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## **FOREX TRAINING**

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#### Basics

- Forex stands for Foreign Exchange, which is exchanging one currency for another.
- You sell one currency and buy another currency simultaneously and once you do so you have essentially involved yourself in the forex market
  - e.g. USD/ZAR When you go to USA you have to exchange/SELL the ZAR and BUY the USD in order for you to make transactions in USA.

#### **Basics**

• The market is open 24-hours a day, 5 days a week and has different **sessions** depending on what time it is.

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	Sydney																						
	Tokyo/Asian																						

#### Basics Cont.

 Forex is the most liquid financial market with a daily turnover of more than \$5 trillion.



#### Basics Cont.

 Currencies are always quoted in pairs, such as USD/ZAR, where you buy one currency and sell another simultaneously.

#### e.g.

• USD/ZAR = 13.3979

USD: Base Currency ZAR: Quote Currency

## **Terminology**

 Base Currency: The base currency is the "basis" for the buy or the sell.

e.g.

If you buy **USD**/ZAR this simply means that you are buying the base currency and simultaneously selling the quote currency.

- Quote Currency: The quote currency is the second currency in any currency pair
- Long/Bullish: In trader's talk going long/Bullish means BUY
- Short/Bearish: In trader's talk going Short/Bearish means SELL

#### Terminology Cont.

• Pip: Percentage In point – A pip is the smallest price movement available in a currency.

The 4<sup>th</sup> decimal number e.g. USD/ZAR = 13.3979 If USD/ZAR moves from 13.3979 to 13.3980 = 1 pip (Helps you measure profit or loss).

Instances where you have USD/JPY = 100.509 use 3<sup>rd</sup> decimal number as your pip

Lot Size: Value used to determine profit or loss.

Standard Lot size : 1.00 = \$10 per pip

Mini Lot size : 0.10 = \$1 per pip

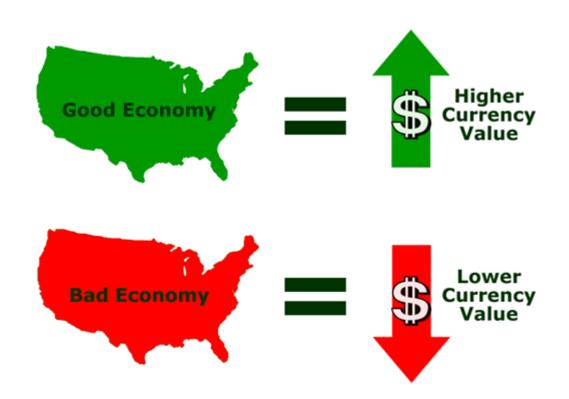
Micro Lot Size : **0.01 = 10 cent** per pip

#### Types of Orders

- Market Order: A market order is an order to buy or sell at the current market price.
  - BUY: USD/ZAR Current Market price = 13.3979
- Take Profit: A level where you decide to exit a trade with profit
- Stop Loss: A level where you decide to exit a trade with a loss

## Types of Trading

 Fundamental analysis: Fundamental analysis is a way of looking at the market through economic, social and political forces that affect supply and demand.



## Types of Trading Cont.

 Technical Analysis: Technical analysis is the study of price movement. In one word, technical analysis = charts





# PRICE ACTION

#### What is Price Action?

- Price action is a trading technique that allows the trader to analyse the market and make subjective trading decisions based on <u>past</u> and <u>present</u> price movements.
- Price action trading uses tools like chart patterns, candlestick patterns, trendlines, support & resistance and many more.



## PRICE AND CHARTS

#### **Bar Chart**

 Shows opening price, while simultaneously showing the closing price, as well as the highs and lows.



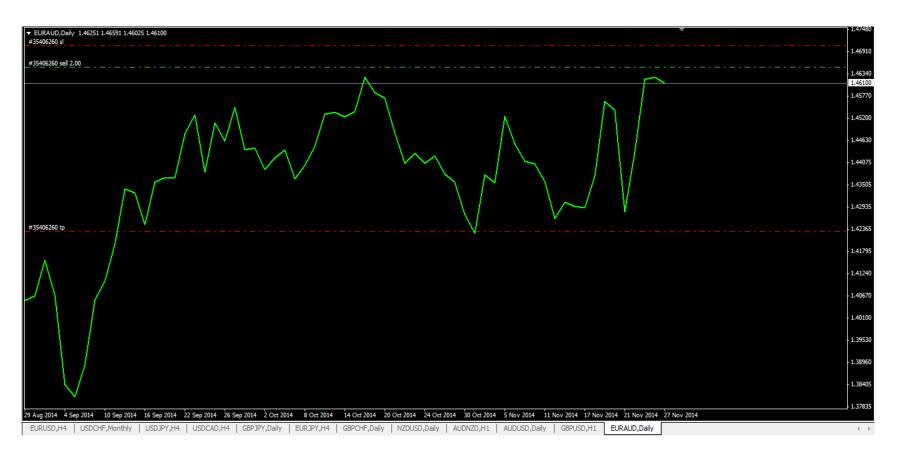
#### **Candlestick Chart**

 Also shows opening price, while simultaneously showing the closing price, as well as the highs and lows.



#### **Line Chart**

 A simple chart that draws a line from one closing price to the next closing price.

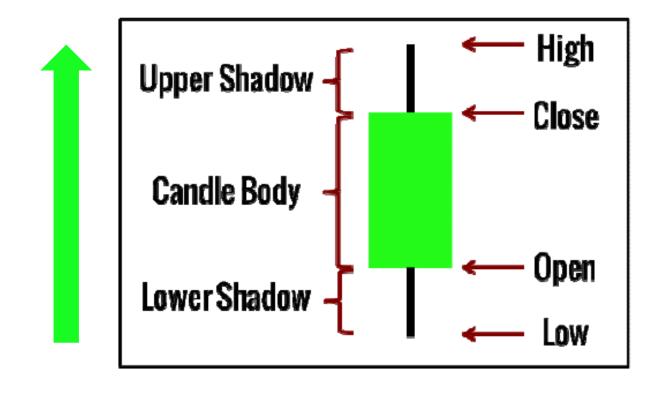




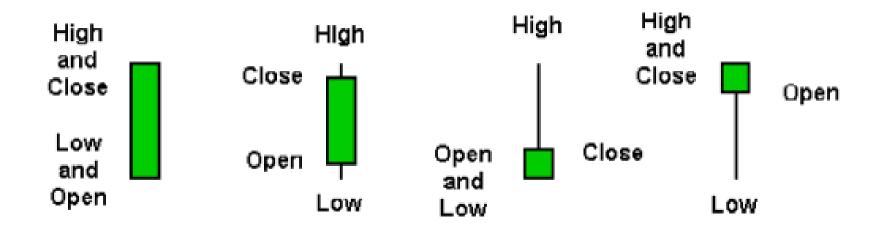
# CANDLESTICKS

## **Bullish Candlestick (BUY)**

 A Bullish candlestick simply means the price opened lower and closed up higher after a certain time period.

