

Trader Workstation Installation and Configuration

The Trader Workstation (TWS) is a full-featured java-based trading and order entry application.

Trader Workstation (TWS) optimizes your trading efficiency with a spreadsheet-like interface offering the ability to trade multiple products including stocks, options, futures, futures options, bonds, and foreign exchange (Forex) from a single screen.

The following steps will help you to install and configure Trader Workstation.

Installation

The platform can be downloaded from the following link:

http://download.interactivebrokers.com/download/tws40_install.exe

If you want to install the platform on a Mac, use this link:

http://www.interactivebrokers.com/download/TWSX_install.pkg.zip

Your browser will open and ask you to run or save the file. Please note that the initial download is Trader Workstation, but it is the same as Halifax Options Trader.

Please note: Your live account and simulation account are both accessed through the same platform – Trader Workstation.

Java

The most common problem during installation is an error message relating to Java, and it will not let the installation continue. Java is required for installation, and must be installed before running TWS installation.

The latest version of Java can be downloaded from www.java.com. Simply follow the onscreen instructions to download Java.

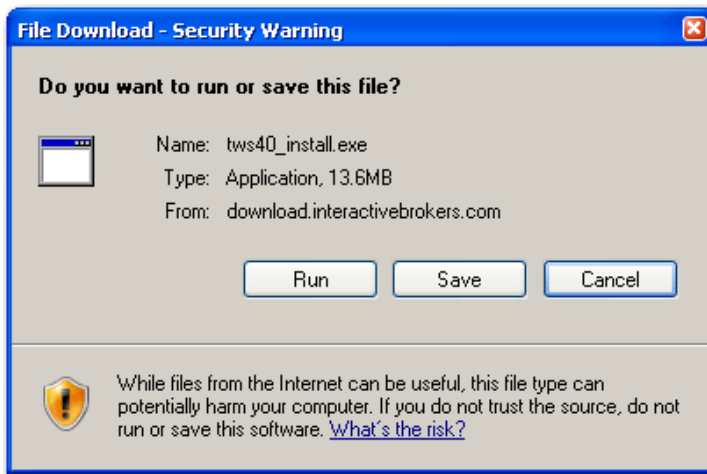
Once Java has been installed, restart the installer for TWS.

Once the platform is installed, there should be a square purple icon on your desktop called 'Trader Workstation', and a program folder under your Start menu by the same name.

