# Q-MY-TRADE

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## Multi-Account Rotation and Copying for NinjaTrader 8

Intelligent multi-account rotation and copying for NinjaTrader 8. Mirror trades across multiple accounts simultaneously or in sequence, with per-account win/loss limits, balance target caps, configurable contract sizing, cross-account Hedge Protection, drag-and-drop queue management, sub-groups, trade history, and live session tracking.

### What's new in v2.4.1

- **LIVE P&L column —** each account row shows its live open-position P&L for the whole account, so a manual trade or a position Q-My-Trade did not copy still shows on the row — an at-a-glance divergence alert.
- **Divergence badge (red "?") —** flags an account holding a position in the master's instrument Q-My-Trade did not copy — a heads-up to check it, not a fault.
- **Safer leftover handling –** if a follower ends up holding a stray position, the next trade closes it and re-aligns the follower with the lead.
- **Clearer unsupported-config warnings —** if two masters are set to the same instrument on a shared account, Q-My-Trade warns at load and shows a red "?" while running.
- **Under-the-hood reliability –** a fix to how reversals are copied removes a rare double-copy that could leave an orphaned contract, plus added diagnostics for support.
- **Carried over from v2.4.0 –** shared accounts across masters (made safe by Hedge Protection), per-account caps, balance-target caps, cross-trade Copy→Micro, drag-and-drop sub-groups, and trade history.

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P&L figures displayed are calculated from account data provided by NinjaTrader 8 and are for informational and rotation-logic purposes only. They should not be relied upon as accurate financial records. Always verify performance through your broker or prop firm's official platform.

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# 1. Overview

## What is Q-My-Trade?

Q-My-Trade is a NinjaTrader 8 AddOn and Strategy that automatically copies and rotates trades across unlimited accounts. Trades from your signal account are mirrored in real time — you control how many accounts trade at once, in what order, with what contract sizes, and under what P&L limits.

Version 2.4.1 is a stability and visibility release. It builds on shared accounts across masters (one account running under multiple masters at once, made safe by cross-account Hedge Protection), cross-trade copying (Copy→Micro), separate Max Contracts / Max Micro Contracts caps, cap-triggered rotation, trade history, performance analytics, and balance target caps from earlier versions. New in 2.4.1: a LIVE P&L column showing each account's open position P&L, a red "?" divergence badge that flags a position Q-My-Trade did not copy, safer handling of leftover positions (self-heal on the next trade), and clearer warnings when two masters are set to the same instrument on a shared account.

## Operating Modes

Each Sub-Group has its own mode. A single master can mix both modes across multiple sub-groups.

| Mode | Description |
|---|---|
| ROTATE | One account trade per signal. After each trade closes the queue advances to the next account in sequence. Ideal for funded accounts with consistency rules. |
| COPY ALL | Every eligible account in the sub-group trades simultaneously on each signal. Ideal for evaluation accounts where you want to maximise the number of passing attempts per trade. |

**Q-My-Trade is fully event-driven.** Trades are mirrored within milliseconds of the signal fill — not on the next price tick. Fast reversals, scale-ins, and partial closes are all captured and copied. Position closes are also event-driven, backed by a short automatic re-verify and a sweep safety-net for the rare case a close event is missed (see Section 7).

# 2. Important Notices

> **ALWAYS-ON ARCHITECTURE —** Q-My-Trade starts automatically when the strategy is applied to a chart. There is no START button — copying begins the moment the strategy loads and stops when it is disabled. Apply the strategy at the start of your session before your signal strategy takes any trades.

> **SET THE STRATEGY ACCOUNT —** Each chart's QMTStrategy runs only the Master whose signal account matches the strategy's own Account setting (in the strategy properties dialog). Always set the Account to the signal account of the Master that chart should run. A chart whose Account matches no Master will not trade. See Section 7.

**WIN/LOSS LIMITS AND BALANCE TARGET CAP ARE NOT KILL SWITCHES —** All caps are ROTATION and COPY CONTROLS ONLY. They block new trades from being copied to an account once a threshold is hit. They do NOT close open positions, prevent losses beyond configured thresholds, or interact with your broker's risk system. Always maintain independent risk controls. If an account hits its Max Loss limit mid-trade, the current trade completes normally. The account is then skipped on the next signal only. The limit badge persists until a new trading day or until you click Reset All.

