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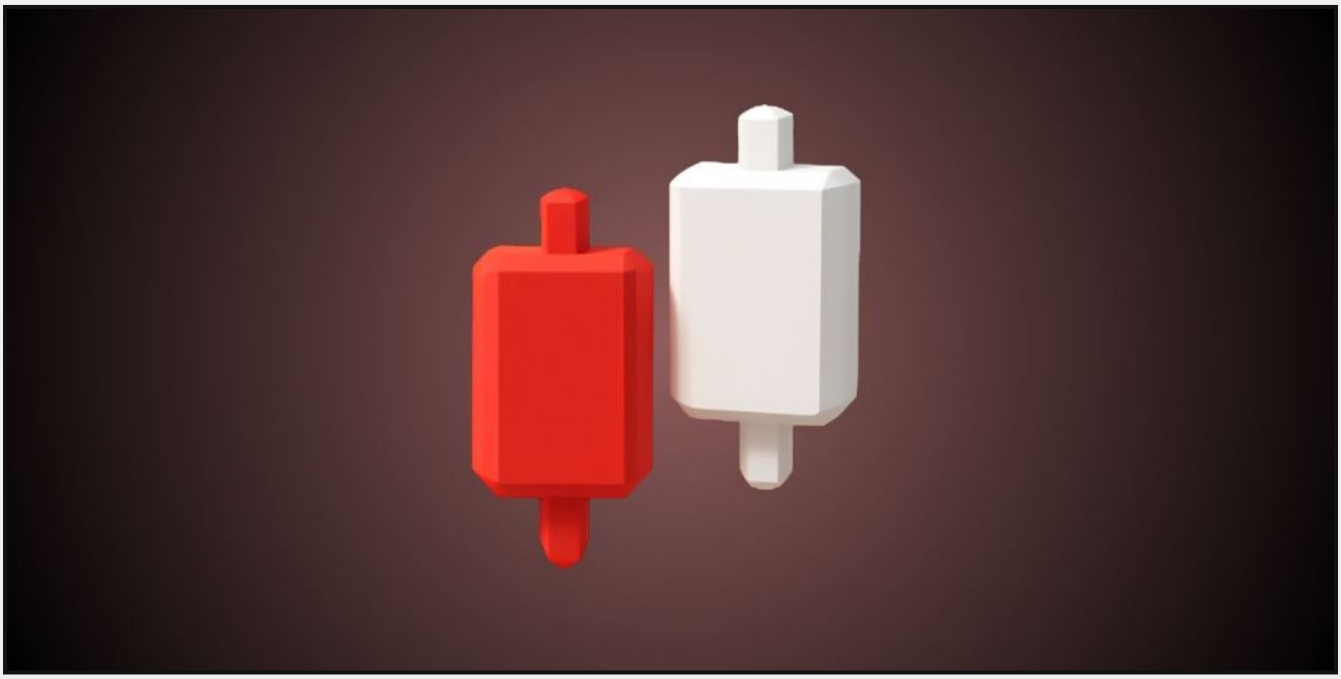
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What Is TradeRange?

A free platform for practising trading decisions through games, not a fake brokerage account.

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TradeRange is a free web app built around two things: a custom ETF backtester for testing longer-term portfolio ideas against real price history, and a set of daily stock-market puzzle games for practising short-term decisions. "Markets close. Games stay open" is the site's own way of putting it.

The custom ETF backtester

Pick any tickers, set weights, choose a rebalancing schedule and an initial investment, and run the combination against up to a decade of real historical price data.

- CAGR and total return
- Sharpe and Sortino ratios
- Maximum drawdown
- Monthly return heatmap
- Sector, market-cap and geographic exposure

- Benchmarking against SPY, QQQ, VTI, VOO and VT

The daily games

A new puzzle appears each day for every one of these, and everyone worldwide sees the same one — you get six tries and a spot on the global leaderboard.

- Stockle — guess the daily stock in six tries from info by categories.
- CandleDojo — identify the daily candlestick pattern in three tries.
- CandleDirect — eighteen real 15-minute candles visible, eight hidden; call up or down and score in seconds.
- AlgoBattle — trade a 15-minute session against a real trading algorithm and try to beat the machine.
- Buel — Kahoot-style multiplayer candle duels; create a room and race friends to read the chart first.
- Stockle Multiplayer — team version where one player sets the ticker and the rest take turns guessing.

> **Same puzzle, everyone, every day**
> Every daily puzzle rotates on a deterministic schedule, so the whole global leaderboard is competing on the exact same chart each day — not a random pull each user gets individually.

Is it free?

Yes. Building and backtesting portfolios, and playing every daily game, is free. A free account saves your portfolios and tracks your game scores over time.

Where to start

New to charts entirely: start with Stockle or CandleDojo. Already comfortable reading a chart and want reps on calling direction: CandleDirect or AlgoBattle. Thinking in months or years rather than single trades: the custom ETF backtester is where that question gets answered.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ✔ TradeRange combines a custom ETF backtester with six daily stock-market puzzle games.
- ✔ The backtester runs any basket of tickers against up to a decade of real price data, with CAGR, Sharpe, Sortino, drawdown and sector exposure.
- ✔ The daily games — Stockle, CandleDojo, CandleDirect, AlgoBattle, Buel, Stockle Multiplayer — give everyone worldwide the same puzzle and the same leaderboard each day.
- ✔ Both the backtester and every game are free; an account just saves your progress.

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