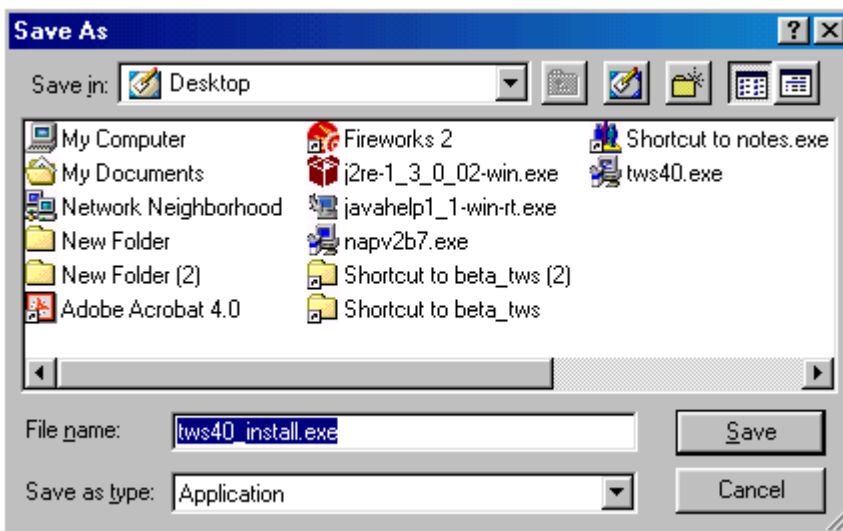


Quickstart Guide

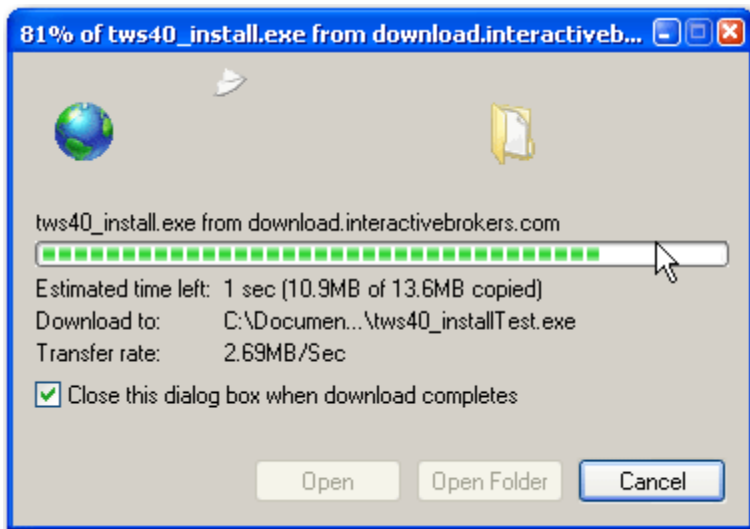
1. When you click on the link, you will see the following popup. Click on Save.



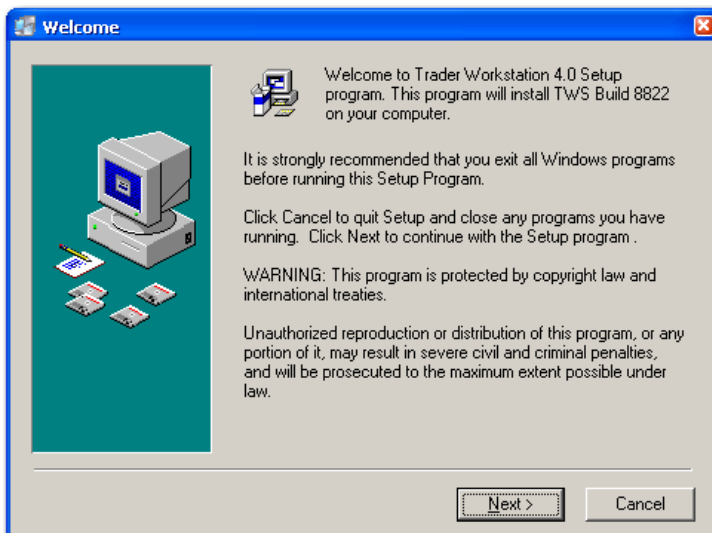
2. The "Save As" box will appear prompting you to save the application. You may either change or accept the defaults, and click Save.



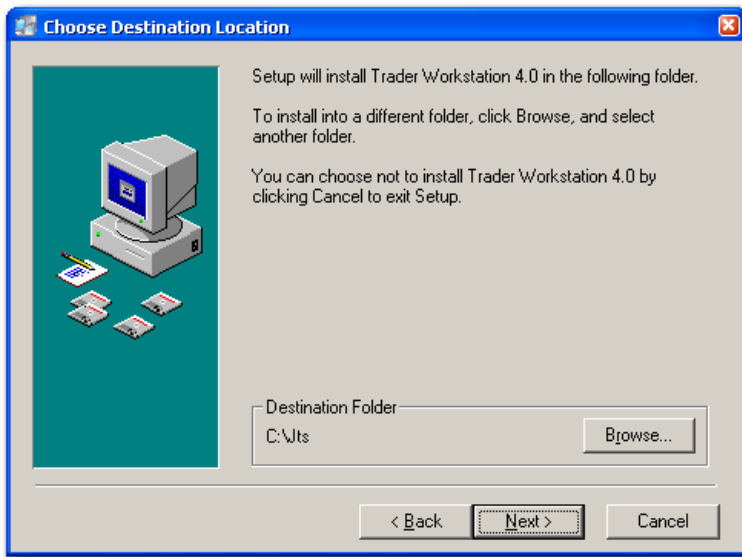
3. The "File Transfer" box shows the estimated download time of the software application. Once the download is complete, you will either be prompted to click "OK" or your screen will return to the download page.