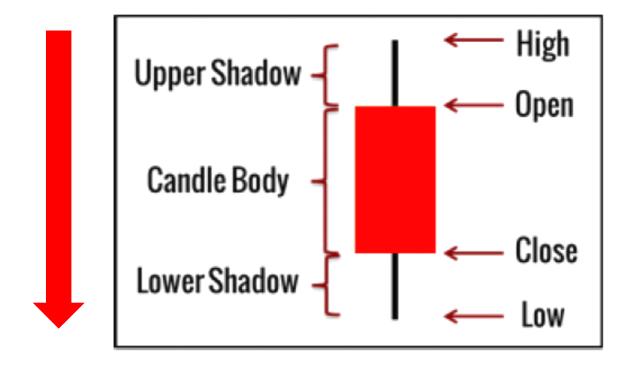


## **Bullish Candlestick (BUY)**

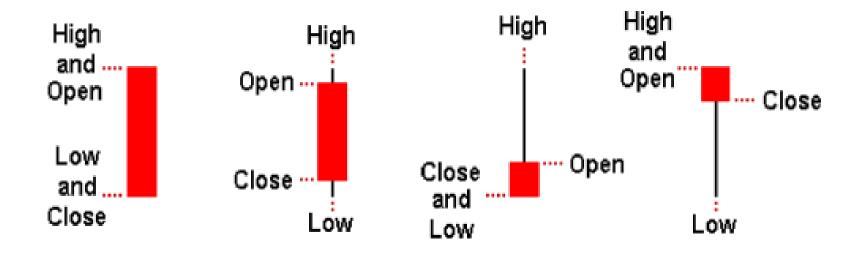


#### Bearish Candlestick (SELL)

 A bearish candlestick simply means that the candlestick opened up at a high price and closed lower after a certain time period.

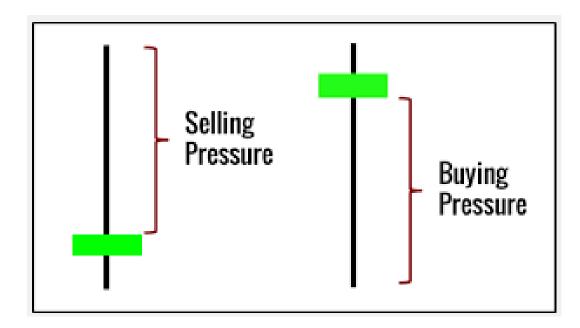


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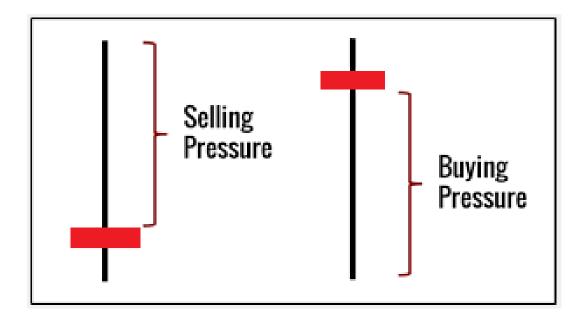


- Understanding buying and selling pressure on candlesticks.
  - Every candlestick that forms tells you a story about the battle between the Buyers (Bulls) and Sellers (Bears), who dominated the battle, who is weakening and who finally won.

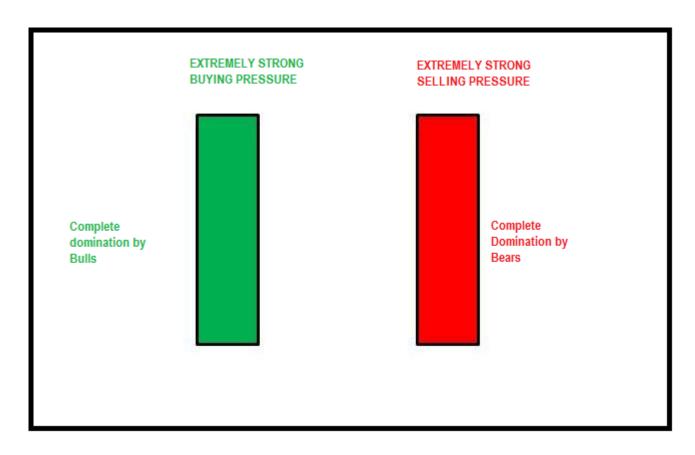
- The first green candlestick on the left tells you that sellers(bears) were dominant.
- The second green candlestick tells you the buyers(bulls) were dominant.



- The first red candlestick on the left tells you that sellers(bears) were dominant.
- The second red candlestick tells you the buyers(bulls) were dominant.

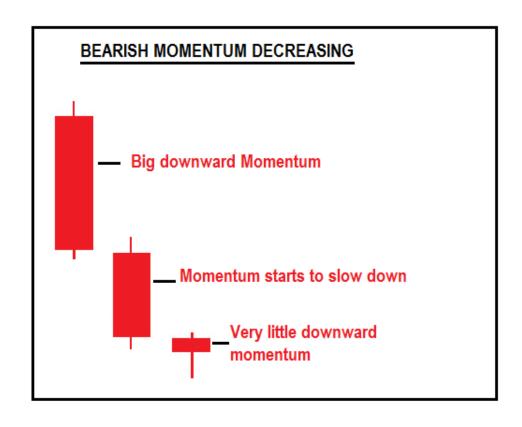


 The longer the body of the candlestick the stronger the buying or the selling pressure.



