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Quicktakes

Pro Analyst 4.2
www.trendsoft.com

Trendsetter Software has recently upgraded its Pro Analyst software to version 4.2. Pro Analyst is a real-time technical analysis program that relies on data from Track Data Corp. and is available only to Macintosh users. With version 4.2, users can create real-time, intraday charts and search for stocks based on technical indicators. Newly added features include an upgraded news section that displays current headlines and 20 historical headlines, and the ability to draw and edit custom trendlines. The cost of the program is \$399 for new users; free upgrade from versions 4.0 or 4.1; \$159 for upgrade from version 3.

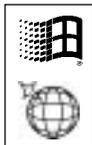
CNBC at MSN Money
investor.msn.com

This free site has recently added a number of new tools. Chief among them is the enhanced stock screener that provides near-real-time stock screening and supports an extended range of screening parameters—including current intraday data, risk expectations, and StockScouter data. Other enhancements include stock pick analysis, which allows users to monitor and analyze the picks of financial experts appearing on CNBC-TV; daily and weekly proposed earnings announcements and corporate events; market statistics; foreign currency rates; and key index futures data.

RushTrade Direct Pro
www.rushtrade.com

RushTrade.com has recently released an on-line trading system developed by Rushmore Financial Group. The service offers a direct-

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TCNet

Worden Brothers, Inc., a long-time player in technical analysis software, has recently released its latest offering, TCNet. TCNet resembles its predecessor TC2000, but with major enhancements. The new features of TCNet include real-time news and notes, guided commentary, expanded chart templates, and new ways to communicate with other TCNet users.

After installing the software and connecting to the Internet, the program immediately begins to download financial information and news. TCNet currently downloads real-time information from over 30 different news sources and displays current news on each individual selected stock. If you want to know more about a news story, clicking on the headline brings up the story in its entirety; you can also post comments on the story. The news is then archived—historical news is available for up to a year and historical intraday data goes back six months.

TCNet also features a completely new, easy-to-use platform. Watch lists are simple to read and sort, and the user can more deftly resize windows for news, charts, notes, and chat. There are also more accessible functions from the main window in TCNet that make getting around the program easier, including an extensive Hot Key list for popular features.

TCNet's charting interface allows you to create as many chart templates as you would like with 12 predefined templates supplied. You can sort through stocks according to industry or sector.

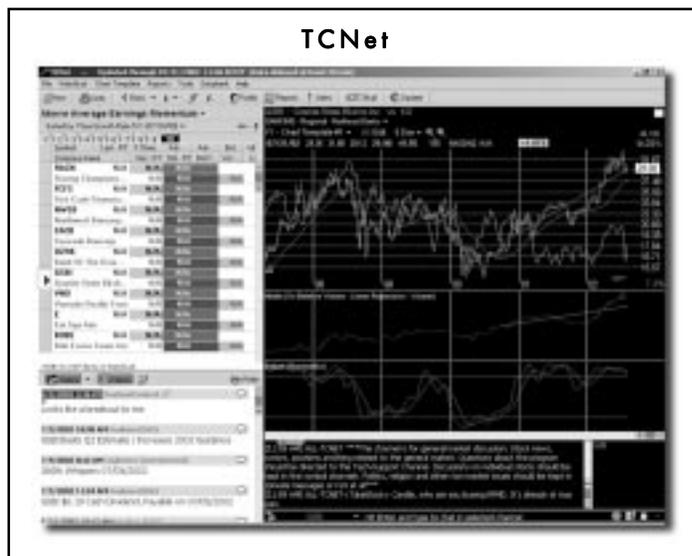
Real-time sorts and scans of stocks are updated every 60 seconds by TCNet; stocks are sorted by volume, price percentage change, or price per share. There are over 40 non-real-time sorts that can also be performed.

Perhaps the most unique aspect of TCNet is the ability of each user to communicate with their TCNet peers. Users can communicate via chat, TCMail and, the newest addition, TCNet's shared notes. Shared notes give the user the ability to read and post notes on stocks. The chat option can also be used even when TCNet is minimized, allowing the user to work in other programs while still having the ability to chat with TCNet users.

System: PC, Windows 95 or higher, 233MHz or higher processor (Pentium III 400 or higher recommended), 64M of memory, 100M free hard disk space, Internet connection.

Price: \$79.95/mo. or \$799.50/yr.

