



What is FIX?

FIX, short for Financial Information eXchange Protocol, defines a standard for financial systems to communicate. When two systems are FIX enabled, they share a common language that makes it easy for them to interact. Most exchanges and ECN's in the United States support the FIX protocol, and it is being rapidly adopted throughout the rest of the world. You can find out more about the FIX protocol at www.fixprotocol.org

What is QuickFIX?

QuickFIX is an open source FIX engine. It integrates with financial applications giving them the connectivity they need to communicate with hundreds of systems around the world that support FIX. QuickFIX gives your applications the power to electronically interact with all these systems using a simple interface.

What types of transactions does QuickFIX support?

QuickFIX fully implements all the functionality of FIX versions 4.0 - 4.4. This includes support for such instrument types as equities, futures, options and more. Whether it be order entry, quote dissemination, trade reporting, or any of the many processes supported by FIX, QuickFIX can handle it. In addition to this standard functionality, QuickFIX is also extensible, allowing you to define custom fields and messages.

What kinds of firms use QuickFIX?

QuickFIX is in use by both buy-side and sell-side firms. These include large exchanges, investment banks, hedge-funds, brokerages, trading firms, and even individual traders. QuickFIX's open license and free availability is appealing to users of many types in many countries.

How long has QuickFIX been around?

Version 1.0 of QuickFIX was first released to the public in March 1st of 2002. Later that month QuickFIX was already adopted into several production systems. Many of these systems are still operating today, 2 years after first being integrated.

How does the QuickFIX license work?

QuickFIX is based on the Apache license. This is a very liberal license that is compatible with the distribution of commercial software. The biggest requirement is to give credit where credit is due. Read the full license at www.quickfixengine.org/quickfix/doc/html/license.html

Tell me something technical.

Ok. The QuickFIX core is implemented in C++, and comes with .NET and JAVA wrapper API's. QuickFIX runs on multiple platforms including Windows, Linux, Solaris, FreeBSD and Mac OS X.

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