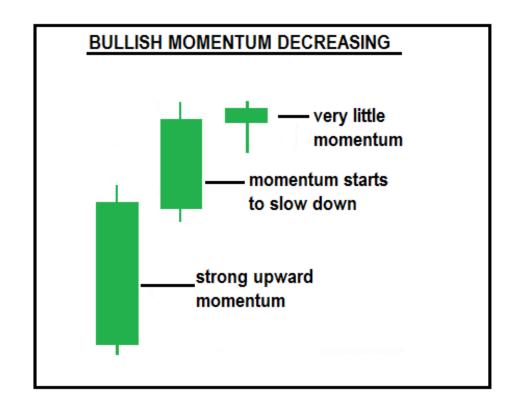
- So far we have been looking at individual candlesticks, what if we combine more than one candlestick? What does that show us?
  - A group of candlesticks can show you how strong or weak a bullish or bearish move is.
  - They can also show us if a bullish or bearish move is weakening.
  - The word used to describe such a situation is momentum.

- 3 Bearish candlesticks in a downtrend, each with a decreasing body length.
  - This is a signal that the downtrend is weakening
  - Around support level be on the lookout for a bullish reversal candlestick.





- 3 Bullish candlesticks in an uptrend, each with a decreasing body length.
  - This is a signal that the uptrend is weakening
  - Around resistance level be on the lookout for a bearish reversal candlestick.





#### Candlestick Wicks/Shadows

- A wick is a long tail outside the body of the candlestick.
- A long wick on the bottom part of the candlestick tells us that the market made a significant fall then quickly retreated and rose from this price level. This is often seen as a bullish signal.
- Long lower wicks occur when the downtrend is losing steam.

#### Candlestick Wicks/Shadows

- A long wick on the top part of the candlestick tells us that the market made a significant rise then quickly retreated and fell from this price level.
   This is often seen as a bearish signal.
- Long upper wicks commonly occur when an uptrend is losing strength.



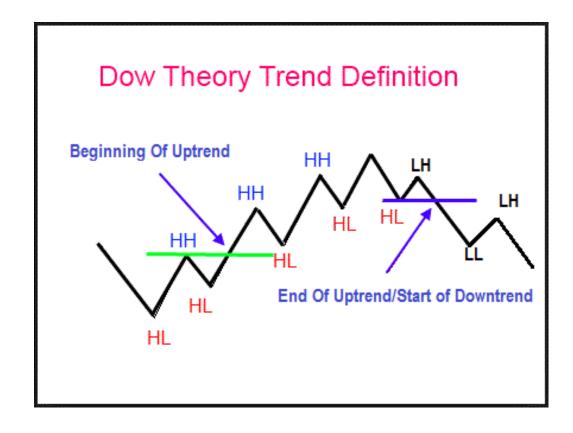
# **TRENDS**

#### **Trends**

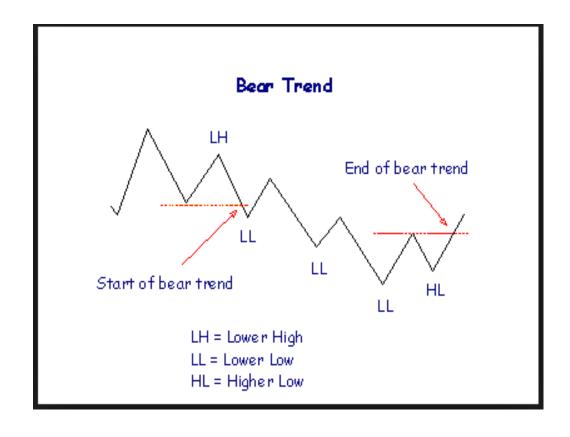
- A Trend is when price is either moving up, down or sideways.
  - So when price is moving up, it's called an uptrend.
  - When price is moving down, it's called a downtrend.
  - When price is moving sideways, it's called a sideway trend/Consolidation/Lamb/Ranging.

#### **Trends**

 With an uptrend market, prices will be making increasing higher highs(HH) and higher lows(HL).

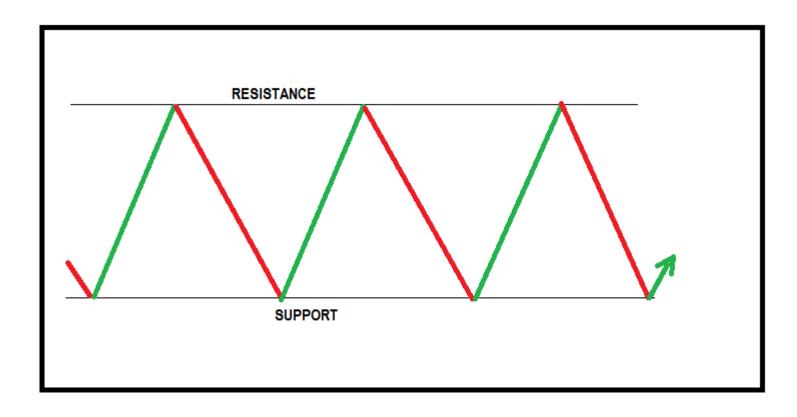


 With a downtrend market, prices will be making decreasing lower highs(LH) and lower lows(LL).





• With a Sideways/Ranging market, price moves between the support and resistance.







# REVERSALS & CONTINUATION

#### Reversal

- A Reversal is a term used to describe when a trend reverses direction e.g. from an uptrend to a downtrend.
- Where can reversals happen?
  - Support Levels.
  - Resistance Levels.

#### Reversal



#### Continuation

 Continuation is a term used to describe when a trend continues in the direction, but slows down or even pulls back a bit before continuing.

#### e.g.

- From a downtrend to a Sideway trend and back to a downtrend again.
- From a downtrend to a temporary uptrend and back to a downtrend again.

#### Continuation





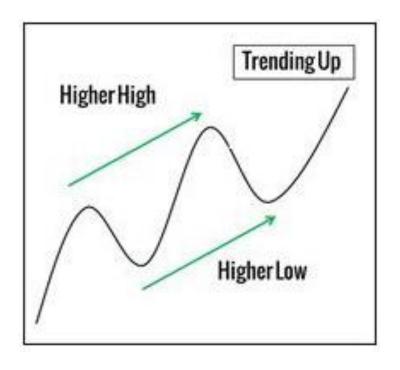
# MARKET SWINGS

- The market price moves in swings.
- A market/price swing is when the market moves like a wave.

