



# ***How to Determine When To move Your Stop to Break-Even***

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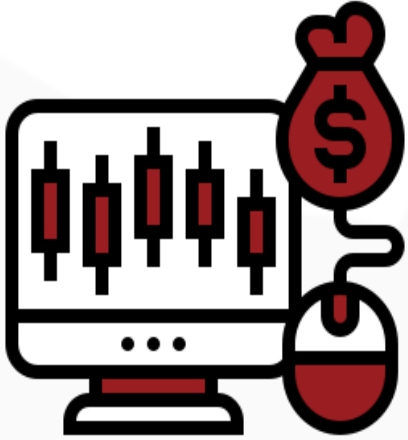
# Basic Terminology

- Partial
  - Convert Unrealized to Realized gains
- Breakeven (Entry Price)
  - Unrealized
  - Realized
- Technical Levels
  - Support/Resistance Levels
  - Moving Averages
  - Pre-Market High/Low
  - Tin Foil Line (TFL)
  - R and S levels (Pivot Study)



# Basic Terminology

- Risk to Reward



Risk



Reward

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1:3

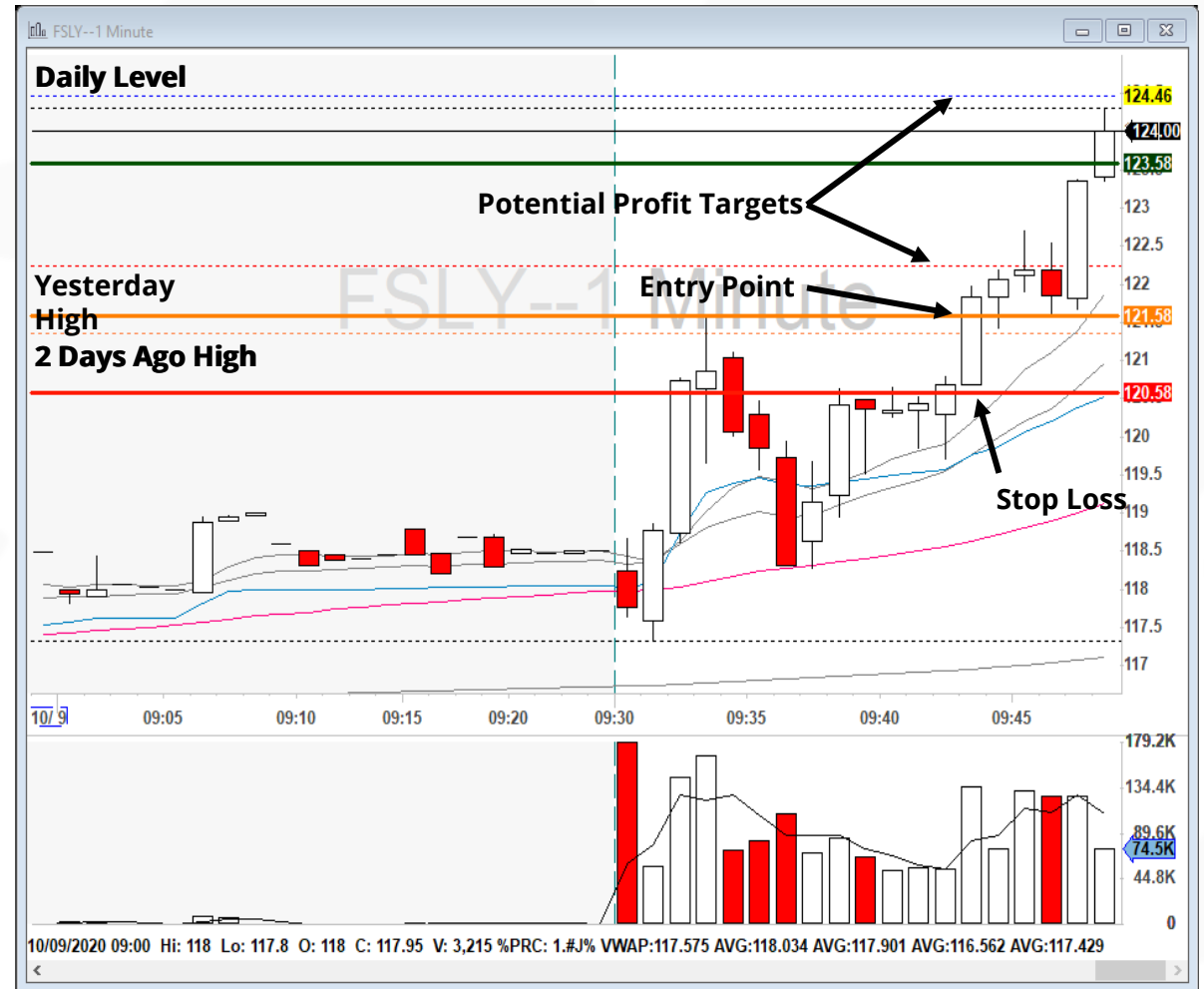
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R = Unit of Risk    1R = \$10    2R = \$20