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Quicken 2003

Intuit Systems has released the latest version of its popular personal finance software, Quicken 2003. The upgraded version includes the same basic Quicken platform as previous versions, but also includes several changes. Among these changes are greater user customization, more analysis of items such as investments, and the ability to download financial information directly into the program.

Upon first starting the program, Quicken prompts the user to answer a series of personal questions. The first series of questions deals with how you intend to use Quicken—saving more money, getting out of debt, managing your checkbook and bills, tracking investments, seeing where your money is going, and making tax preparation

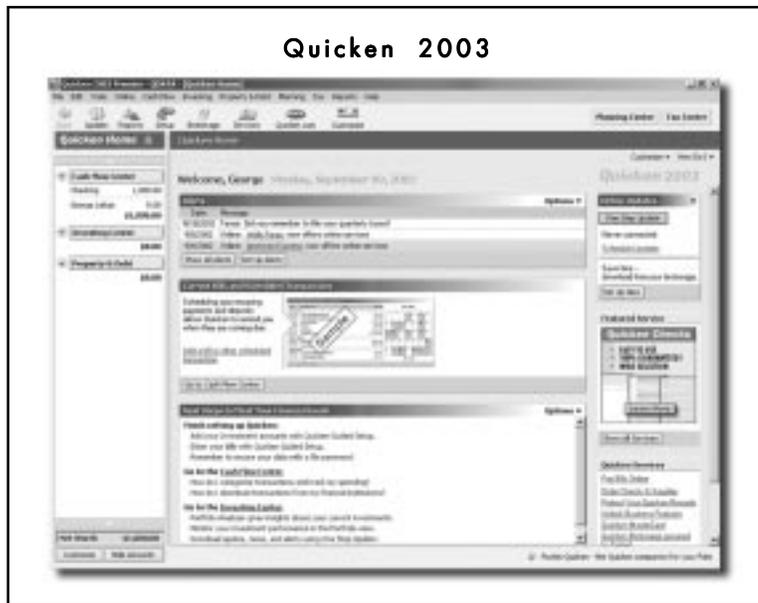
to achieve any goals you establish, including long-term goals such as building a house, taking a vacation, or buying a car.

Additional new features include the ability to track investments such as mutual funds and 401(k) plans, as well as taxes. Quicken does this in the same way that it monitors bills and checking accounts—by continually downloading investment information from brokerages. Currently, Quicken can download investment information from over 60 brokerages and is working to add more. In the latest edition, you can also determine the optimal way to retrieve cash from the sale of investments, loans, etc.

Other features include a return analysis that shows how the sale and purchase of investments or other actions will impact taxes and capital gains,

complete capital gain reports, and additional graphing features. Quicken 2003 also has an extended tutorial section.

System: IBM-compatible PC, Pentium II 300 processor or better, 64M of memory,



easier. After completing these questions, Quicken asks for financial information. For instance, if you choose to use Quicken to manage your checkbook and bills, the program will ask which institution you bank with and what your current account balance is. New to Quicken 2003 is the ability to enter your account and pin numbers into Quicken, allowing the program to automatically update all of your financial information via the Internet at user-specified times.

Quicken also provides advice on how

Windows 95 or higher, Internet connection; Mac OS 9.2.2 or later with PowerPC processor, 128 M of memory, 75 MB free disk space, Internet connection.

Price: Quicken 2003 Basic, \$29.95; Deluxe, \$59.95; Premier, \$79.95; Premier Home and Business, \$89.95.

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access platform that incorporates multiple order-entry tools, the capability to basket trade, conditional orders, user-defined alerts, and a screening tool. RushTrade Direct Pro guarantees that all marketable orders will be executed within 30 seconds. A schedule of fees can be found at the site.

Selector Pro Toolbox www.rinafinancial.com

Rina Systems has introduced Selector Pro Toolbox, an add-on for Trade Station (www.tradestation.com), which allows users to rank and backtest trading systems for stocks, mutual funds, and futures. The program also allows users to test portfolios and offers a complete reporting system. The application costs \$2,995; it can be leased for \$120/month.

QuoteStream www.quotemedia.com

The latest version of this investment tool from Quotemedia.com tracks stocks and portfolios throughout the trading day and includes enhancements such as delayed and real-time streaming Nasdaq Level II quotes with intraday charting, marketmaker positions, time and sales, news, charts, research, and fundamental data. The program is a Java Applet and can be integrated with existing on-line trading systems. The cost ranges from \$9.95 to \$19.95 per month, plus exchange fees.

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