

USER GUIDE

HotkeyBridge

Trade at the speed of thought.

Complete Feature Manual · MetaTrader 5

A hotkey execution & trading-discipline tool for MT5.
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1 Getting Started

Install the app, sign in, and connect it to MetaTrader 5.

Install & sign in

- Download the installer from **hotkeybridge.com** and run it. If Windows shows a security prompt, choose **Run anyway** (or Run as administrator).
- Open HotkeyBridge and log in with your account email and password. A 7-day free trial is available.

Connect MetaTrader 5

- Open MetaTrader 5 and make sure the **HotkeyBridge EA** is attached to a chart, with **Algo Trading** enabled (the smiley face is showing).
- The header shows **CONNECTED** and your account when linked. **MT5: FOCUSED** means the terminal is the active window.

Tip: Attach the EA to one chart per terminal. Trades execute on the chart symbol you are focused on.

2 Arming & Executing Trades

*HotkeyBridge only sends trades when it is **armed**. This prevents accidental orders.*

Arm / Disarm

- Click **ARM** to enable execution. The status changes from **DISARMED** to **ARMED**.
- Click again to **DISARM** when you are done trading.

Enter trades with hotkeys

- **BUY** (market long): **Ctrl + Alt + Q**
- **SELL** (market short): **Ctrl + Alt + S**
- Trades open on the **active chart's symbol** using your current Lot / Stop Loss / Take Profit settings.
- Right-click any command card to customise its hotkey.

Tip: Keep MT5 focused (mouse over the terminal) when firing hotkeys, so the trade lands on the intended chart.

3 Position Management

Manage open positions instantly with one keystroke.

- **Breakeven** — move Stop Loss to entry. **Ctrl + Alt + E**
- **Half Close** — close 50% of the position. **Ctrl + Alt + 1**
- **Close Symbol** — close all positions on the active chart. **Ctrl + Alt + Z**
- **Flatten All** — close every position on the focused terminal. **Ctrl + Alt + C**

Note: If a position is too small to half-close (below the broker minimum), it is left untouched with a clear message — it is never fully closed by mistake.

4 Trade Settings

Set your default order size and protection before you trade.

- **Lot size** — the volume for each manual trade. Use +/- or type a value.
- **Stop Loss** — protective stop distance in pips (0 = none).
- **Take Profit** — target distance in pips (0 = none).

Tip: These manual settings are used when Auto Sizing and Click-to-Set are OFF. When those are ON, size and stops are calculated for you.

5 Auto Position Sizing

Size every trade to a fixed % risk, with the stop placed at the candle high/low.

How it works

- Open the **AUTO SIZE** window and turn on **Enable auto position sizing**.
- Set **Risk per trade** (e.g. 1%). The app shows the money value per trade.
- Choose the **stop-loss candle timeframe** (5M / 15M / 1H / custom) and lookback — the stop is placed at that candle's high/low, plus a buffer.
- When you BUY/SELL, the lot size is calculated so that hitting the stop equals your chosen risk %.

Safety limits

- **Max lot size cap** — an upper ceiling; the calculated lot is never larger than this.
- If the required lot is below the broker minimum, or the position would exceed your margin, a clear message explains why (reduce risk %, widen the stop, or adjust the cap).

Important: A tight stop with a high risk % produces a large position. If a trade is rejected for margin, lower the risk % or widen the stop.

6 Click-to-Set Stop Loss

Set your stop exactly where you want it on the chart — the app sizes the trade to your risk.

How it works

- In the AUTO SIZE window, turn on **Enable click-to-set stop loss**. (This and Auto Sizing are mutually exclusive — only one runs at a time.)
- **Shift + Click** on the chart at your intended stop level. A preview line and the calculated lot size appear. Plain clicks just navigate the chart.
- Press **BUY** or **SELL** to open the trade — direction from the key you press, stop from your click, size from your risk %.

Discipline: With Click-to-Set on, a BUY/SELL will only fire if you have Shift+Clicked a stop first. This prevents accidental un-stopped trades.

Tip: If you press BUY but your click is on the wrong side (a stop above entry for a long), the trade is rejected with a message.

7 R-Multiple Take Profit

Auto-place your target as a multiple of your risk (1R = your stop distance).

- In the AUTO SIZE window, enable **R-Multiple Take Profit** and choose **1R / 1.5R / 2R / 3R** (or a custom value).
- The take profit is placed at **(stop distance × R)** from entry — e.g. a 20-pip stop at 2R gives a 40-pip target (1:2 risk-to-reward).
- Works with both Auto Sizing (candle stop) and Click-to-Set (your clicked stop).

Tip: Set 2R to enforce a minimum 1:2 reward on every trade automatically.

8 Risk Manager

Automatically protect your account with hard limits that halt trading.

Daily limits

- **Daily Loss Limit** — stop trading if the day's loss reaches your amount.
- **Daily Profit Target** — stop and lock in gains at your target.
- **Max Trades / Day** and **Max Losing Streak** — count real positions (scaling out of one position counts as one trade).
- **Trailing Daily Loss** — lock in profit by capping the giveback from the day's peak.
- **Max Total Open Lots** — block new trades if open volume gets too large.

Blocked instruments

- Add symbols you should not trade (e.g. one you keep losing on). New trades on them are blocked.
- Optional **auto-close**: any position opened on a blocked symbol — even manually — is closed automatically.

When a limit is hit

- Close all positions · disable the ARM button · show an alert · optionally close MetaTrader and lock it until the daily reset.

Lock your settings

- **Lock Settings** for a chosen number of days so you cannot loosen your own rules in a weak moment.

9 Step Away (Lock-Out)

Your one-click discipline button for when you know you should stop.

- Press **STEP AWAY** and confirm (type **LOCK**).
- It closes all positions on the focused terminal, closes MetaTrader, and locks you out until the daily reset.
- Positions are always closed and confirmed **before** the terminal is closed — you are never locked out with an open position.

For the moments you know you should stop — but need help doing it.

10 Daily Accountability Journal

Commit before you trade, log as you go, and grade your discipline — not just your P&L.

Before the session

- Open the **JOURNAL** and fill **My Numbers Today** (1R, max risk, soft/hard stop, attempts) and the pre-session checklist.

After the session

- Log each trade, tick any rule violations (any tick = a FAIL day), and record your grade and one thing to change tomorrow.
- The result is auto-computed: **PASS** (zero violations) or **FAIL**, plus your clean-day streak.

Discipline gate (optional)

- In the Risk Manager, turn on **Require pre-session journal before trading**. The app will not ARM until today's checklist is complete. You can always still close positions.

Core principle: A red day with zero violations is a PASS. A green day with a violation is a FAIL. You are graded on discipline.

11 Dashboard & Stats

Review your performance and discipline on the web dashboard.

- Sign in at **hotkeybridge.com/dashboard** to see stats, per-day P&L, and your account calendar.
- Days with a journal are marked **green (PASS)** or **red (FAIL)**. Click a day to open its full report — daily statistics plus your journal for that date.
- Everything is per-account: switching accounts shows that account's journals and stats only.

12 Language & Settings

- Use the language selector (top-right) to switch between **English**, **Русский**, and **Română**. The app restarts to apply the language.
- Only one copy of HotkeyBridge runs at a time. Closing the window hides it to the system tray (the HTK icon) — it keeps running in the background.

Need help? Visit hotkeybridge.com or contact support from your dashboard.