# Basic Terminology

- Risk to Reward Formula
  - Technical Levels
    - 2 Days Ago High
    - Yesterday High
    - Daily Level
  - Stop Loss
  - Entry
  - **Unit of Risk = Entry - Stop Loss**
  - Profit target
  - **Reward = Entry + Profit Target**



# Stop Loss to Break-even Debate

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- Centers Around Your Psychology
  - Position 1 (**For**): Stop Moved to B/E After Partial
  - Position 2 (**For**): Stop Moved to B/E Before Partial
  - Position 3 (**Against**): Stop Left After Partial
  - Position 4 (**Against**): All or None



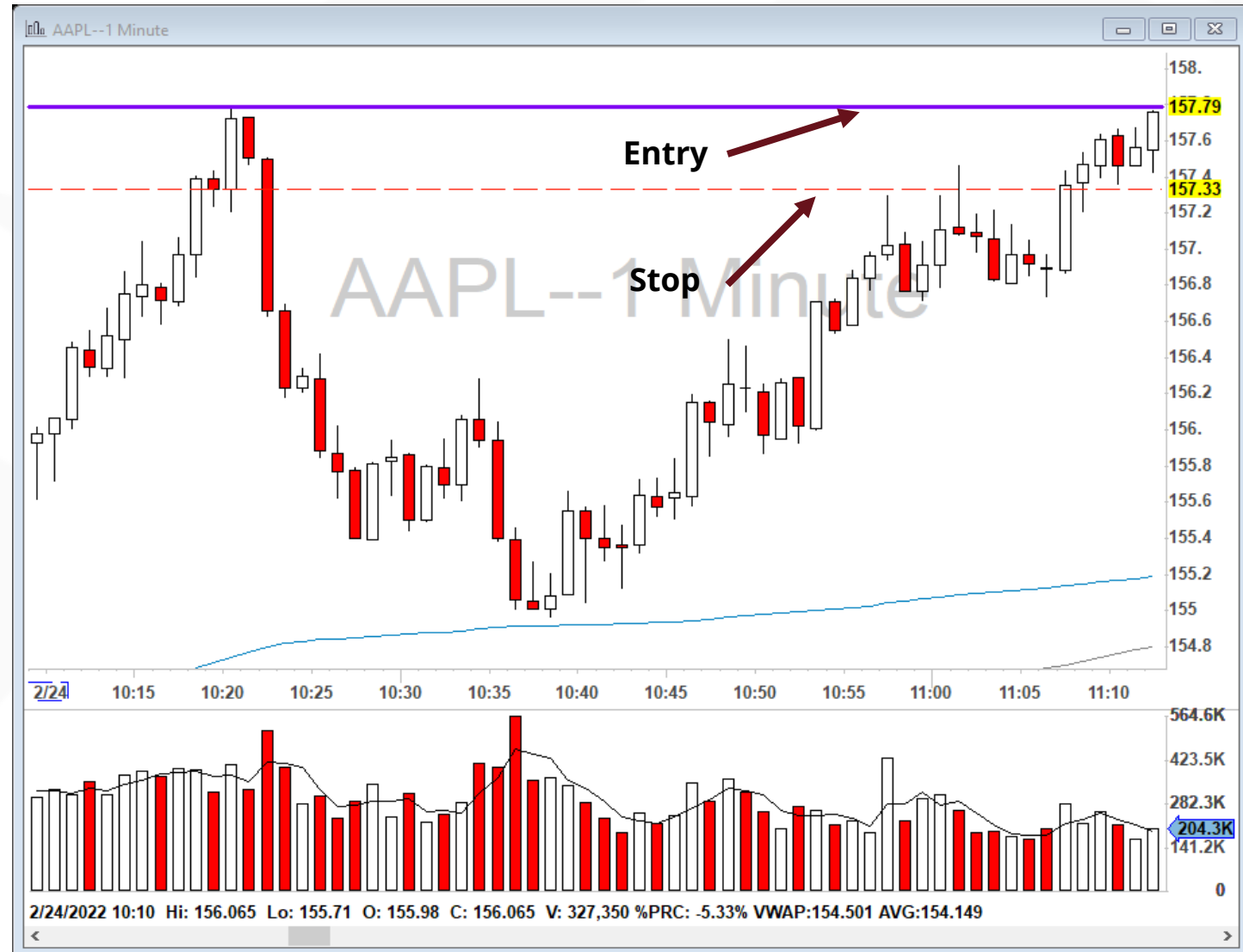
# Stop Loss to Break-even Sample Criteria

