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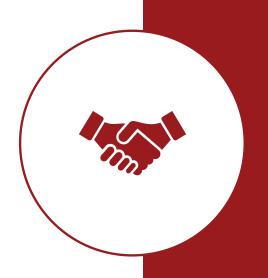


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What is the Lightning Bolt Pattern?

The **Lightning Bolt** is a <u>Trend Continuation Pattern</u> that:

- 1. Is part of an existing trend
- 2. Crosses the VWAP
- 3. Hesitates and pulls back
- 4. Then gathers new strength into the trend and continues







What is the VWAP?

Volume Weighted Average Price

 \sum (Shares Traded x Share Price)

Shares Traded



What is the VWAP?

It is not a Moving Average!

Moving Averages – measure the average price over time

VWAP – measures the average price by volume over time

Note that the VWAP is also unique compared to a MA as it is the same in all (intraday!) timeframes

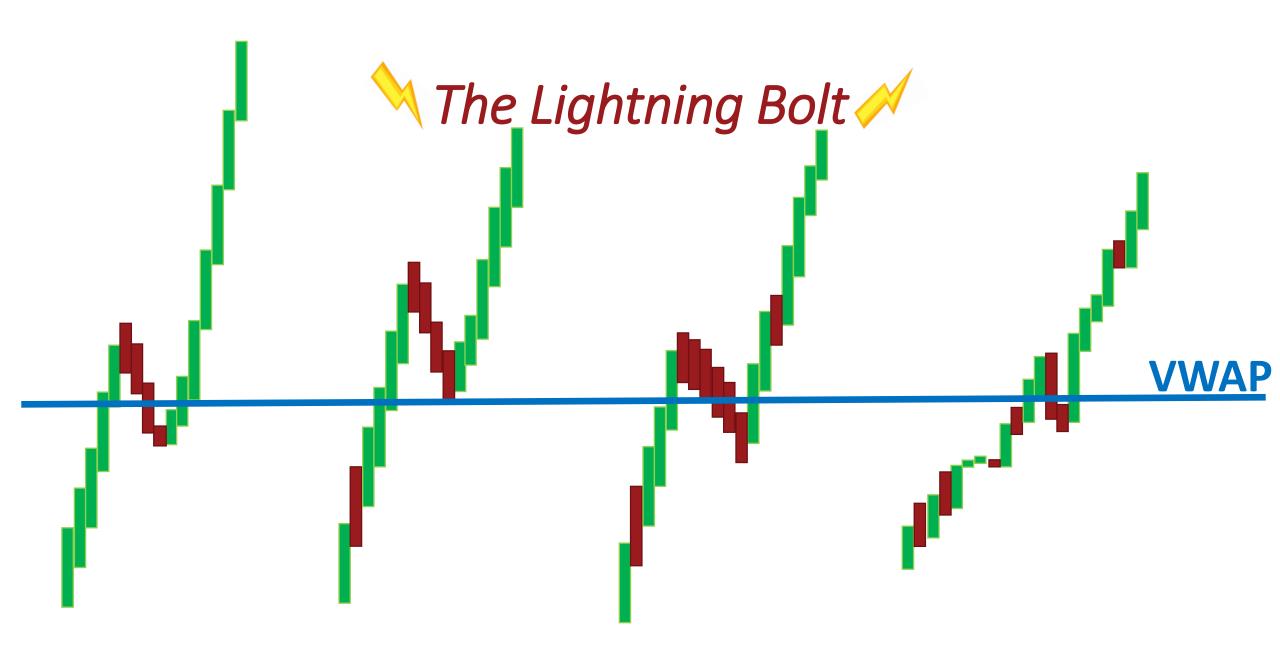


Why Do We Care?

