The chart will compress and you can see the levels.



The DOTS levels are best viewed on a 15-minute or higher time frame when there is a lot of movement in a currency pair.

NOTE: The DOTS Method levels are the same regardless of the time chart. A 1-hour chart will display the levels at the same price points as a 5-minute chart or any other intraday chart.

Troubleshooting

Why is the Lookback Number of Days not showing the number of days entered?

Again, this is most likely a historical data issue. Follow the steps outlined previously to add more data to your chart.

If you have enough data, you may need to "force a reset" of your MetaTrader 4.0 platform.

Generally following these steps to resolve the issue:

- 1. Close all charts. Close and reopen the MetaTrader 4.0 platform, and then apply DOTS to a new chart.
- 2. Close and reopen a chart.
- 3. Change the chart to another timeframe and then return to the original timeframe.

NOTE: In some cases, a MetaTrader 4.0 broker will only supply a certain amount of data regardless of what steps you might attempt to download more data. If you are unable to download additional data, use another time frame to view the number of days entered. For instance, if you want to see 20 days of DOTS levels using a 5-minute chart but you can't get enough historical data, then use a 1-hour or 4-hour chart.

Troubleshooting

Why are the DOTS levels the same over the last 2 to 3 days?

From time to time, a MT4 broker will not "force" an update of its Daily Open. This can cause the DOTS to plot the same level lines for the past 2 or 3 days. Here is an example:



To resolve this issue, close the chart and reopen the chart. Sometimes, a quick fix is to simply change to another timeframe and then return to the original timeframe.

If the problem is not resolved, go the History Center and follow the steps above to download data from the broker.

Troubleshooting

I get the message "No Key found in your registry (could be a bad install)".

We recommend that you do a re-install of the DOTS Method. Before you do the re-install, temporarily disable your firewall/anti-virus software. It appears that your firewall/anti-virus software could be preventing a complete installation.

- 1. Right-click the DOTS Method Installer link and select "Save Target As".
- 2. Save the "DOTS Method v3.exe" to your desktop.
- 3. **Right-click** on "DOTS Method v3.exe" icon on your desktop and select "Run as administrator."
- 4. After the installation, **right-click** on the MT4 icon on your desktop and select "Run as administrator".

Here are other ways to resolve a DOTS Method indicator issues:

1. Make sure the Visualization setting is checked for "All Timeframes".

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2. Check that you have the latest Build number. See page 5 for details.

Troubleshooting

Why are there no DOTS levels beyond Target 2?

The reason there are no DOTS levels beyond Target 2 is because of the low probability of being hit on average. Generally, it requires a major news event to move the market beyond Target 2 level.

We are considering a future version of DOTS with more levels. But, for now, the majority of market movement is generally within or near the daily range from the Buy Target 2 to the Sell Target 2.

When the market runs beyond a Target 2 level, we recommend to "stack the levels" by adding another level that is the distance from the Entry to Target 1 or the distance from the Entry to Target 2.

Troubleshooting

Why do the DOTS ADR levels move or appear not to display as expected?

The Average Daily Range built into the DOTS indicator is a "floating" ADR that becomes fixed as the market makes a Daily High to the Daily Low.

From the open of the day, the ADR High level and ADR Low level are calculated and plotted from the open of the day. Then, as the market moves, the ADR Levels adjust according to the current Daily Low and Daily High.

In the example below, the market moves higher from the Daily Low until the pip distance equals the ADR pip value. At this point, the ADR High level is achieved. Likewise, as the market continues higher, the Daily High price minus the ADR pip value becomes the ADR Low level.



Troubleshooting

Why do I get a Modify, Repair, or Uninstall window when installing DOTS?

How do I uninstall DOTS Method v.4 from my computer?

Whenever a DOTS Method v5 reinstallation or uninstall procedure occurs, the Installation program will show these windows:

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When attempting a reinstall, we recommend completing the Uninstall first.

- 1. Close all MetaTrader 4.0 platforms.
- 2. Click the "Start" button in the lower left corner of the desktop.
- 3. Locate and select "Control Panel".
- 4. Locate and select "Programs".
- 5. Select "Uninstall a Program".
- 6. Locate "CompassFX DOTS Method 4.00" and click "Uninstall".
- 7. After the uninstall is complete, go to http://www.compassfx.com/dots/install.html
- 8. Locate and select the "DOTS Method 4.0 Installer".
- 9. Follow the prompts and instructions completely.

If uninstalling DOTS, follow the prompts of the Installation program thru completion. DOTS Method v.4 will be removed automatically from all MetaTrader 4.0 platforms.

Customer & Technical Support

For additional information, go to this website:

http://www.compassfx.com/dots

http://www.compassfx.com/dots/install.html

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