

Managing trendlines in TCnet

It appears that this will work the same in both the old TCnet and the new TC2005... but there are separate files that contain all your trendlines and other studies that are manually added to each chart. One file per chart, but the files are identified by the 'secret' TC id number -- which you can find easily for the chart you are working on by adding a trendline or a text note, then go to File Explorer in the directory

C:\Program Files\TeleChart\User\Data\TrendLines

and click on the "modified" column to sort with the newest date/time at top... the file on top of the list is the one you just worked on.

Knowing this can provide a few advantages.

If you want to experiment with studies, but not lose what you already had on that chart, you could copy that file into a temp or backup directory for safekeeping, to be copied back later if you want to restore the original studies. (I change the name of the backup file to add the ticker and the date it was saved -- easier to manage the backup files later).

If you want to share your trendlines, fib lines, etc with someone else, just email the appropriate .TRN file to them; they can then save their present file with that id number and copy yours into the directory. All their studies will now show on your chart !!

If you want to keep all your trendlines the same on two computers, you can ZIP all the files in that directory on the current machine, and expand the zip file on the second pc to update all the files so they are exactly the same as the first pc.

Of course, if you dont trust the built-in backup/restore function in TC you can zip the directory periodically and label the zip file with the backup date.

A fairly recent cross-reference between tickers and TC id numbers is available at <http://tc.stockcharts.cc>

Personally, I think the niftiest aspect of this is the ability to email chart studies back and forth between ourselves!