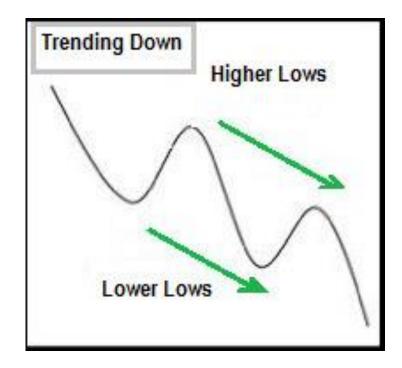
e.g.

- In an uptrend, price will be making higher highs and higher lows.
- In a downtrend, price will be making higher lows and lower lows.

Uptrend



#### **Downtrend**



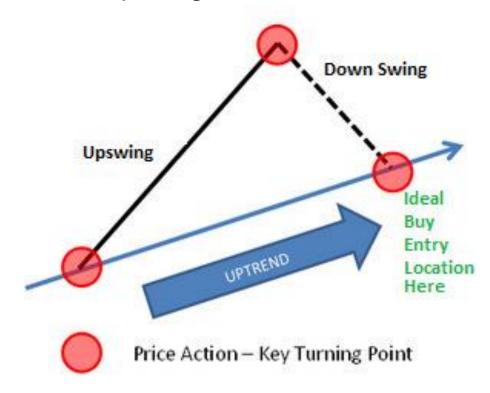
Real Example: Uptrend



Real Example: Downtrend



- Trading opportunities using market swings
  - Uptrend Buy on the downswing.
  - Downtrend Sell on an upswing.



Ideal Buy and Sell entry locations.





# SUPPORT & RESISTANCE

- Support: Lowest point the price reaches before reversing.
- Resistance: Highest point the price reaches before reversing.

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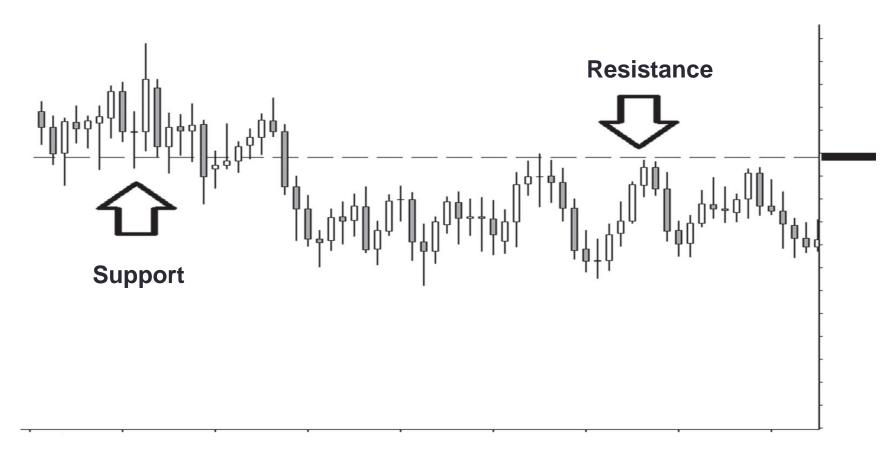
- Look at support as the floor in your house.
- Look at resistance as the ceiling in your house.

- We call these support and resistance area's by one word— zones.
- Important characteristics of zones are as follows:
  - Zones are an area, not a price point.
  - Zones are spots on the chart where price reverses, repeatedly.
  - Zones may be extreme highs or lows on the chart.
  - Zones are where naked traders find trading opportunities.
  - Support and resistance zones rarely need to be modified.
  - Line charts help naked traders find zones.

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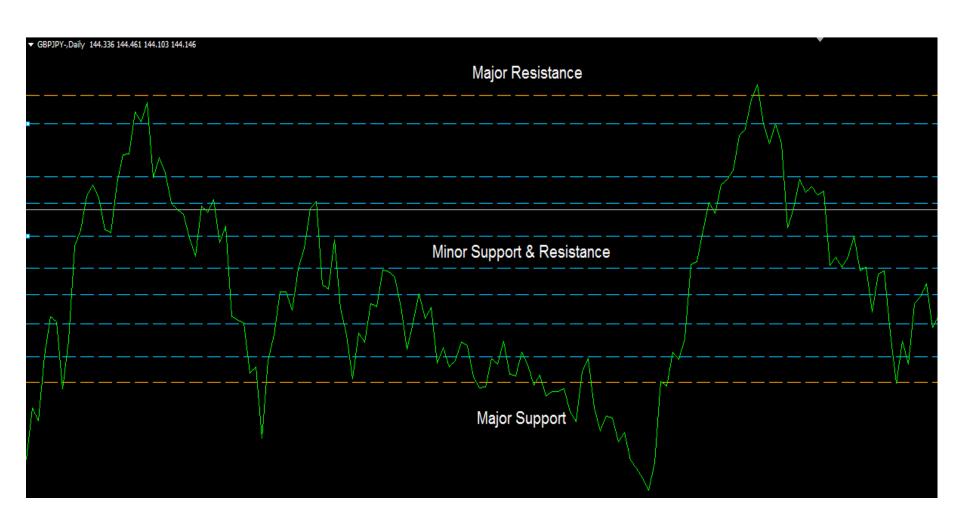


 Broken support turns into resistance and broken resistance turns into support.





- How to find zones:
  - Start with a higher timeframe chart (4 Hour and Daily).
  - Use a line chart to find the zones on the chart.
  - Ignore minor Support and Resistance zones.