- Controls

- **Strategy:** Mike's BHOD Strategy
- **Entry:** \$.01 above HOD
- **Stop:** Wic of the previous candle
- **Risk:** \$100
- **T/M Plan:** 50% 1R Partial  
100% 2R Profit Target

- Variable

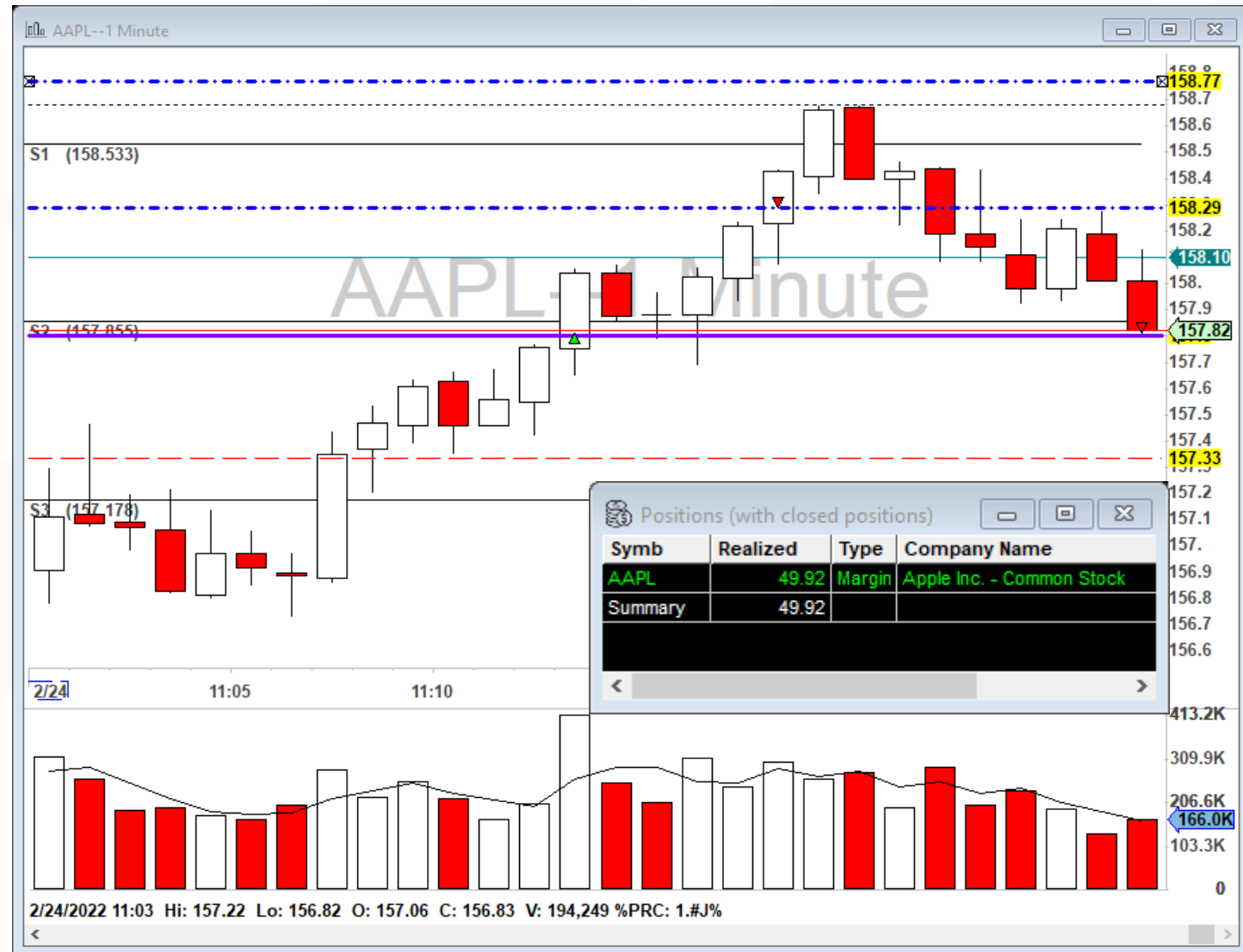
- **Position 1:**  
Stop Moved To B/E After Partial
- **Position 2:**  
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- **Position 3:**  
Stop Left After Partial
- **Position 4:**  
All or None





