



Brainy's Articles on BullCharts

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Stock Codes, Indices, Currencies

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Introduction

We already know that BullCharts is a share price charting software package. But we might wonder exactly what sort of shares, or stocks, or other financial instruments it can chart.

In this article in Brainy's series on BullCharts (number BC-05-100) we take a look at the range of stocks, market indices and currencies that can be viewed in BullCharts. A list of the available items is provided, plus some tips about how to get the latest list.

Overview

Just to briefly summarise, BullCharts can display price charts for the following instruments:

- Australian stocks
- Australian indices (eg. XJO, XAO, etc.)
- Overseas stocks
- Overseas indices (eg. Dow Jones Industrial, FTSE, DAX, etc.)
- Currencies (eg. AUD-USD).

More information on what is available, and how to view them, is provided below.

Where does the data come from?

The first thing to understand is that the data for the Australian stocks/securities and indices is stored in the "local" BullCharts database on the PC along with the BullCharts software. There is no overseas stock data, or index data, stored locally. When you try to view a chart for an overseas instrument, the BullCharts software sends a request for the data over the internet to the BullCharts servers, and the data comes back for display.

How to view a price chart?

There are a couple of ways to view a price chart. Assuming that a price chart is already displayed, you can do one of the following:

- Click in the Symbol entry field in the Security Toolbar and type the symbol code (see Figure 1 at right).
- In the Security Manager, click on an entry (eg. any of the items as shown in Figure 2 at right).
- Use the menu option: *View > Change Symbol* (or function key F4).



Figure 1: Security Toolbar.

Australian Stocks

BullCharts is primarily used to view (and analyse) price charts for the stocks (ie. securities) that comprise the Australian stock market. A list of these is available in BullCharts in the Security Manager window pane (see the screen shot in Figure 2 at right, noting that "All Securities" is selected in the upper portion of the window pane). As at late March 2009, the Securities Manager pane (at right) shows a total count of 2453 Securities near the bottom of the view.

Now this list includes: regular stocks (eg. the miners, banks, etc., etc.), plus all the Australian indices, plus items like AAEDA (shown in the figure at right) which is the Agri Energy Limited Deferred Settlement stock.

It is important to remember that you can manipulate and resize

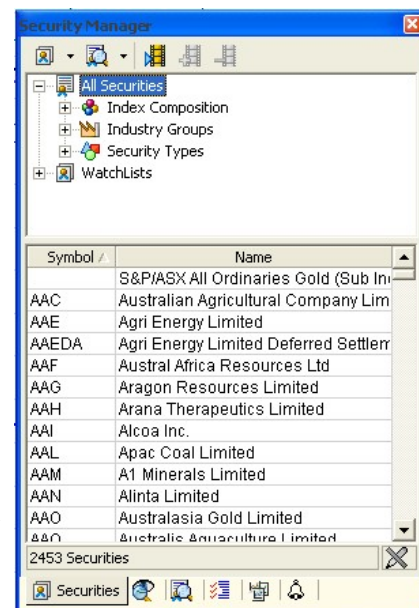


Figure 2: List of securities in Security Manager.