**HEDGE PROTECTION ACTS ON COPIES, NOT YOUR SIGNAL ACCOUNT —** Hedge Protection (Section 12) refuses to COPY a trade that would oppose an existing position in the same correlated group. It does not act on your signal/lead account, and it does not detect manual trades. It is on by default; disabling it requires a deliberate action in Settings.
**It is advised as best practice for all trade copiers to always use a sim account as the lead account, this prevents Prop Firm interaction, like hitting Daily Loss Limit, from affecting your follower accounts.**

# 3. The Control Panel

## Opening the Panel

Open from the NT8 Control Centre: Tools → Q-My-Trade

## Header & Controls

| Element | Description |
|---|---|
| SAVE | Saves the current queue configuration to the default config file. |
| SAVE AS | Saves the current queue configuration to a named file. |
| LOAD CONFIG | Loads a previously saved queue configuration. |
| RESET ALL | Clears P&L, trade stats, and WIN/LOSS result badges. Resets rotation to account #1. WIN CAP, LOSS CAP and BAL CAP badges are cleared only if the account's current P&L is within its configured limit — breached accounts remain capped. Does not affect open positions or active trade state. |
| Trade History | Opens the Trade History window showing the full trade log, equity curve, and performance analytics. |
| Settings | Opens global settings: Apply-to-all cap values, contract caps, and the Hedge Protection toggle (Section 12). |
| ? (Help) | Opens the built-in Help & FAQ window. |
| Licence Status | LICENSED (teal) — validated. TRIAL X days (gold) — free trial with days remaining. ACTIVATE (red) — trial expired or no licence found. Click to enter your key. |
| ⚠ HEDGE PROTECTION OFF | Shown in the header ONLY when Hedge Protection has been disabled, so a disabled state is always visible at a glance. Absent when protection is on (the default). |

### Panel Status Line

The status line at the bottom of the panel shows the engine state: Waiting for strategy (no QMTStrategy running), Waiting for signal (engine live, no open trade), or a live Master › Sub-Group — COPYING description while a trade is active.

### Stats Bar

The stats bar displays aggregate totals across all master groups for the current session: Total Trades, Wins, Losses, Win Rate.

### Rotation Queue

| Element | Description |
|---|---|
| # | Position in the sub-group queue. |
| ACCOUNT NAME | The NinjaTrader account name. |
| STATUS | Current account status badge. See Section 8 for full reference. |
| P&L | Top line: NT8 realized P&L net of commissions — used for WIN CAP and LOSS CAP evaluation. Bottom line (QMT:): QMT session delta since strategy load. |
| LIVE P&L | Live unrealized P&L for the WHOLE account — not just what Q-My-Trade copied. On a shared account it includes another master's position and any manual trade, so a value here on a row that should be flat (ON DECK / HEDGE BLOCKED) is normal, and an at-a-glance sign that broker reality and Q-My-Trade's model have diverged. |
| MAX WIN ($) | Profit target. Account is skipped once reached. Set to 0 for no limit. |
| MAX LOSS ($) | Loss limit. Account is skipped once exceeded. Set to 0 for no limit. |
| BAL TARGET ($) | Balance target. Account is permanently capped once NT8 NetLiquidation reaches this value. Set to 0 for no limit. Hover over the target value to see how much is required to hit that number. |
| Mirror Qty | Checkbox and quantity field. See Section 6 Contract Size. |
| SKIP | Manually exclude this account from rotation. |

## 4. Account Management

### Master Groups

Each Master Group watches one signal account and manages its own set of sub-groups and accounts independently. Multiple masters run simultaneously — use one master per signal strategy or per instrument, each on its own chart.

- Click MANAGE QUEUE → ADD MASTER to create a new master group.

- Assign a signal account using the Signal Account dropdown in the master header.
- On the chart running that Master, set the QMTStrategy's Account to the same signal account (see Section 7).
- Masters can be reordered by dragging the ≡ handle on the master header row.