# Position 1: Max Movement 1R

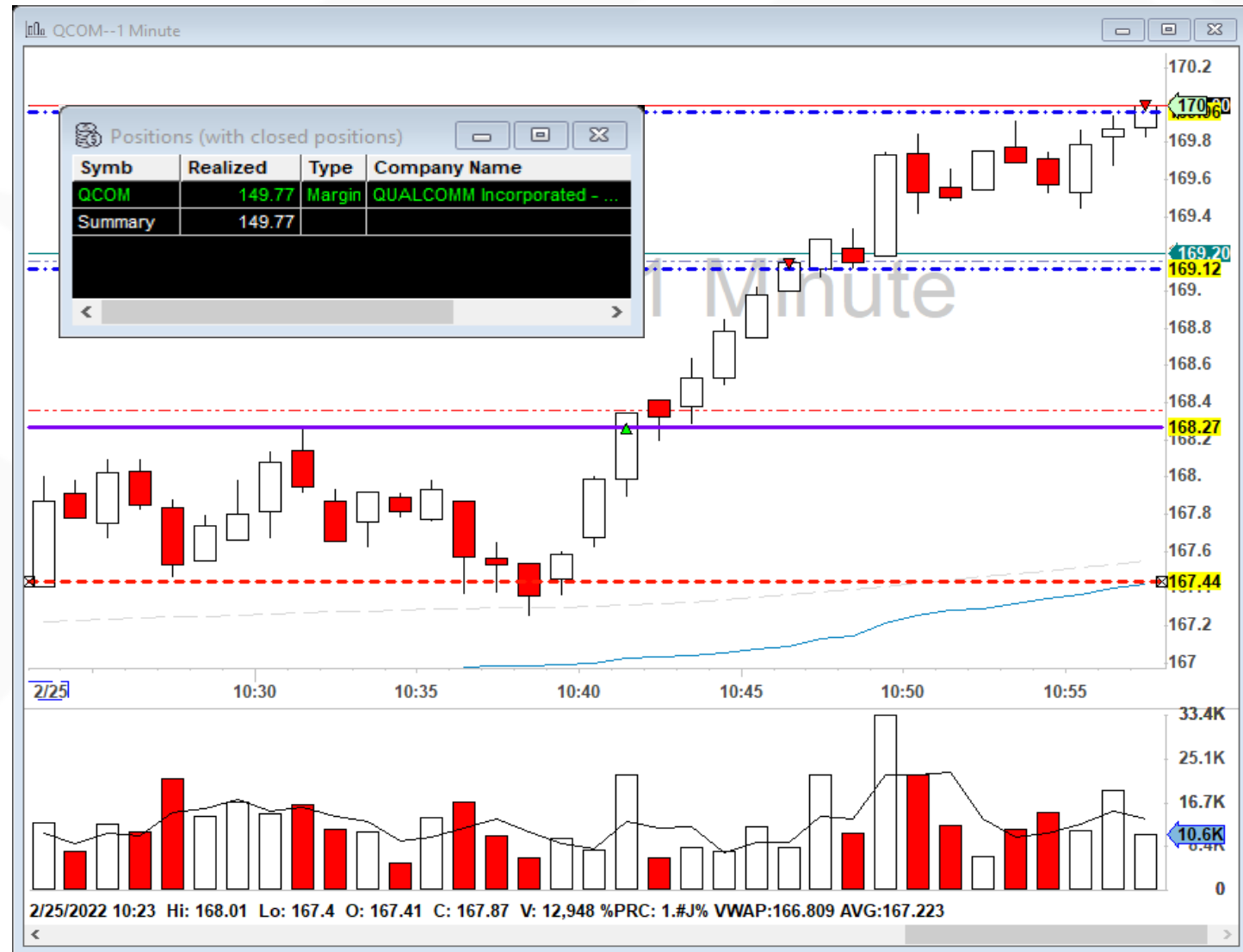
- Stop Moved to B/E After Partial
  - Stock: AAPL
  - Date: 2/24/22
  - Entry: 157.81
  - 1R Partial: 158.29
  - Profit Target: Not Reached
  - B/E: 157.81
  - Realized Gain: 49.92