# **CHANNELS**

- A Channel is the path price follows and the area enclosed within it is called the price channel.
- 3 major channel types:
  - Uptrend channel
  - Downtrend channel
  - Sideways channel





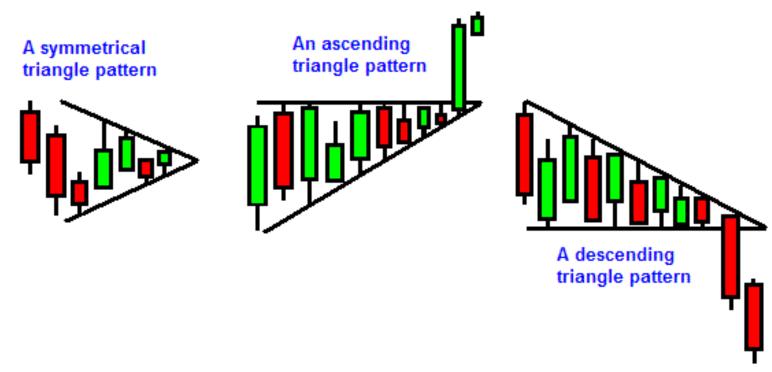




# CHART PATTERNS

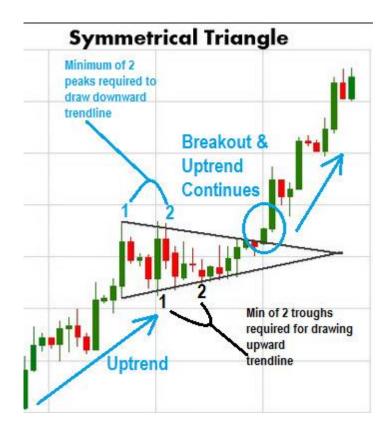
#### **Chart Patterns**

- Symmetrical Triangle
  - 3 types of triangles:



#### **Chart Patterns**

- A Symmetrical triangle is a continuation pattern.
  - In an uptrend, expect a breakout to the upside.
  - In a downtrend, expect a breakout to the downside.



#### **Chart Patterns**

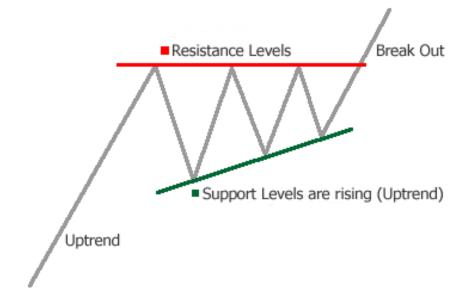
Downtrend



# **Ascending Triangle**

- An ascending triangle is a bullish continuation pattern.
  - So when you see this pattern forming in an uptrend, then expect a breakout to the upside
  - However, it can also be a strong reversal signal (bullish) when you see it form in a downtrend.

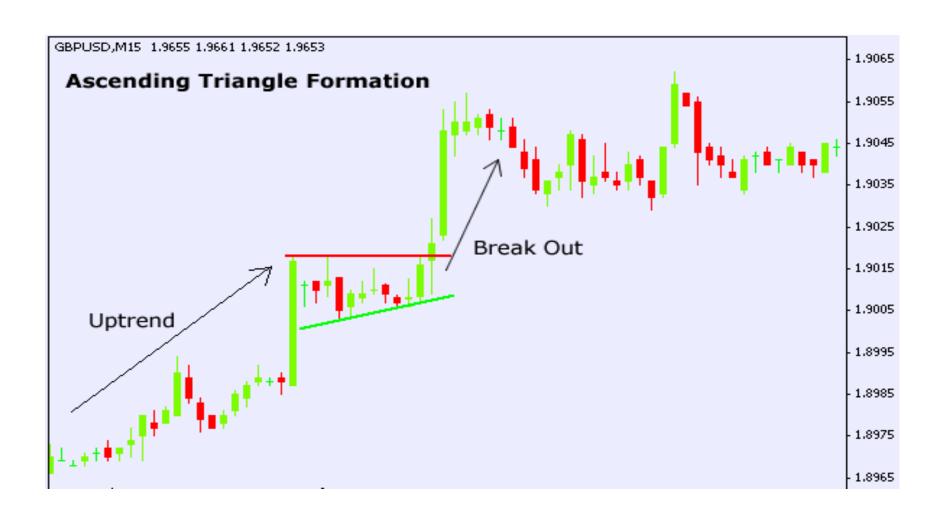
Ascending Triangle Formation



# **Ascending Triangle**



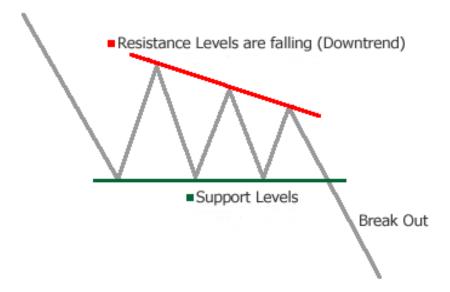
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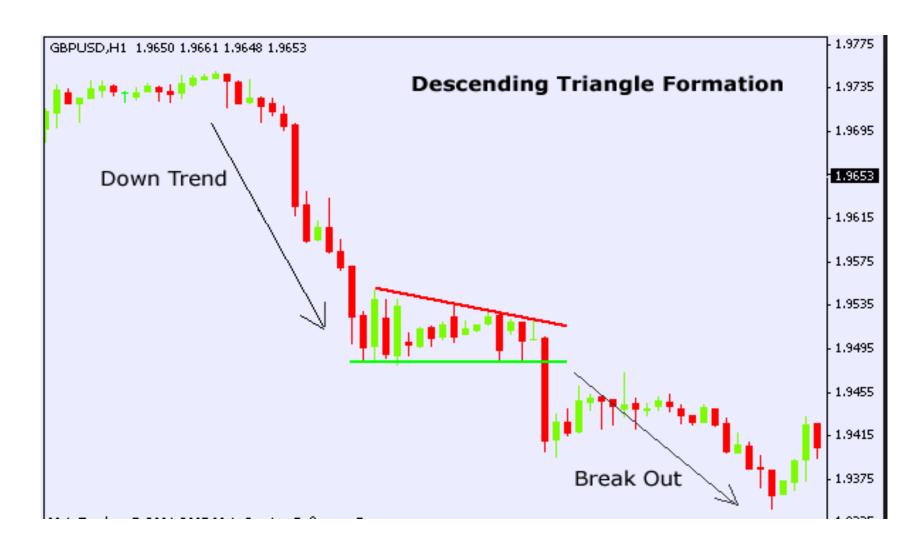
# **Descending Triangle**

- A descending triangle is a bearish continuation pattern.
  - So when you see this pattern forming in a downtrend, then expect a breakout to the downside.