## Sub-Groups

Sub-Groups sit inside a master group and each has its own operating mode. A master can have multiple sub-groups in any combination of ROTATE and COPY ALL modes.

- Click SUB-GROUPS → ADD SUB-GROUP within a master to add a sub-group.
- Set the mode (ROTATE or COPY ALL) using the mode button on the sub-group header after closing the account picker.
- Sub-groups process in sequence within a master — Sub-Group 1 completes a full cycle before Sub-Group 2 becomes active.

## Managing Accounts

- Click ACCOUNTS within a sub-group to add accounts to that sub-group.
- Tick accounts to add, untick to remove. Click UPDATE to apply.
- **DO NOT add your signal account to any rotation queue.** Q-My-Trade blocks this automatically.
- **Share an account across masters —** an account can be added to more than one master at once. Pair uncorrelated instruments (e.g. NQ + Gold) on a shared account; Hedge Protection blocks correlated opposing trades.
- **Correlated-share warning —** when you add a correlated instrument to an account already shared with another master, Q-My-Trade warns you at the picker so you can reconsider.
- **Open positions block a move —** you can't move or remove an account that holds an open position under a master. Close the position first. This prevents a position being left open with no master managing it.
- **Same instrument needs separate accounts —** two master's cannot trade the *same* instrument (e.g. NQ and NQ) on one shared account. A NinjaTrader account holds only one net position per instrument, so it cannot hold both at once — use separate accounts for that. Different instruments (correlated like NQ + MNQ, or uncorrelated like NQ + Gold) share an account fine. If you set up the unsupported same-instrument case anyway, Q-My-Trade warns you twice: an "⚠ UNSUPPORTED CONFIG" line in the NinjaTrader output at load, and a red "?" badge on the flat master's rows while running (each master sees the other's position as one it did not copy).

**Manual trades on follower accounts —** Q-My-Trade manages follower positions by mirroring the lead. If a follower ends up holding a position Q-My-Trade did not put there, the next trade on that master closes it and brings the follower back in line with the lead (self-heal). Two things surface a leftover before that: the red "?" badge and the LIVE P&L column. Note: Q-My-Trade cannot tell an accidental leftover from a deliberate manual trade — both are closed and re-aligned on the next trade, so do not run manual positions you want to keep on follower accounts.

## Drag & Drop Reordering

Locate the ≡ handle on the far left of any row. Click and hold, drag to the new position, release to drop. Index numbers update automatically. The new order takes effect on the very next trade.

### Skip / Un-Skip

Click SKIP on any account row to exclude that account from rotation. Click UN-SKIP to return it. Each sub-group header contains a SKIP ALL / UN-SKIP ALL button for the entire sub-group at once. Skipping an account does not close any open position on that account.

## 5. Win / Loss Limits & Balance Target Cap

**ROTATION CONTROLS ONLY —** Win, Loss, and Balance Target caps control when the rotator skips an account. They do not close positions or prevent losses beyond configured thresholds. See Section 2 for the full notice.

### How Caps Work

**Max Win / Max Loss.** WIN CAP and LOSS CAP are evaluated against each account's NT8 realized P&L — the net figure after commissions reported directly by NinjaTrader. Caps reflect your broker's actual record of the day's performance, including any activity before Q-My-Trade was loaded.

**Balance Target Cap.** Evaluates against the account's absolute NT8 NetLiquidation value — the full account equity including unrealized P&L. When NetLiquidation crosses your target, Q-My-Trade stops routing new trades to that account.

*Example:* Set BAL TARGET to 53000 on a $50,000 Apex evaluation account. Once NetLiquidation reaches $53,000, no further trades will be copied to that account. Any trade already open continues and closes normally — the cap does not close positions.

All three caps evaluate independently. Whichever fires first wins. Set any value to 0 to disable that cap.

### Setting Caps

- Double-click the MAX WIN, MAX LOSS, or BAL TARGET cell directly in the queue table to edit inline.
- Click the pencil icon on any row to open the per-account edit dialog.
- Use APPLY TO ALL ACCOUNTS in Settings to set the same values on every account at once.
- Changing a cap value re-evaluates immediately — if the account already exceeds the new threshold, the cap fires straight away. Setting a cap to 0 clears the cap badge immediately.