# Position 1: Max Movement 2R

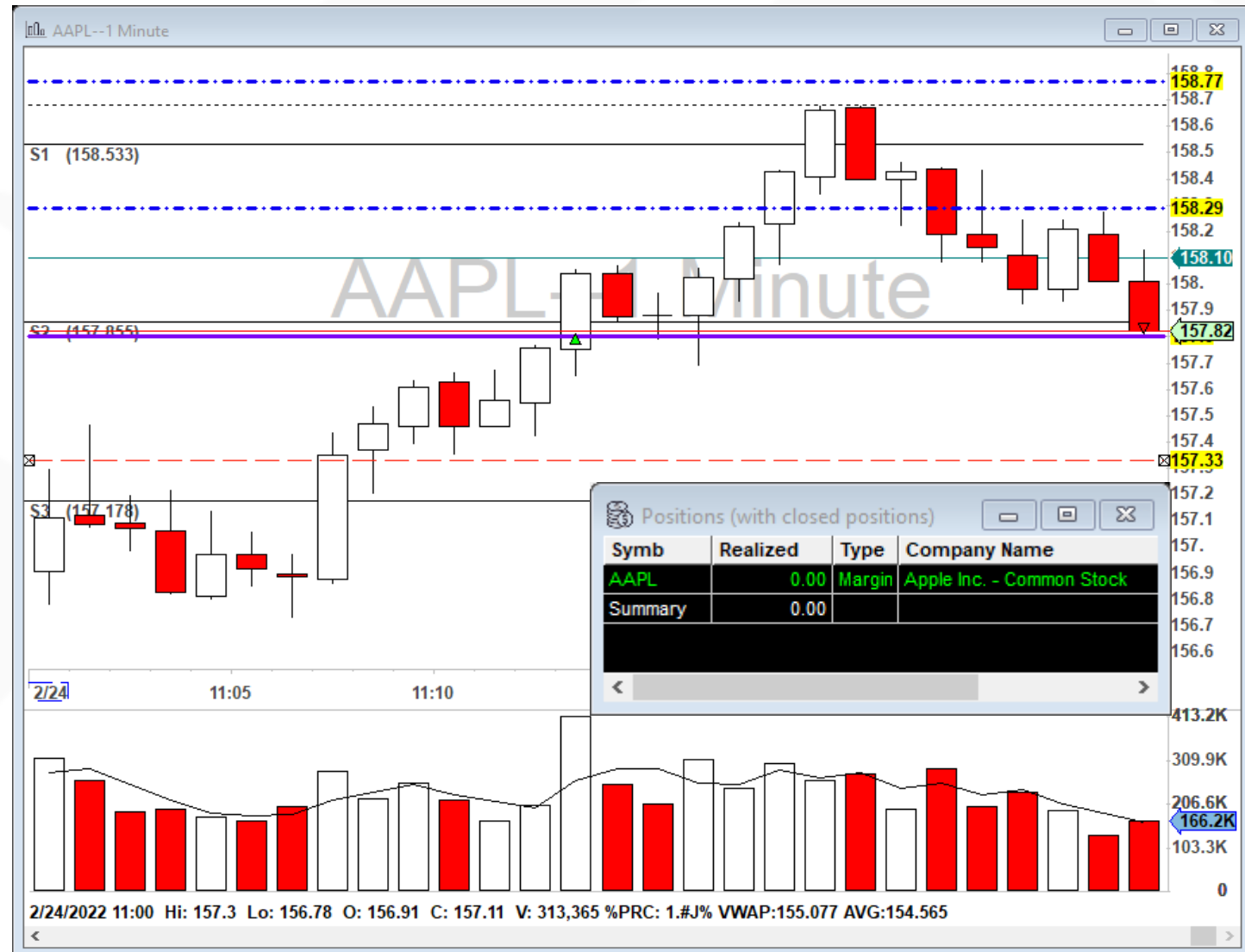
- Stop Moved to B/E After Partial

- Stock: **QCOM**
- Date: **2/25/22**
- Entry: **168.28**
- 1R Partial: **169.12**
- Profit Target: **169.96**
- B/E: **Not Reached**
- Realized Gain: **149.77**