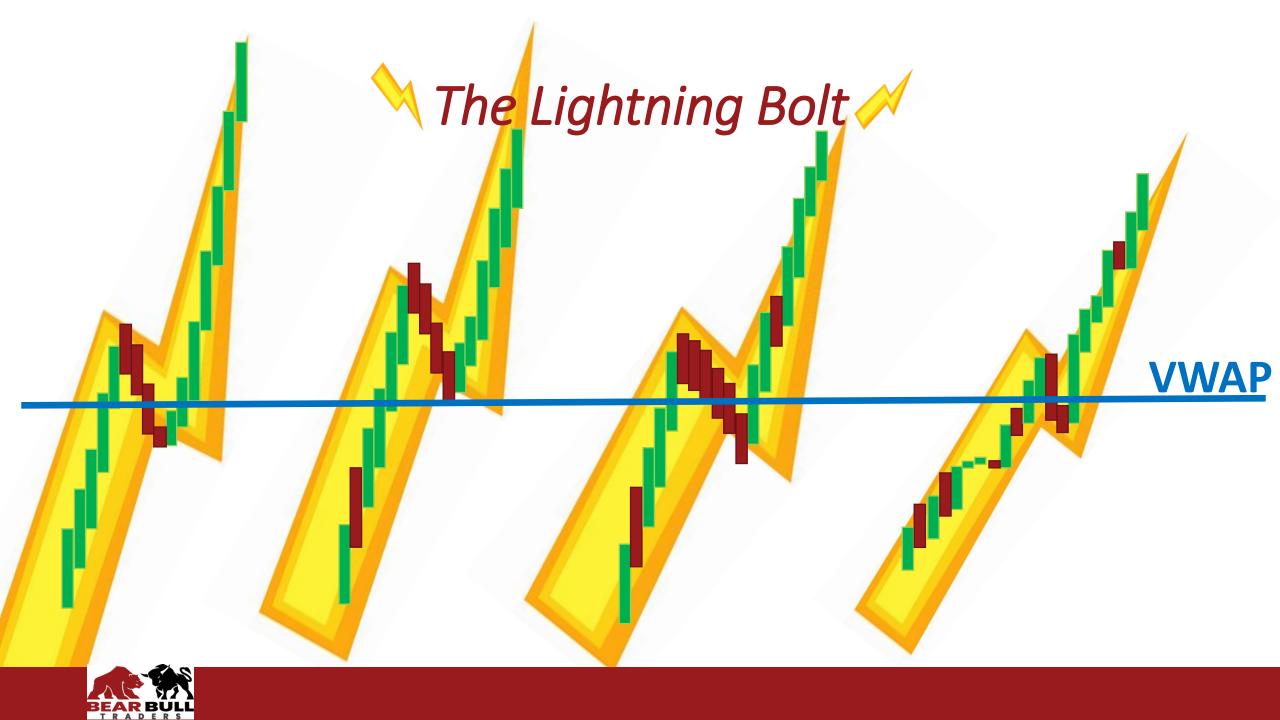
The VWAP is a trading benchmark that is widely used by:

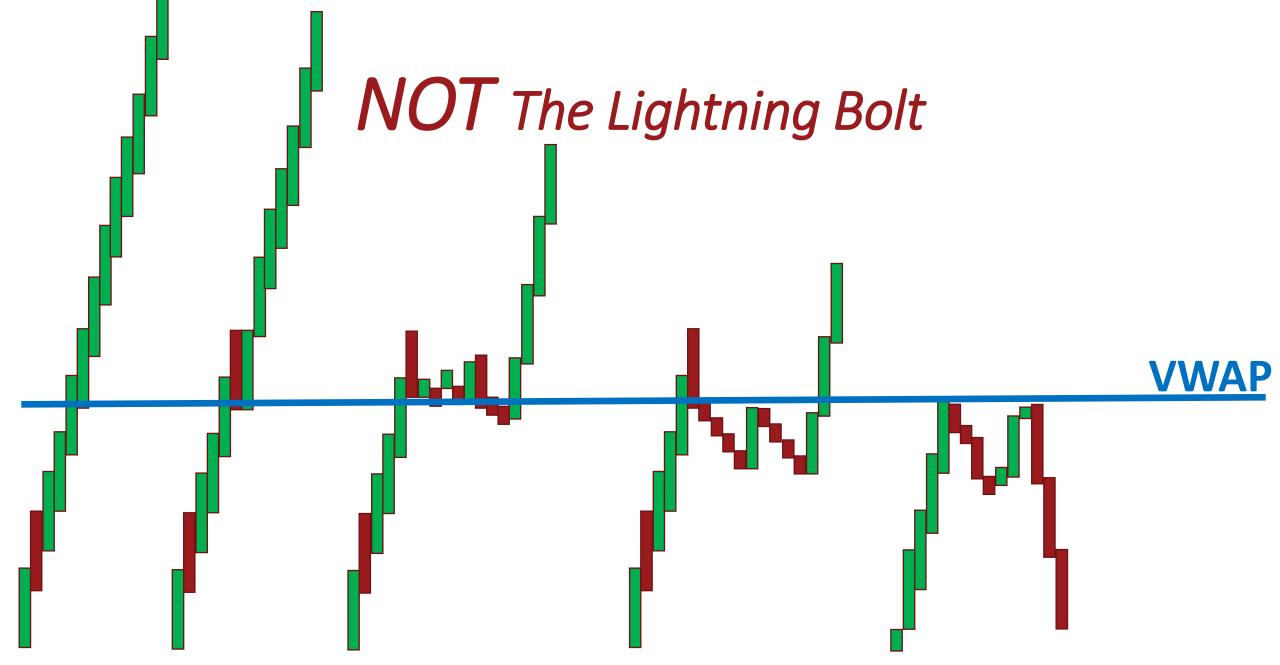
- Institutional investors and mutual funds who use VWAP as key determination of profitability
- Market Makers who use VWAP to manage price stability
- Retail traders who use VWAP to determine trends



