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Introduction

When studying a company's share price chart, many people like to also study a couple of favourite indicators (eg. MACD, RSI, OBV), and use a particular time period and viewed time frame. Having devised a favourite "appearance" for the chart, it can then be useful to save this so that it can easily be applied to other stocks — using the Template feature. The appearance of the chart is a "template".

It is very handy to understand the concept of a BullCharts Template, and how templates work. Not only the templates themselves, but also how to customise the Templates toolbar.

In this article in Brainy's series on BullCharts (number BC-09-200) we take a look at the BullCharts Template — What is it? How is it different to a Workspace? How can we manage them?

What is a BullCharts Template?

A Template saves the "security-independent" elements of a price chart. That is, those chart elements that are not specific to the security. For example, the indicators, colours, time period, chart type and pane layout.

Take a look at the two price charts below.

The chart in Figure 1 is a daily chart of the XJO (S&P/ASX 200 index), and is a fairly plain and basic chart — no indicators, no colours.

The chart in Figure 2 is exactly the same chart after clicking on one of the Template Toolbar buttons. The action of clicking on the selected Template Toolbar button has applied a specific template to the price chart. In this case, the template has the following characteristics:

- A shorter timeframe of a few weeks instead of a few years.
- The Multiple Moving Average indicator and Bollinger Bands applied in the Price Pane.
- In the lower pane the Volume is shown using colours, and with three different Moving Averages applied.
- The lower pane also has four more indicators, all "stacked" behind the Volume pane. You can stack and unstack indicators using the F3 function key.

The usefulness of the Templates feature is that with the click of a button you can apply a pre-defined variety of indicators and style and appearance to a price chart.

How is this useful, and why would you

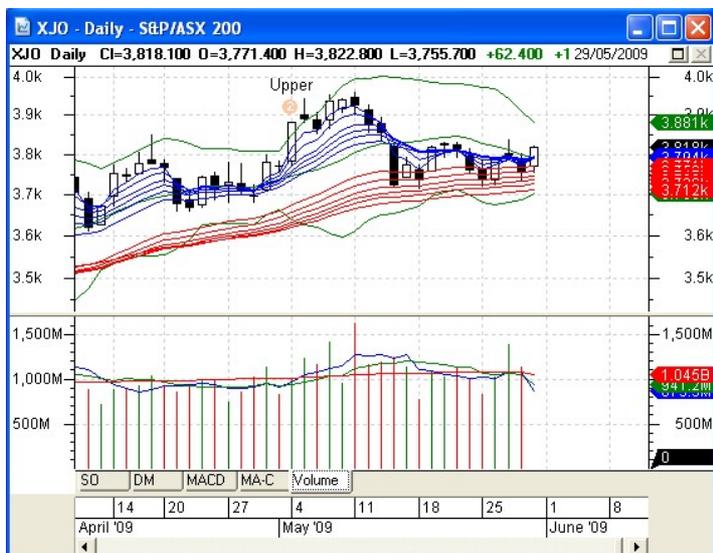*Figure 1: Price chart using a "plain" or "basic" template.*

Figure 2: Price chart using a "standard" template.

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