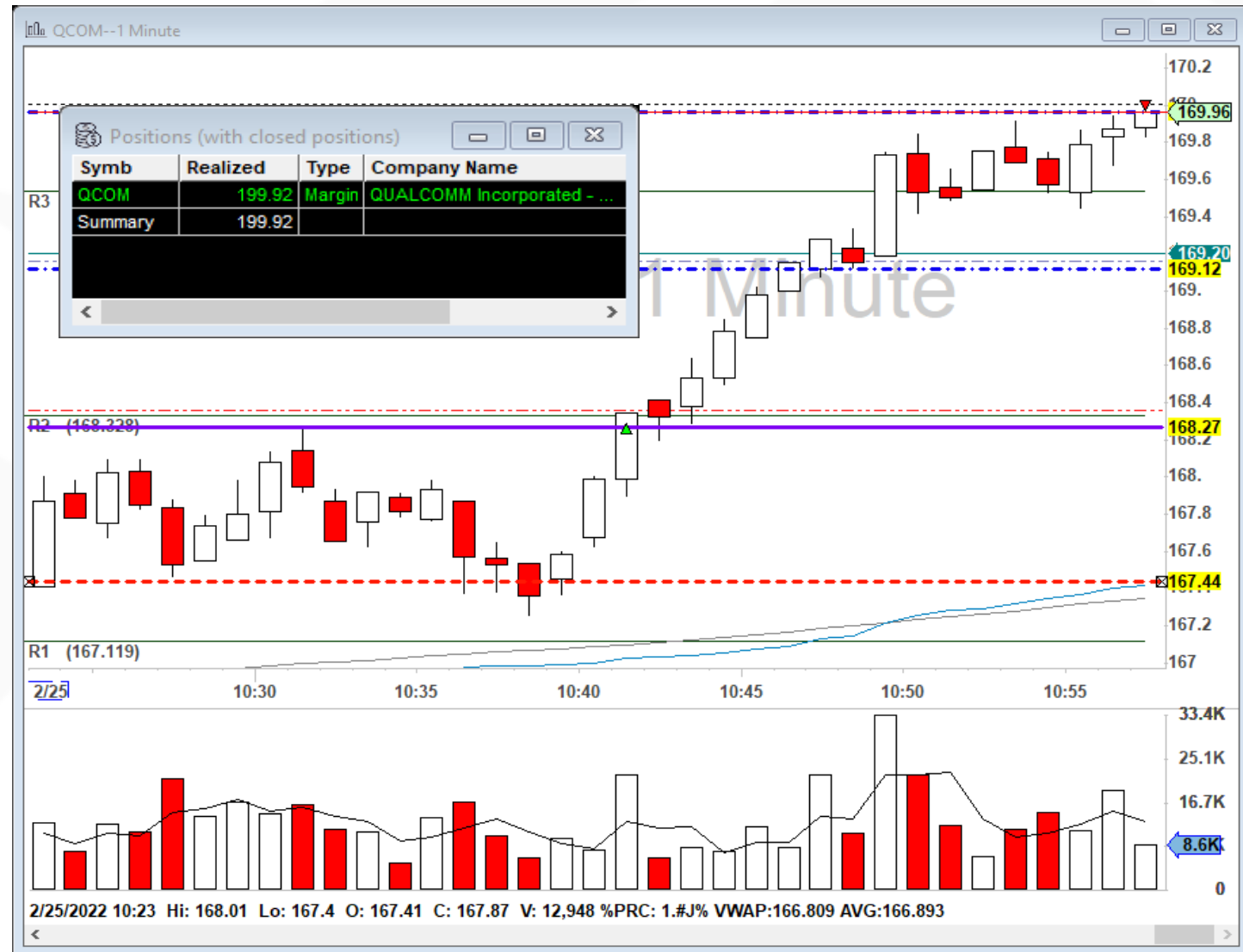
# Position 2: Max Movement 1R

- Stop Moved to B/E Before Partial
  - Stock: AAPL
  - Date: 2/24/22
  - Entry: 157.81
  - 1R Partial: 158.29 (Stop to B/E)
  - Profit Target: Not Reached
  - B/E: 157.81
  - Realized Gain: 0.00