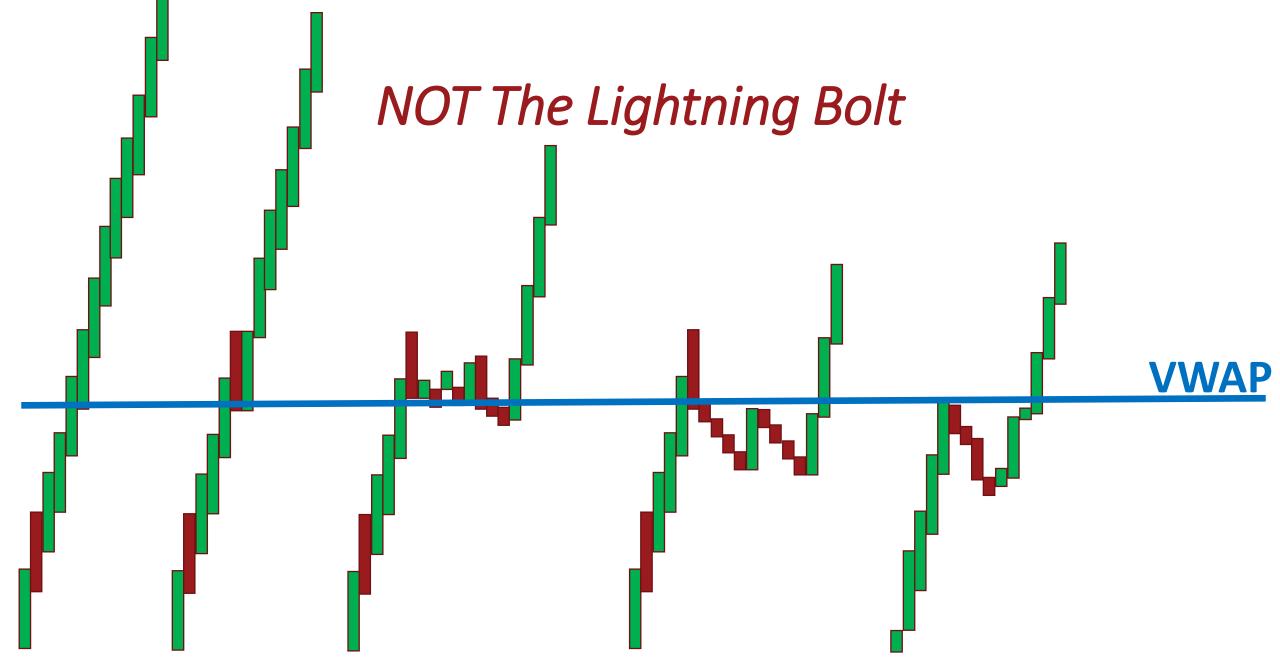
















 Generally requires a strong initial move, followed by a stronger reversal move

- Stock should be mid- to large float and have an event catalyst on the day
- Works best when a stock has higher that average volume (i.e. RVOL is >100%)
- Ideally supported by the overall market direction (in the moment)





 Trend volume should be strong (i.e. at or above the average of the day)

Can be played in either direction (long or short)

Can be played on any intraday timeframe

• Can be played anytime from 9:40am – 3:00pm, but the best trades often set-up from 9:40am - 11am





No consideration of Moving Averages

No consideration of daily levels

 No significant assessment of volume (other than to ensure it doesn't drop significantly on continuation)*

Note that some days this pattern will be more prevalent than others. Trade it as it appears!



The Lightning Bolt

- 1. Strong trend to the VWAP
- Candle close past VWAP
- 3. Pullback of at least 1 candle
- 4. Pullback is no more than 50% of movel
- Continuation in original direction
- 6. Candle close past VWAP
- 7. No drop in volume







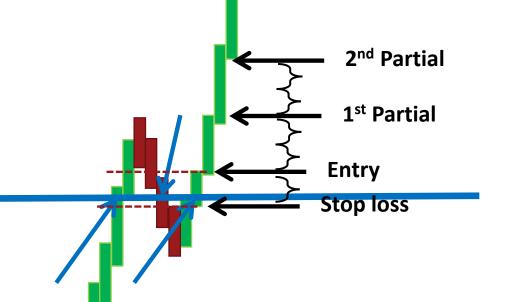
Trade Rules



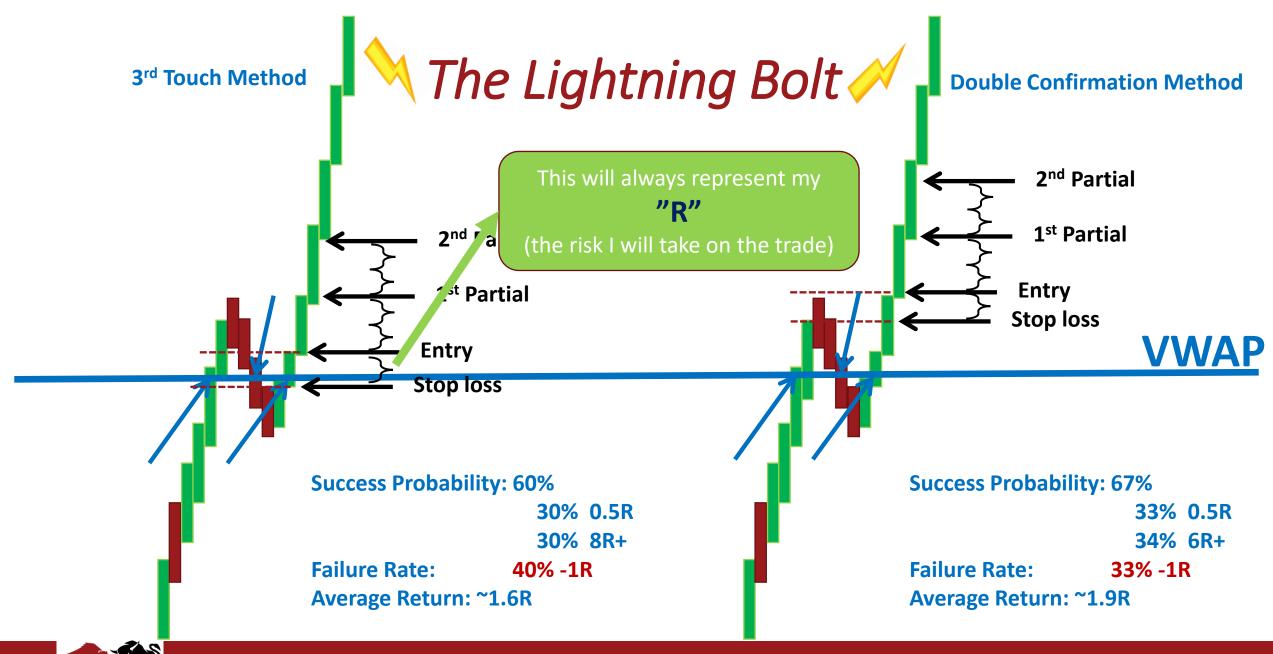
Entry: Best possible place on the 1st candle after a candle close past VWAP