# **Descending Triangle**



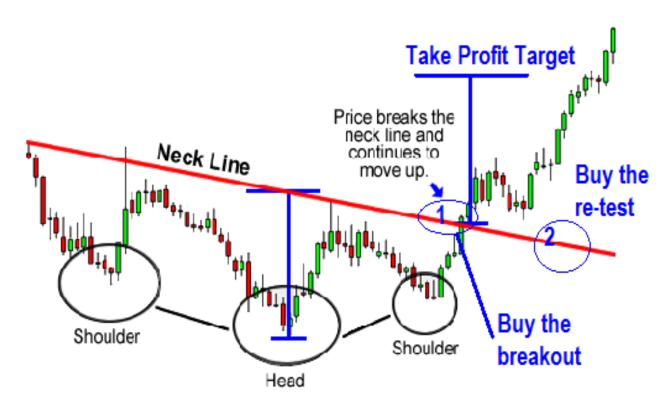
## Head & Shoulders

A head & shoulders is a bearish reversal chart pattern.



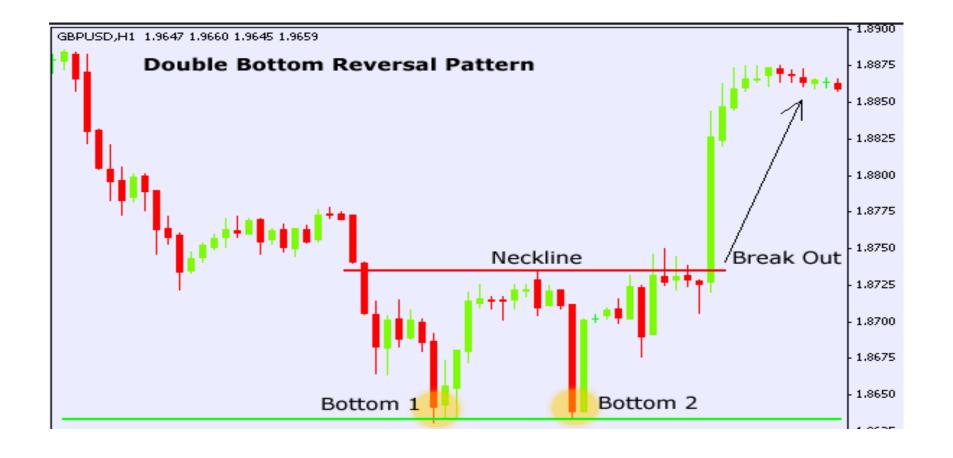
#### Inverse Head & Shoulders

 An inverse head & shoulders is a bullish reversal chart pattern.



## **Double Bottom**

A double bottom is a bullish reversal chart pattern.



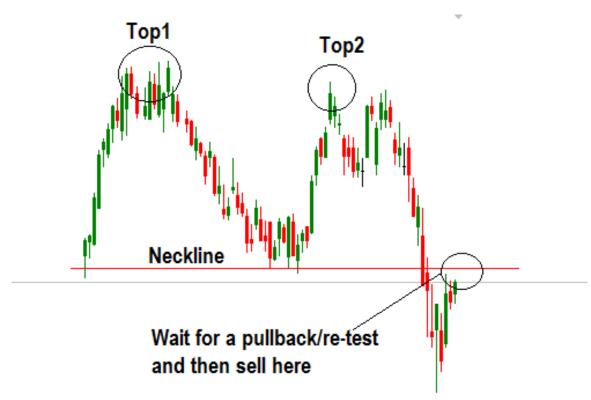
## **Double Top**

A double top is a bearish reversal chart pattern.



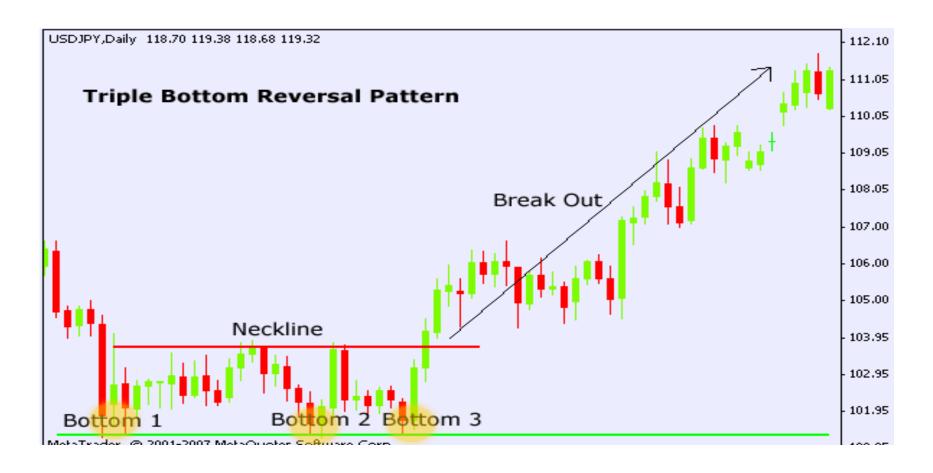
# Double Top

• Sometimes price might retest the neckline before continuing with the trend.



## Triple Bottom

A triple bottom is also a bullish reversal chart pattern.



# Triple Top

A triple top is also a bearish reversal chart pattern.





# CANDLESTICK PATTERNS

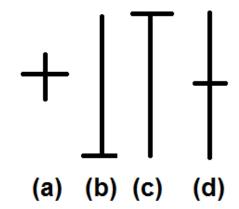
## **Candlestick Patterns**

- 11 important candlestick patterns:
  - Doji
  - Engulfing
  - Harami
  - Dark Cloud Cover
  - Piercing
  - Shooting Star
  - Inverted Hammer
  - Hammer
  - Hanging Man
  - Railway track
  - Spinning Top
- These candles are great entry signals when they form around Support or Resistance levels.

# Doji

 A doji candlestick occurs when the open and closing price are equal.

