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New Content and Site Redesign

Hey guys,

2 pieces of news to share.

1) New Content (MQL5 + Python)

What if you bought a phone and got a TV for free? Because that's what's happening now!

You guys are getting content on MQL5 and Python for free.

- a) MQL5

We are adding a new course on MQL5. MQL5 is the programming language for MetaTrader 5.

Some of you have been asking for months if we should code on MT5 instead of MT4.

This is the gist of what we replied:

The MQL5 trading scene (brokers, codebase, community) is not mature. We won't be confident deploying MQL5 strategies yet.

That still holds true, we still recommend MQL4.

However, we have decided to release a short MQL5 course for those who really want it. We will release lectures for this course weekly over the next few months.

- b) Python and Machine learning

A poll was done recently and you guys asked for Python. And we are going to give it to you.

In today's environment, we feel that MQL4 is not suitable for machine learning. To implement machine learning for trading, we have decided to use Python.

Thus, we need to teach you guys Python before we can teach machine learning. You should start seeing content on Python and machine learning before the year ends.

2) Site redesign

We will be adding the following gradually over the next 3 months!

- a) Centralised Discussion Board

We heard you! You asked for a centralised discussion board. We will add this along with a FAQ section.

- b) Helpdesk

We will create a form to make it easier for you to ask for coding/trading help.

- c) Updates

Our course updates are posted on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/blackalgotrading/>). I'm sure almost none of you check that. So, we are adding an updates section on our site itself. This will include new contents and changes we made to our content.

d) AT101 Course re-organisation

Alright, this part is slightly more complicated. Our AT101 course has 380 lectures so far and 33 chapters (with more content added regularly). These 33 chapters will be split into 5 separate courses.

Don't worry, you'll get access to all 5 courses. You won't lose access to any content.

The reason why we are doing this is because:

- 1) Marketing and revenue. New visitors to our site can't tell what content we have because everything is hidden behind in one big course. Once we split the course up, we will display it on the homepage as 5 separate courses.
- 2) Organisation. It is more organised and easier to add content this way. We aim to add more content as separate courses (eg. MQL5, Python and Machine learning) as opposed to dumping all these content as new chapters in the AT101 course.

Sorry for the inconvenience. To ease the transition, we will still keep the mega AT101 course around for a while beside the 5 courses, so that you know which lecture you were last at. New students won't see this mega AT101 course though.

That's all for now. Feel free to hit reply if you have any questions.

Have a good week ahead!

Cheers,
Lucas