### Reset

When Daily Reset is enabled (per Master Group), at the start of each new trading session P&L resets to zero, WIN CAP and LOSS CAP badges are cleared, and rotation returns to account #1. Note: Balance Target Cap does NOT reset daily — it is permanent until manually cleared.

### Reset All

The Reset All button clears stats for all master groups at once. WIN CAP and LOSS CAP badges are cleared only if the account's current NT8 realized P&L is within the configured limit. BAL CAP is cleared only if NetLiquidation is below the target. Does not affect open positions.

## 6. Sizing — QTY & Cross-Trade

### QTY Multiplier

| Mode | Behaviour |
|---|---|
| Mirror Signal Qty ON (checked) | The follower copies the exact contract size of each signal fill, including scale-ins and partial closes. |
| Mirror Signal Qty OFF (unchecked) | The follower uses its own fixed Qty setting for every entry and scale-in, regardless of signal size. |

Each account has a QTY multiplier applied to the lead's contract count. At 1 (the default) the follower trades the same size as the lead. At 2 it trades twice the lead's contracts, and so on — the follower quantity is always the lead's fill size × QTY. The value is taken at the moment a trade opens, so changing QTY only affects the next trade, never one already open.

- Set an account's QTY using the pencil icon on its row or set it for every account at once with APPLY TO ALL ACCOUNTS in the Settings panel.

### Cross-Trade (Copy→Micro)

- When Copy→Micro is enabled on a master, a mini-contract signal is copied to your follower accounts as the matching micro (for example, an NQ signal is traded as MNQ). This lets smaller accounts follow a lead that trades mini contracts.
- The × Micro Ratio field controls how many micros are traded per mini and is shown in gold to mark it as a critical setting. Leave it at its default of 10. Changing it directly changes your position size on every account, and the app will warn you if you do. Only change it if you specifically understand the contract-size relationship of the instrument you are trading.

*Global Apply overwrites per-account Qty and Mirror Signal Qty values. Set individual overrides afterwards if needed.*

## 7. Mirror Mode & Account Affinity

### How It Works

Your strategy trades on a dedicated signal account. Q-My-Trade monitors it using a real-time order event listener and mirrors each trade to eligible accounts the moment the signal fill is confirmed.

The following actions are detected and copied automatically:

- Initial entries (Buy, Sell, SellShort, BuyToCover)
- Scale-ins — additional entries in the same direction
- Partial closes — closing part of the position
- Full close — position going flat
- Reversals — closing and re-entering in the opposite direction

### How closes are detected

Position closes are event-driven: when your signal strategy closes, Q-My-Trade detects the close event and submits follower close orders immediately. Because broker position data can momentarily lag a fill, Q-My-Trade adds two safety nets so a close is never missed:

- **Short re-verify.** If the position data looks like it may be lagging at the instant of the close, Q-My-Trade re-checks the signal account a fraction of a second later and closes event-driven once confirmed — so a genuine close still lands almost immediately.
- **Sweep backstop.** A background safety-net closes any follower left open after the signal is confirmed flat. It uses a two-pass settle to avoid acting on a single stale reading, so it is deliberately conservative and can take several seconds. It is a last resort, not the normal path.

> **Closing via NinjaTrader's Close button disables the strategy.** NT8's chart/DOM Close and reverse button (and the Flatten-and-disable action) turns all strategies off, this is expected NinjaTrader behaviour. With the strategy disabled, the fast event path is unavailable and follower positions are closed by the sweep backstop only — which can take several seconds. For a normal exit, let your stop/target close the position, or flatten the signal position while leaving the strategy running.

## Account Affinity — binding a chart to its Master

Each chart running the QMTStrategy is bound to exactly one Master, by matching the strategy's own Account setting to a Master's signal account. This keeps multi-chart setups predictable: a chart only ever runs the Master it was set up for.