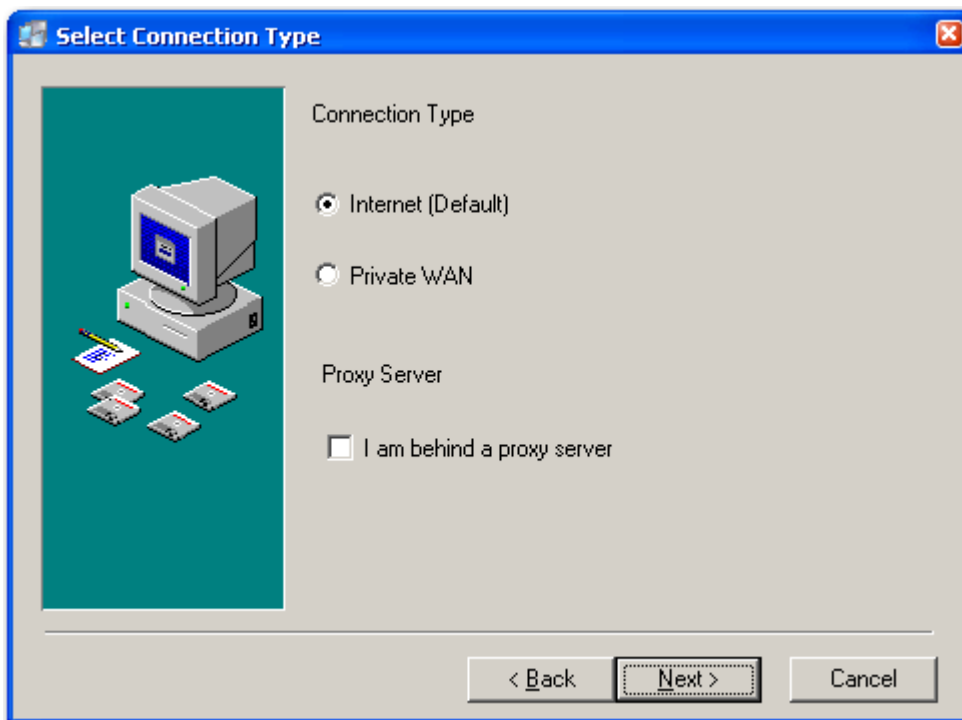
4. If you saved the file to your desktop, find the TWS icon and double-click to start the installation. If you changed the directory, find the saved file and open it. Click Run when you are prompted to Save or Run.
5. Click Next in the Welcome box to begin installing TWS.



