

{quote} This, for me, has been the crux. Finding some nice shiny zones to put on the chart is the easy part. EU hourly is quite nice at the moment for placing zones, I have three very distinct zones to keep an eye on. You can see them in the chart below. What i've seemed to struggle with is defining what the zone means and finding an entry to suit, this is where pres excels. My next comment is for people reading this thread and for people reading through his past posts. In my eyes what makes pres an excellent trader is the ability to pick the entries...

Now Liam are you saying my recent posts have not been detailed enough 🤖 I think I have said lots considering I said I was done posting to a basically dead forum.

Entries are the key and the most difficult to learn and to teach. I think I could teach most people to read the charts better and to find better entries but not in the format. In person or online training perhaps with live charts and where I could talk would make things much easier than trying to convey complex thoughts in a written forum. That all equals more time that I do not have however...

It is hard to teach other to trade you do when using a subjective method like VSA. It is subjective because there are so many variables that differ from trader to trader. Quality of brokers volume feed (size of liquidity pool), broker server time (gives us the whole 4hr charts all look different issue). These issues combined with each of our interpretations on what exactly is UHV or low volume. What bar prints we like for ND, ND or test etc...

To successfully teach people to trade on these forums you need a system that is 100% mechanical with set variables that everyone can follow with no differences. These systems normally involve a few conformation indicators and when all indicators are in line you pull the trigger. Simple, no judgement needed. Does this work? Yes it sure does however as indicators are mostly lagging you can risk getting whipsawed (most of these mechanical systems are trend following) and getting in right at the end of the moves.

Can VSA be made mechanical? Somewhat yes. Every trader should have a trade plan that states you will only take low volume tests into "insert location here" and so on. We can make fixed rules for ourselves and only take trades that meet our rules. I have a trade plan myself that I am forever tweaking but over the years I have also become a bit more open in my trading and thinking and as such run a bit more flexible in my entry criteria. I have become adept at reading moves and knowing when to get in, when to get out and when to stay in etc... It takes a lot of time and a lot of effort and like I said I think I could teach people to better view the markets but I am not sure I can accomplish this on here.

Anyway VZA is a great first step. Once you are able to apply the zone and start to see the reactions to these zones you will be able to start picking out entries in hindsight at first and eventually at the right edge. As I said before one really needs to spend time understanding how the market really moves and why. Understanding supply and demand and what each look like as they unfold will bring you miles ahead in your trading. Supply and demand make up the VZA zones and when you see first how the zone was formed on the smaller TF's and then the reactions after will help you in deciding who is truly in control and where you are trading with them or against them.