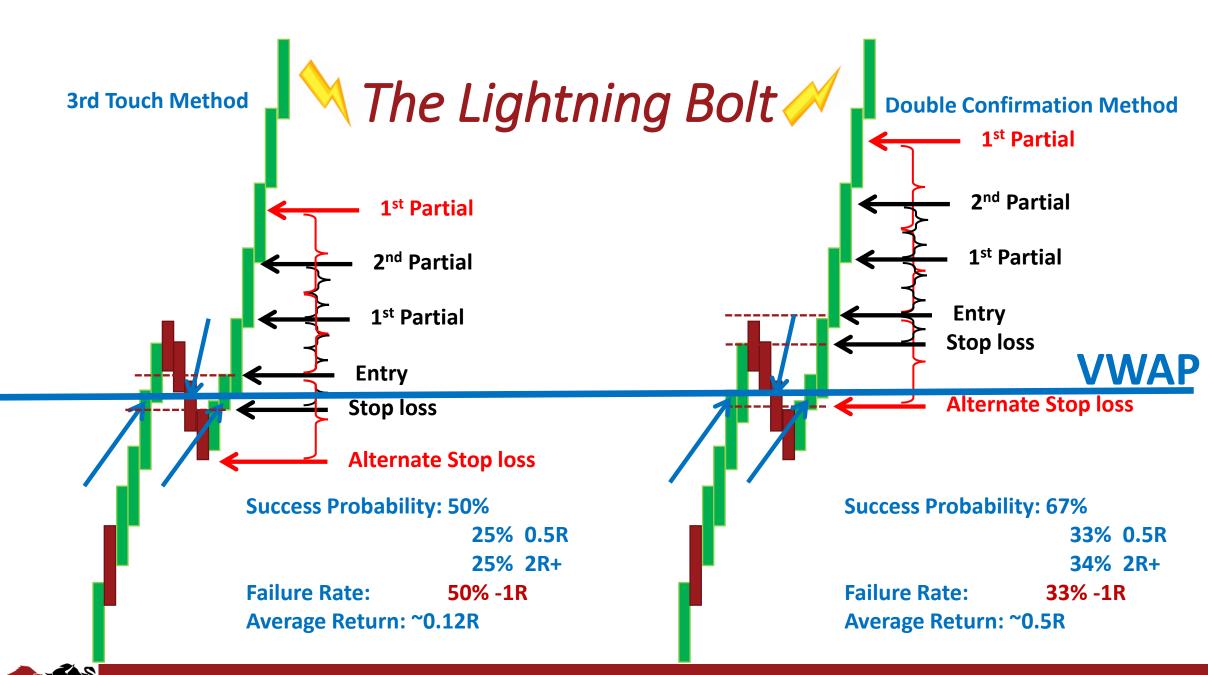
Stop Loss: The OPEN of the last candle on the other side of VWAP