# Position 2: Max Movement 2R

- Stop Moved to B/E Before Partial
  - Stock: QCOM
  - Date: 2/25/22
  - Entry: 168.28
  - 1R Partial: 169.12 (Stop to B/E)
  - Profit Target: 169.96
  - B/E: 168.28
  - Realized Gain: 199.92



# Position 3: Max Movement 1R

- Stop Left After Partial

- Stock: AAPL
- Date: 2/24/22
- Entry: 157.81
- 1R Partial: 158.29
- Profit Target: Not Reached
- B/E: Not Used
- Realized Gain: 2.08



# Position 3: Max Movement 2R

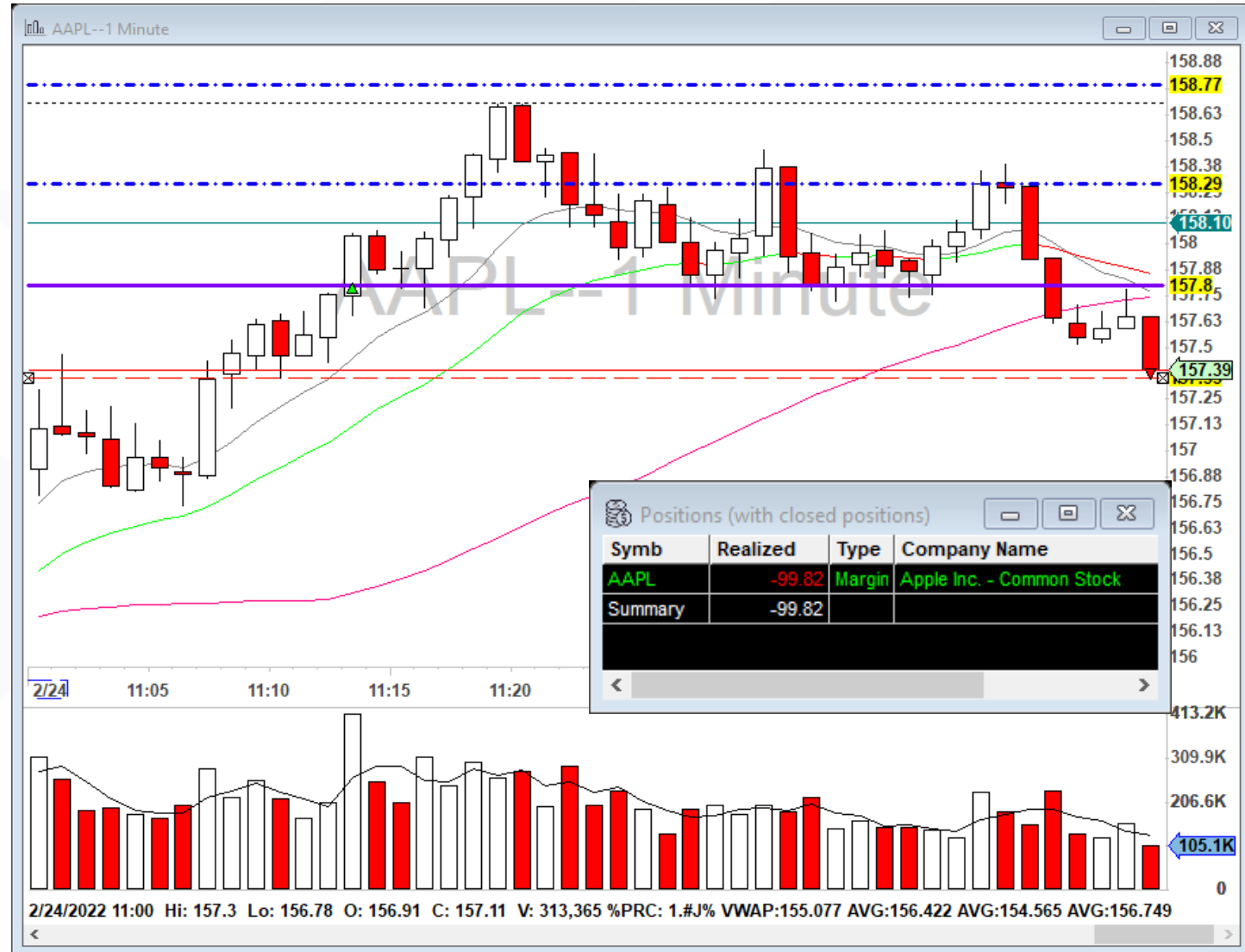
- Stop Left After Partial
  - Stock: AAPL
  - Date: 2/24/22
  - Entry: 157.81
  - 1R Partial: 158.29
  - Profit Target: 158.77
  - B/E: **Not Used**
  - Realized Gain: 148.72