**Running multiple Masters.** Use one chart per Master. Give each chart's QMTStrategy the Account of the Master it should run. Because binding is by account, disabling one chart cleanly stops only that Master — the other charts are unaffected and will never pick up the disabled Master's accounts. Re-enable the chart and it reclaims its Master automatically.

## Trade Flow

| Step | What happens |
|---|---|
| 1 | Your strategy opens a position on the signal account. |
| 2 | Q-My-Trade detects the fill event immediately (event-driven, not tick-based). |
| 3 | Hedge Protection check: if copying would create an opposing position in the same correlated group, the copy is refused (Section 12). Otherwise, mirror market orders are submitted to eligible accounts using each account's own Qty setting. |
| 4 | Active accounts show TRADE status. |
| 5 | Your strategy closes its position on the signal account. |
| 6 | Q-My-Trade detects the signal close (event-driven, with re-verify and sweep backstops) and submits close orders to all follower accounts. |
| 7 | Follower accounts close. P&L is recorded and limits are checked per account. |
| 8 | In ROTATE mode, rotation advances to the next account. In COPY ALL, all accounts are ready for the next signal. |

**APPLY STRATEGY BEFORE TRADING —** P&L baselines are snapped when the Q-My-Trade strategy loads. Apply it to a chart before your signal strategy enters any trades.

# 8. Rotation Behaviour

## ROTATE Mode

One account trade per signal. After the trade closes, rotation advances to the next eligible (uncapped, unskipped) account in sequence. When all accounts have traded, the cycle wraps back to account #1.

## COPY ALL Mode

All eligible accounts in the sub-group trade simultaneously on every signal. Capped or skipped accounts are excluded. There is no sequential rotation — every signal fires on every eligible account.

## Rotation Trigger — Per Trade vs All Capped

A per-Master badge on the Master header sets when the sub-group pointer advances. Click it to toggle between the two triggers:

| Trigger | Behaviour |
|---|---|
| PER TRADE (default) | The sub-group advances after every closed trade — the standard rotation behaviour. Use this unless you specifically want the All-Capped behaviour below. |
| ALL CAPPED | The whole sub-group keeps trading together (copy-all within the sub-group) until every account in it has hit a cap. Only then does the Master advance to the next sub-group. Useful for scalpers who want to ride one group of accounts to their targets before moving on. |

The rotation trigger is separate from the sub-group Copy/Rotate mode. Caps remain routing controls only — All Capped advances after normal trade closure produces the caps; it never closes a position to force a cap.

## Daily Reset

Enabled per Master Group. When turned on, at the start of each new trading session: P&L resets to zero, WIN CAP and LOSS CAP badges are cleared, and rotation returns to account #1. Balance Target Cap does NOT reset daily.

## Status Badge Reference

| Badge | Meaning |
|---|---|
| QUEUE | In the queue, awaiting its turn. Not currently active. |
| ON DECK | Next in line in ROTATE mode. Will receive the next mirror trade. |
| TRADE | A position is currently open on this account. |
| WIN | Last trade closed in profit. Cleared on next entry or Reset All. |
| LOSS | Last trade closed at a loss. Cleared on next entry or Reset All. |
| WIN CAP | Cumulative daily profit has reached Max Win. Account is skipped. |

| Badge | Meaning |
|---|---|
| LOSS CAP | Cumulative daily loss has exceeded Max Loss. Account is skipped. |
| BAL CAP | Account NetLiquidation has reached the Balance Target. Permanently capped until manually cleared. |
| HEDGE BLOCK | Shown transiently on a follower when a copy to it was refused because it would create an opposing position in a correlated group (Section 12). No position is opened; the badge clears on the account's next trade. |
| ? (red) | Divergence alert. This account holds a position in the master's instrument that Q-My-Trade did NOT copy — a manual trade, or a position it lost track of. Not a fault; a heads-up to check the account. Fires when the master is flat but the follower still holds a position in its instrument. |
| OFFLINE | Account has lost its broker connection. Automatically skipped until restored. |

# 9. Trade History

Trade History is a dedicated analytics window that logs every trade copied by Q-My-Trade across all accounts and masters. It provides a unified view of your trading performance that NinjaTrader's own performance tabs cannot: combined stats across every account, every master, and every instrument in one place. Open it from the panel header button or via Q-My-Trade → Trade History.