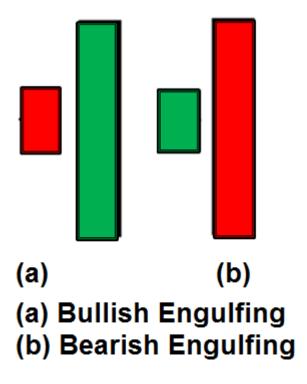
- 4 Types of Doji candlesticks:
  - a) Bullish or Bearish signal
  - b) Bearish reversal
  - c) Bullish reversal
  - d) Bullish or Bearish depending on where it forms (Support/Resistance)



- (a) Doji
- (b) Gravestone Doji
- (c) Dragonfly Doji
- (d) Long-legged Doji

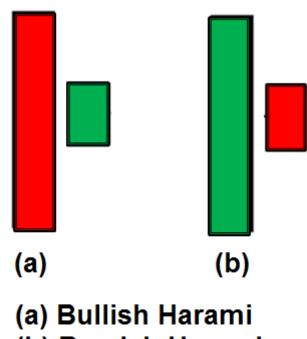
# **Engulfing**

- Engulfing happens when the 2<sup>nd</sup> candle covers the entire body of the 1<sup>st</sup> candle.
  - a) **Bullish**: When formed in a support level it can signal potential downtrend ending.
  - b) Bearish: When formed in a resistance level, it can signal potential uptrend ending.



## Harami

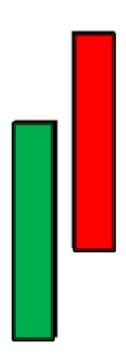
- Harami happens when the 1st candle covers the entire body of the 2<sup>nd</sup> candle.
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(b) Bearish Harami

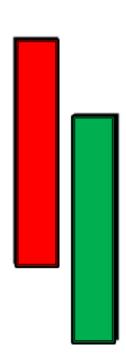
## Dark Cloud Cover

- A Dark Cloud is a bearish reversal candlestick pattern consisting of 2 candlesticks.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> candle is bullish showing strong uptrend momentum
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> candle is bearish and closes at about midway of the 1<sup>st</sup> candle.
  - When formed around resistance it's a signal to SELL.



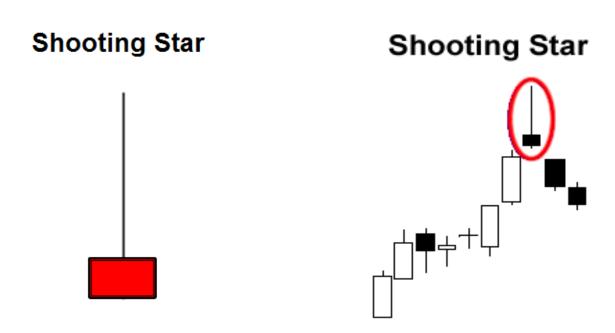
# Piercing

- A Piercing is a bullish reversal candlestick pattern consisting of 2 candlesticks.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> candle is bearish showing strong downtrend momentum
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> candle is bullish and closes up the midway of the 1st candle.
  - When formed around support it's a signal to BUY.



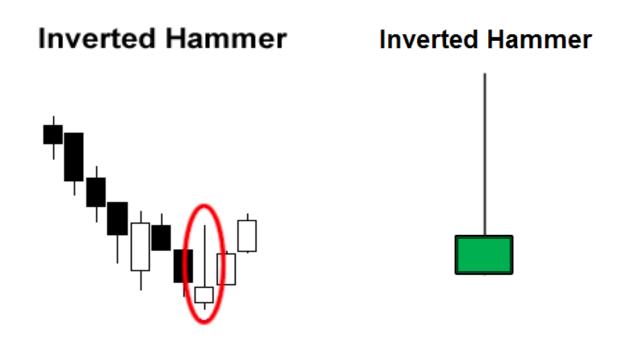
# **Shooting Star**

 Shooting star is a single candlestick and is a bearish reversal when formed around resistance level.



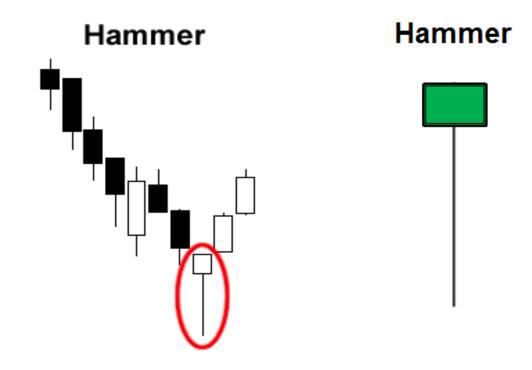
## Inverted Hammer

 An Inverted Hammer is a single candlestick and is a bullish reversal when formed around support level.



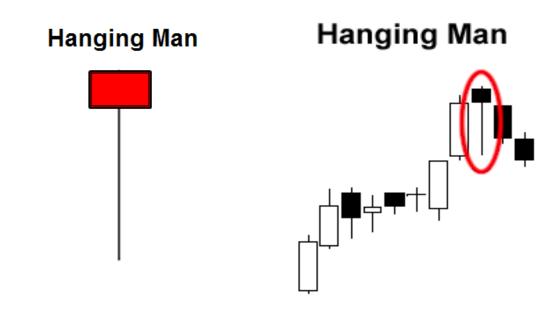
#### Hammer

 A Hammer is a single candlestick and is a bullish reversal when formed around support level.



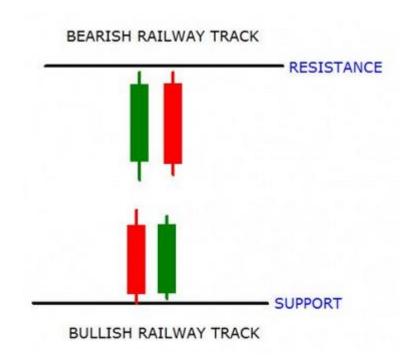
# Hanging Man

 A Hanging Man is a single candlestick and is a bearish reversal when formed around resistance level.



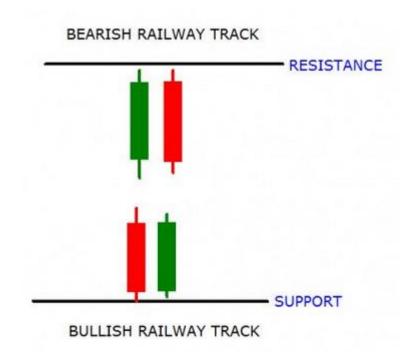
# Railway Track

- A Railway Track is a candlestick pattern consisting of 2 parallel candlesticks.
  - Bearish: The 1st candlestick is bullish followed by a bearish candlestick of the same length & body.
  - When formed around resistance it's a signal to SELL.