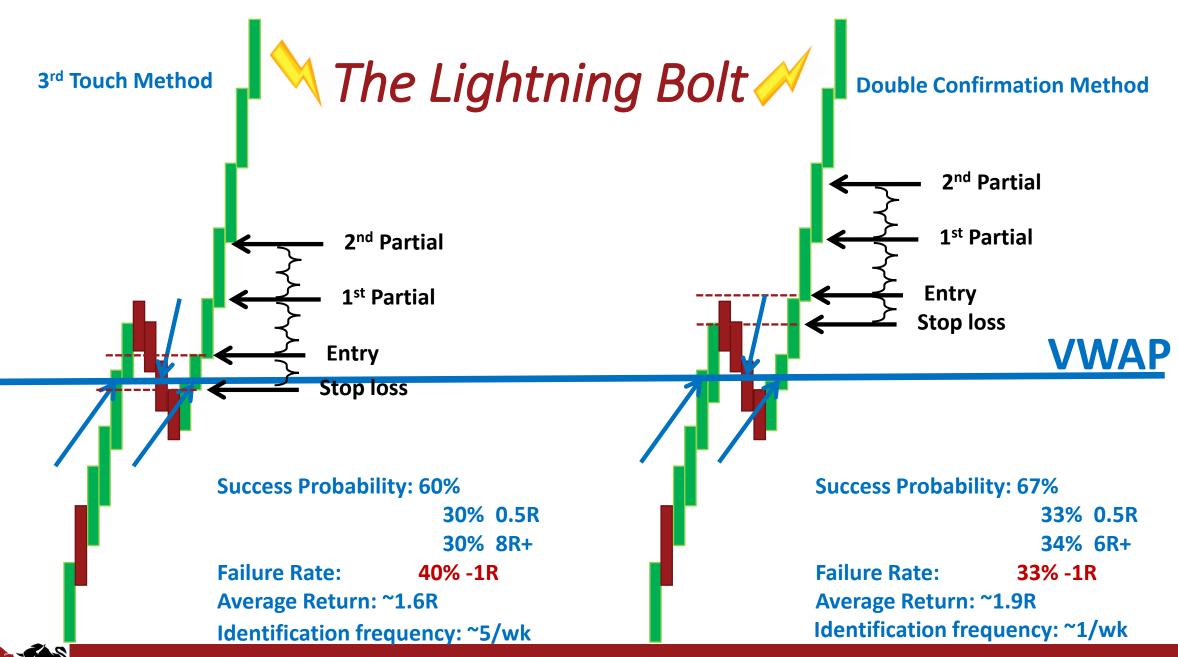
} abs(Entry - Stop Loss) = Trade Risk













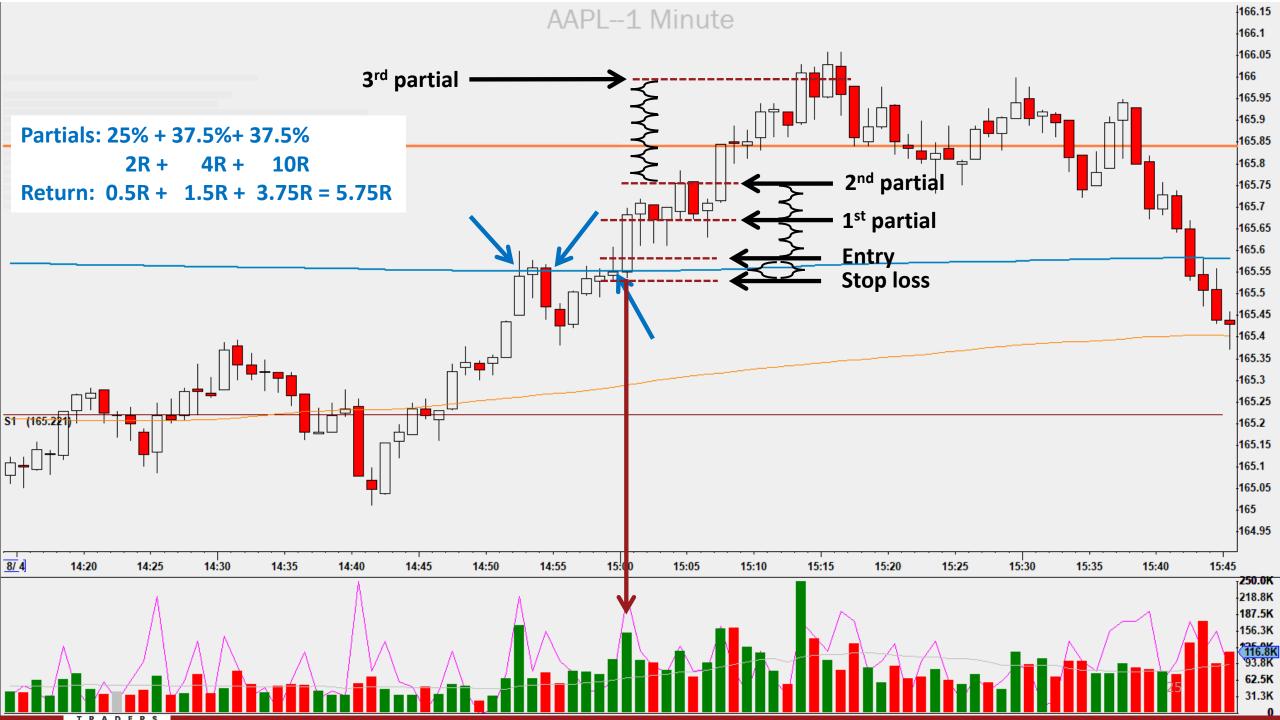
- Partials are taken as follows:
 - 1st partial- 2xRisk
 - 2nd partial- 4xRisk
 - 3rd + partial(s)- at major support/resistance, trend reversal or consolidation areas
- 1st partial is 25% of original size and all other partials are 50% of remaining size*
- Once a partial is taken, the trade is <u>ALWAYS</u> exited at break-even