## What Is Logged

Every trade closed on every follower account is logged automatically: entry time, exit time, direction, instrument, contract size, mode (COPY ALL or ROTATE), master group, sub-group, and net P&L after commissions. The log persists across sessions in a dated CSV file in your NinjaTrader documents folder.

## Three Tabs

| Tab | Contents |
|---|---|
| TABLE | Full trade log with all columns. Sortable, scrollable, exportable to CSV. |
| CHART | Equity curve showing cumulative P&L across all filtered trades. |
| STATS | Full performance analytics suite: Trades, Win Rate, Gross P&L, Profit Factor, Expectancy, Sharpe Ratio, Avg Win/Loss, Best/Worst Trade, Avg Duration, Avg RR; Drawdown (Peak, Current, Max); Streaks; P&L by Entry Hour and Day of Week; Best/Worst Day and Avg Trades per Day. |

## Filters & Backtesting

All tabs respond to the same filters: Account, Symbol, Mode (COPY ALL / ROTATE / both), Direction (LONG / SHORT / both), and Date Range (TODAY, ALL TIME, or custom).

# 10. Installation

## Requirements

- NinjaTrader 8 version 8.0.23 or later
- Windows 10 or 11
- An active NinjaTrader 8 broker connection (Rithmic or Tradovate validated)
- At least two connected accounts: one signal, one or more followers

## Installing Q-My-Trade

| Step | Action |
|---|---|
| 1 | Download the latest installer from qmytrade.co.uk/download. |
| 2 | Run the installer. NinjaTrader will import and install both the AddOn and Strategy automatically. |
| 3 | Restart NinjaTrader. |
| 4 | Go to Tools → Q-My-Trade to open the panel. |

## First Time Setup

| Step | Action |
|---|---|
| 1 | Click MANAGE QUEUE → ADD MASTER. A new master group appears. |
| 2 | Select your signal account from the Signal Account dropdown. |
| 3 | Add a sub-group: click SUB-GROUPS → ADD SUB-GROUP. Set mode to ROTATE or COPY ALL in the main panel. |
| 4 | Add follower accounts: click ACCOUNTS within the sub-group. Tick accounts, click UPDATE. |
| 5 | Set Max Win, Max Loss, Bal Target, and Qty in Settings. Click APPLY TO ALL ACCOUNTS. |
| 6 | Click SAVE to save your configuration. |
| 7 | Open a chart and add the QMTStrategy. Set its Account to this Master's signal account. The panel header will show v2.4.1. |
| 8 | Verify all accounts show QUEUE or ON DECK status. You are ready to trade. |

## Troubleshooting

| Problem | Solution |
|---|---|
| Q-My-Trade not in Tools menu | Re-run the installer. |
| Strategy not found when adding to chart | Re-run the installer. |
| No accounts in Signal Account dropdown | No accounts are connected to NinjaTrader. Connect your broker feed first. |
| Strategy not loading / panel not showing v2.4.1 | Strategy failed to load. Remove the strategy from the chart and re-add it. |

| Problem | Solution |
|---|---|
| A chart isn't copying / a Master won't trade | Check the QMTStrategy's Account matches that Master's signal account. |
| A follower didn't take a trade (HEDGE BLOCK) | The copy was refused because it would oppose an existing position in a correlated group. This is Hedge Protection working as intended (Section 12), not a fault. |
| Strategy won't re-enable | NinjaTrader limits strategy restarts to 4 in 5 minutes. Wait for the panel to show v2.4.1 before disabling again. |
| P&L not updating | Ensure the QMTStrategy is applied to a chart and enabled before trading begins. |
| Unexpected orders or a position left open | Check no other order-automation tool is running on the same account. Run one engine per account. |

# 11. Tips & Best Practices

## Session Workflow — Follow This Every Day

| Step | Action |
|---|---|
| 1 | Open NinjaTrader. Connect your accounts. |
| 2 | Open Q-My-Trade from Tools menu. Your queue loads from the last saved config. |
| 3 | Open a chart and apply the QMTStrategy. Set its Account to the Master's signal account. |
| 4 | Verify all accounts show QUEUE status and P&L is at expected values. Confirm Hedge Protection is on if you rely on it (no ⚠ badge in the header). |
| 5 | Enable your signal strategy. Copying begins automatically. |

**ORDER MATTERS —** Always apply the Q-My-Trade strategy to a chart BEFORE enabling your signal strategy. P&L baselines are snapped at strategy load.