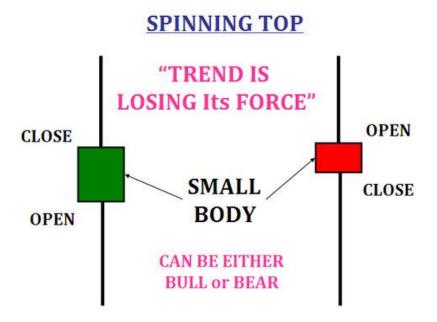
# Railway Track

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  - When formed around support it's a signal to BUY.



# Spinning Top

- A Spinning Top is a single candlestick and can be a continuation or reversal pattern.
  - A spinning top has a small body and long shadows on both sides that exceed the length of the body.

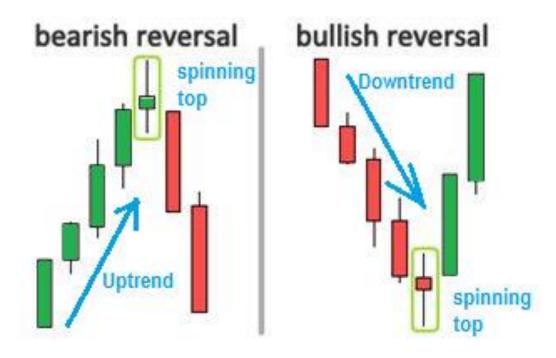


# Spinning Top

 When formed around a resistance in an uptrend it's a signal to SELL.

When formed around a support in a downtrend it's a

signal to BUY.



# Spinning Top





# **TRENDLINES**

- Trendlines are lines that are drawn to connect the peaks that are formed by the up swings or the troughs that are formed by the down swings to help you identify where the trend is going.
- You need a minimum of 2 peaks to draw a downtrend trend line.
- You need a minimum of 2 troughs to draw an uptrend trend line.

Downward Trend line:



Upward Trend line:



- What does it mean when the trend line is intersected?
  - This could mean that the trend has now changed.
    - e.g. From Uptrend to Downtrend.
  - This could mean that it is only a false breakout and price will soon head back in the original direction.



# **FUNDAMENTALS**

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Fundamentals App: Investing.com

Trading App: MT4

## Fundamentals (USD)

- Fundamentals that affect US Dollar:
  - Non-Farm Payroll (NFP) Number of paid part-time or full time jobs in the public sector, excluding the farming sector.
  - 1st Friday of each month.
  - High Employment figure = Positive for USD Buy/Bullish.
  - Low Employment Figure = Negative for USD Sell/Bearish.

# Fundamentals (USD)

- Fundamentals that affect US Dollar:
  - Unemployment Rate –The percentage of the total work force that is unemployed and actively seeking employment.
  - 1st Friday of each month.
  - Low Unemployment Figure = Positive for USD Buy/Bullish.
  - High Unemployment figure = Negative for USD Sell/Bearish.

# Fundamentals (USD)

- Fundamentals that affect US Dollar:
  - Interest Rate When the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) members vote on where to set the rate.
  - Every 2 months.
  - High Interest Rate = Positive for USD Buy/Bullish.
  - Low/Unchanged Interest Rate = Negative for USD Sell/Bearish (Only trade gold).

- Fundamentals that affect GB Pound:
  - Interest Rate Bank of England (BOE) monetary policy committee members vote on where to set the rate.
  - Every 2 months.
  - High Interest Rate = Positive for GBP Buy/Bullish.
  - Low/Unchanged Interest Rate = Negative for GBP Sell/Bearish.

- Fundamentals that affect GB Pound:
  - Construction Purchasing Management Index (PMI) –
     Measures the activity level of purchasing managers in the construction industry.
  - Every month.
  - Positive PMI (Above 50%) = Positive for GBP Buy/Bullish
  - Negative PMI (Below 50%) = Negative for GBP Sell/Bearish

- Fundamentals that affect GB Pound:
  - Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Measure the value of all finished goods and services produced by the economy.
  - Every 3 months.
  - Positive GDP = Positive for GBP Buy/Bullish.
  - Negative GDP = Negative for GBP Sell/Bearish.

- Fundamentals that affect GB Pound:
  - Manufacturing Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) –
     Measures the activity level of purchasing managers in the manufacturing industry.
  - Every month.
  - Positive PMI (Above 50%) = Positive for GBP Buy/Bullish.
  - Negative PMI (Below 50%) = Negative for GBP Sell/Bearish.

# Fundamentals (EUR)

- Fundamentals that affect EUR:
  - Interest Rate ECB Announcement.
  - Every 2 months.
  - High Interest Rate = Positive for EUR Buy/Bullish.
  - Low Interest Rate = Negative for EUR Sell/Bearish.



# TRADING PLAN

- Choose pairs to trade:
  - USD/ZAR XAU/USD (Gold)
  - GBP/JPY EUR/USD
  - USD/JPY
- When to trade your chosen pairs:
  - Draw your zones on H4 (4 Hours) /D1 (Daily)
  - When price approaches your zones, look for reversal patterns (Double Top/Head & Shoulders and vice versa).
  - Once you identify the reversal pattern, you then look for reversal candles on H1 and you enter your trade.

- Where to place stop loss:
  - 1 2% of account.
  - Above the highest wick from previous chart movement.
- Risk Management:
  - \$150 \$300 use maximum 0.01 x 7 at a time.
  - \$300 \$700 use maximum 0.02 x 7 at a time.
  - \$700 \$1000 use maximum 0.03 x 10 at a time.
- When to exit trade:
  - At the next zone (Support/Resistance).

- What to ask yourself before placing a trade:
  - Where is the current price?
  - Are there any news that can affect my trade?
  - Where is my Support/Resistance?
  - Where is the trend going?

- What to do when scalping:
  - Identify Support and Resistance zones on H4 or Daily timeframe.
  - Identify direction of trend on H4 or Daily timeframe.
  - Move to smaller timeframes H1, 30m, 15m.
  - ONLY trade in the direction of identified trend.



# **THANKS**