

A note to contributors to this thread and the discord room.

Trading profitably for most is elusive. I believe this is largely due to the vast amount of disinformation readily available to anyone through forums such as Forex Factory (FF) and other similar social media formats. Having been a member of FF since 2009 you may ask why I make such a statement. It is because I've been a member of FF that I can make this statement. I have been through and done everything wrong in trading that you and others have done and most of it I learned at FF. This is why I have retreated to the trading journal section of FF where things are quieter, trolling is less and those who visit the thread seem more genuinely interested in learning rather than hoping for the next new and promising combo of indicators.

The most important part of my trading education occurred with Shane Blankenship at languageofmarkets.com. It is where I learned price action as only Shane can teach it. I was a member off and on for a few years and during this time learned several critical elements of price action and market structure that vastly changed my trading.

My trading style is laid back. No scalping or high-energy demands required. I employ strict money management with a minimum of 3:1 on every trade. It doesn't bother me to let a week or two go by without entering a trade.

In 2021 I'll be continuing Winston's Supply and Demand Thread at the trading journal section at FF and also the discord room associated with the thread. However, I will implement some simple criteria for participation moving forward. The criteria will ensure that participants are focused on the principles being put forth on the thread and that they are genuinely interested in learning supply and demand concepts as presented in the thread. The criteria will also filter out absolute beginners although beginners can definitely begin with this thread but will not be able to contribute until they have reviewed some essential material. It is also intended to filter out "signal seekers" and "show-offs".

There will not be any requirement to post live trades or call trades in advance. In addition, there is no requirement for anyone to prove they are profitable, start a trade explorer or submit any other form for bragging rights or self-glorification. You can trade on demo or live account. It doesn't matter. Anyone demanding proof of any kind will be dealt with in the usual manner.

Starting with post # I have begun a series on "**Developing A Systematic Approach to Trading**" that is based in supply and demand concepts as I see them. It will contain many basic subjects that I believe are crucial for anyone to even begin to trade. I have noticed that aspiring traders often lack the simplest knowledge of price movement yet jump right into trading with both feet with either indicators or a poor understanding of price or both. With the series I hope to get beginning traders as well as so-called "seasoned" or "veteran" traders that have lost their way (unprofitable) oriented to price basics. Having a firm foundation in the concepts presented in this series will benefit anyone even if they choose to move on.

The series will be required reading to participate not only on the thread going forward but especially on the discord channel. How I will implement this is yet to be determined but I will not be opening the discord room until this is accomplished. Most likely I will require some kind of chart posting on the thread that shows an understanding of basic concepts. Having said this there are some traders that I know who have already demonstrated significant trading skill and knowledge that will not need to do this.

For now, the thread will have a red diamond posting requirement for new viewers. Those who subscribe to the thread and then pm me will also be allowed to post but only after satisfying the to-be-announced requirements.

Be sure that I don't do this for my own glory but rather to keep things simple and mainly to be able to have productive conversations on discord.