## Prop Firm Compliance

- Verify firm rules first — some prop firms prohibit or restrict automated trading tools.
- Q-My-Trade is a tool, not a risk manager — it does not enforce your firm's rules.
- Win/Loss limits and Balance Target caps control routing only — they do not close positions.
- **Cross-account hedging.** Hedge Protection (Section 12) refuses to copy a trade that would oppose an existing position in the same correlated instrument group (e.g. long NQ on one account + short ES on another). It acts only on follower copies, never your signal account, and covers the correlation groups Q-My-Trade recognises — it cannot detect correlations outside those groups, and it does not police manual trades. Confirming your firm's hedging compliance remains your responsibility.
- **Sharing an account across masters —** a follower account can belong to more than one Master Group at once (e.g. NQ under one master and Gold under another on the same account). The safest setup pairs uncorrelated instruments. If two masters trade correlated instruments on the same account, Hedge Protection blocks the

opposing trades between them — but pairing uncorrelated instruments avoids the situation entirely. An account can still appear only once per master (one sub-group). This applies to *different* instruments in the same group (e.g. NQ + MNQ). Two master's cannot share an account trading the *same* instrument (e.g. NQ + NQ) — NinjaTrader nets same-instrument positions to one, so they'd collide. Use separate accounts for that.

- One automation engine per account — do not run Q-My-Trade alongside another order-automation tool on the same account.

## General Tips

- Use a Sim account as your lead to prevent prop firm interaction on the lead account affecting your follower accounts i.e. account liquidation or daily loss limit hit.
- The signal account must NOT be in any rotation queue.
- Set each chart's QMTStrategy Account to the signal account of the Master it runs.
- SAVE your config after any changes — it is not saved automatically.
- RESET ALL clears P&L and stats and returns rotation to account #1 without restarting the strategy.
- Set BAL TARGET per account to match each account's prop firm pass threshold.
- Use Trade History to review your multi-account performance after each session.

## Known Limitations

| Limitation | Detail |
|---|---|
| **Strategy Restart Limit** | NinjaTrader limits strategy restarts to 4 in 5 minutes. Wait for the panel to show v2.4.1 before disabling again. |
| **Closing via NT8 Close or Reverse button** | NinjaTrader's Close and Reverse button disables the strategy. Follower positions are then closed by the sweep backstop only, which can take several seconds. For a fast exit, use your stop/target or flatten while the strategy stays running (Section 7). |
| **Market closed / no data feed** | Q-My-Trade cannot close positions when the market is closed or there is no data feed to act on. Ensuring prop-rule compliance around session boundaries (including any flatten-and-stop rules) is the user's responsibility. |
| **P&L Differences** | Differences between signal and follower P&L are normal and expected. They arise from latency, slippage, and commission differences. |
| **Follower Stops** | Follower accounts do not have bracket stop orders placed in the market. When the signal stop is hit, Q-My-Trade fires a market close order. On a fast candle there may be a short delay producing a worse close price on followers. |
| **High Frequency Trading** | Q-My-Trade is designed for standard trading frequencies. Sub-second HFT strategies are not recommended. |
| **Simultaneous reversals on a shared account** | When two masters trading CORRELATED instruments share one account and both reverse on the same bar, a brief transient opposing overlap is possible before one side settles. This was only observed under extreme reversal rates (fast tick / Renko bars in high volatility) and did not occur at normal trading |

| Limitation | Detail |
|---|---|
| | pace. Pairing UNCORRELATED instruments on a shared account avoids it entirely. |
| **Same instrument, one account** | Two masters trading the identical instrument (e.g. NQ + NQ) can't share one account — NinjaTrader holds one net position per instrument. Use separate accounts; different instruments (NQ + MNQ, NQ + Gold) are fine. |

# 12. Hedge Protection

Hedge Protection prevents Q-My-Trade from automatically creating a hedged (opposing) position across your accounts. It is on by default.