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...as of 1pm...





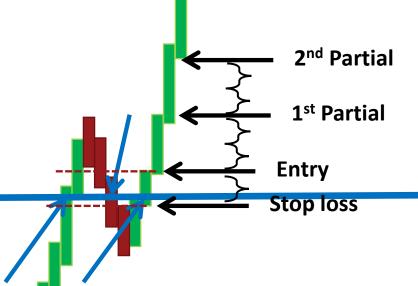


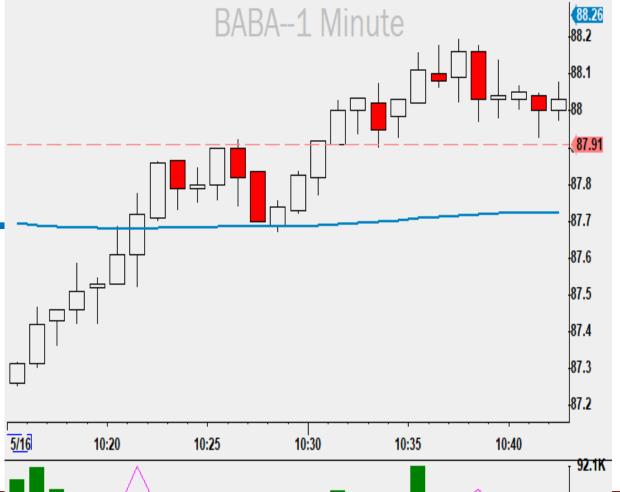






















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Final Lesson

Personally, I never EVER* take a trade the 1st time it goes through VWAP as >95% of the time it will pull back through!



^{*}Unless I fail to follow my strategies....which, unfortunately, does happen on occasion