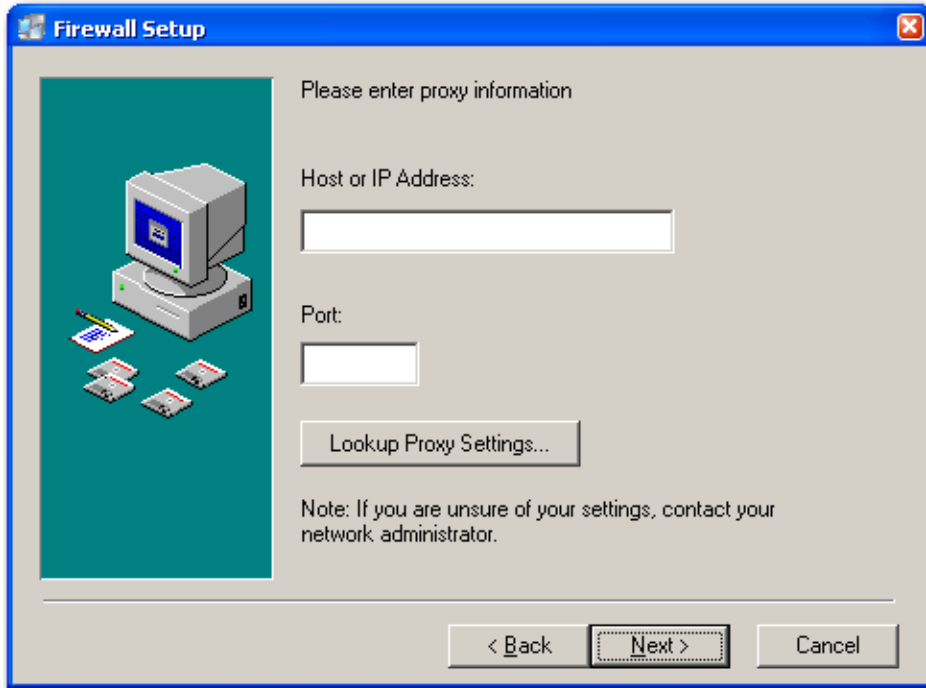
6. In the "Choose Destination Location" box change the directory only if necessary, and click "Next."



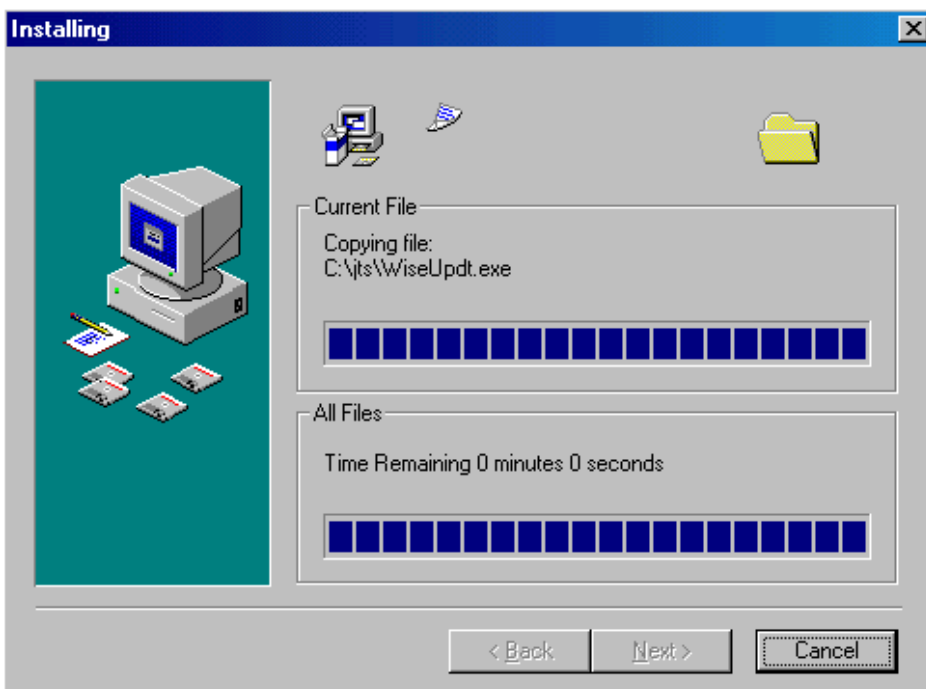
7. Select your connection type, and check I am behind a proxy server if you connect to TWS from behind a firewall, proxy server, gateway or restricted router.
 - If you select only Internet, the next box will ask you to select a language.
 - If you select only WAN, the next box will ask you to select a server.
 - If you have checked the "behind a proxy" checkbox for either connection type, you will next need to enter proxy information, including a host or IP address and a port.



8. After you have entered the necessary IP address and Port, click "Next."



9. The "Installing" box shows the progress and estimated time left to complete the install. Installation times will vary from user to user based on their system and internet connection.



10. Click "Finish" to complete the installation.