## What it does

When Q-My-Trade is about to copy a trade to your follower accounts, it checks whether that copy would oppose a position already held in the same correlated instrument group. If it would, the copy is refused and a transient HEDGE BLOCK badge is shown on the affected follower(s). Nothing is opened on those accounts for that signal.

*Example.* Master 1 is long NQ across its followers. Master 2 then fires a short ES. NQ and ES are both in the equity-index group, so copying the ES short onto accounts that are long the index would create a cross-account hedge — Q-My-Trade refuses that copy. If instead Master 2 went long ES (same direction as the book), it would copy normally.

## Scope — what is and isn't covered

- **Correlated groups only.** A block happens only when the opposing legs are in the SAME correlated group. Q-My-Trade recognises equity-index (ES, MES, NQ, MNQ, YM, MYM, RTY, M2K), gold (GC, MGC), and crude (CL, MCL). Opposing positions in unrelated groups — long NQ and short Gold, for example — are never blocked.
- **Same-direction always flows.** Adding to the book in the direction it already holds is not a hedge and is never blocked.
- **Follower copies only — never your signal account.** Q-My-Trade can only control what it copies. Your signal/lead account is your own strategy's trade; Q-My-Trade does not and cannot block it. If your signal accounts trade opposing instruments, that happens on the signal accounts regardless — which is why we recommend signal/lead accounts are SIM (see below).
- **Automatic copies only — not manual trades.** Hedge Protection governs the positions Q-My-Trade opens automatically. It does not police trades you place manually on any account.
- **Size-agnostic.** Any opposing leg in the group is treated as a hedge regardless of contract size — a micro opposing a mini still counts.

## Sharing an account across masters

Hedge Protection is what makes it safe to run one funded account under more than one master. Uncorrelated instruments (e.g. NQ + Gold) share an account freely. Correlated opposing trades are blocked, so the account is never auto-hedged across masters.

Protection is always on unless you deliberately disable it — including when you load a saved configuration. A config that shares an account across correlated instruments is therefore still protected: opposing trades are blocked from the first trade. The correlated-share warning appears when you assign accounts interactively in the queue; a loaded configuration is protected by the block itself rather than a warning.

**Best practice:** pair UNCORRELATED instruments on a shared account (e.g. NQ under one master, Gold under another). Correlated instruments on one account are blocked from hedging, but under extreme reversal rates a brief transient overlap is possible before one side settles (see Known Limitations) — pairing uncorrelated instruments avoids this entirely.

## Recommended setup — keep signal accounts on SIM

Because Hedge Protection acts on follower copies and never on the signal account, the cleanest configuration is to run your signal/lead accounts as SIM accounts. Your funded follower accounts are then the only place real positions are opened, and Hedge Protection governs all of them. If you follow this guidance, an opposing signal has no funded-account consequence — the protection is doing its job exactly where it matters.

## The toggle, and how to disable it

Hedge Protection is enabled by default and is designed to be disabled only deliberately:

- **Location.** Open Settings and find the HEDGE PROTECTION — SAFETY section. It is intentionally not on the main panel, so it can't be toggled off by accident.
- **Confirm-to-disable.** Turning it off requires confirming a warning dialog. Cancelling leaves it on. Turning it back on is immediate.
- **Always-visible indicator.** While disabled, a ⚠ HEDGE PROTECTION OFF badge is shown in the panel header so a disabled state can never be silently forgotten.
- **Fail-safe on restart.** A disable does not persist. Protection returns to ON whenever the strategy or the Q-My-Trade panel restarts — so a fresh session always starts protected. Re-disable it deliberately if you need it off for that session.

> **Disabling Hedge Protection lets Q-My-Trade copy opposing positions across your accounts, which may breach prop-firm no-hedging rules.** It is provided for users who deliberately want opposing positions. Hedge Protection is a copy control, not a guarantee of compliance — see the Disclaimer.



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