# Position 4: Max Movement 1R

- Stop Left After Partial

- Stock: AAPL
- Date: 2/24/22
- Entry: 157.81
- 1R Partial: **Not Used**
- Profit Target: Not Reached
- B/E: **Not Used**
- Realized Gain: -99.82



# Position 4: Max Movement 2R

- Stop Left After Partial
  - Stock: AAPL
  - Date: 2/24/22
  - Entry: 157.81
  - 1R Partial: **Not Used**
  - Profit Target: 158.75
  - B/E: **Not Used**
  - Realized Gain: 199.68





# \$AAPL & \$QCOM Results

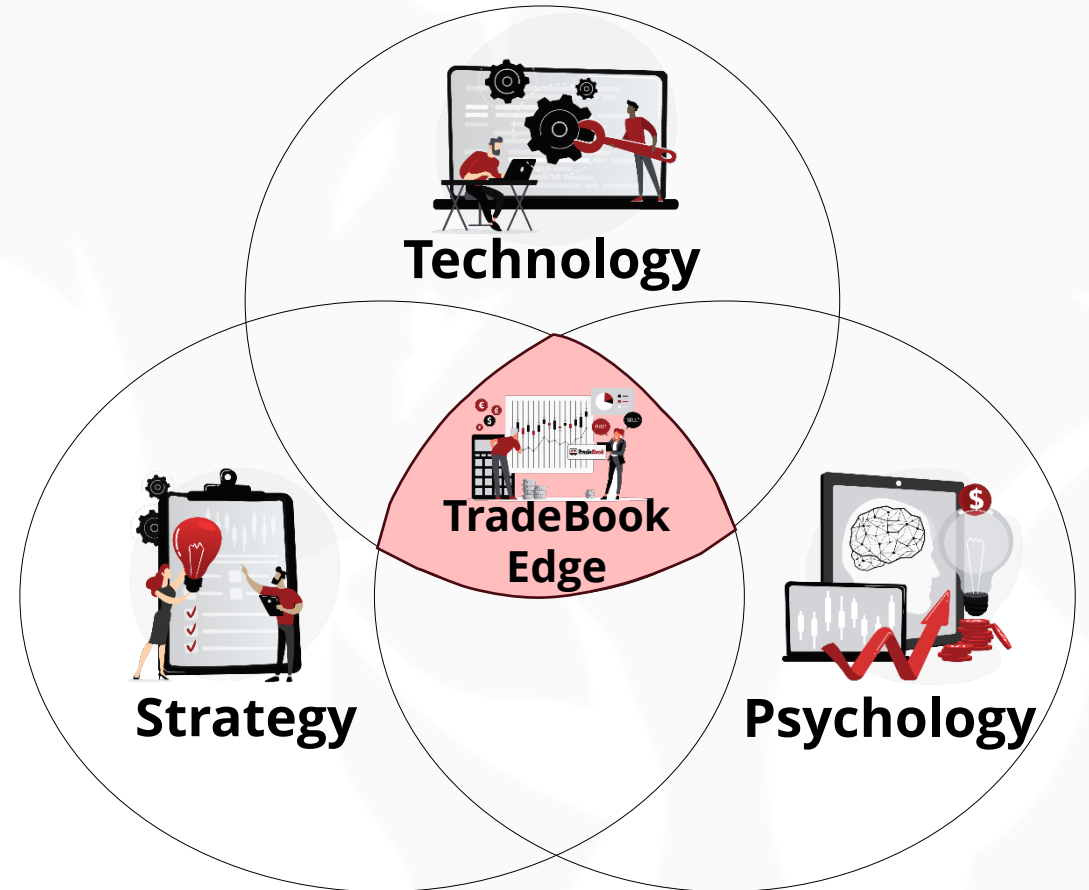
	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4
Stopped Out	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)
Max Movement 1R	\$49.92	\$0.00	\$2.08	(\$100)
Max Movement 2R	\$149.77	\$199.92	\$148.72	\$199.68



# Decision Time!!!

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- Which is Better?
  - Depends on your Trading Stats
  - Depends on your Trading Style
  - Depends on your Emotional Capacity
- How do you Determine?
  - Develop a TradeBook
  - Test your TradeBook





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