

# HIGHER TIME FRAME MASTERCLASS



PART 1

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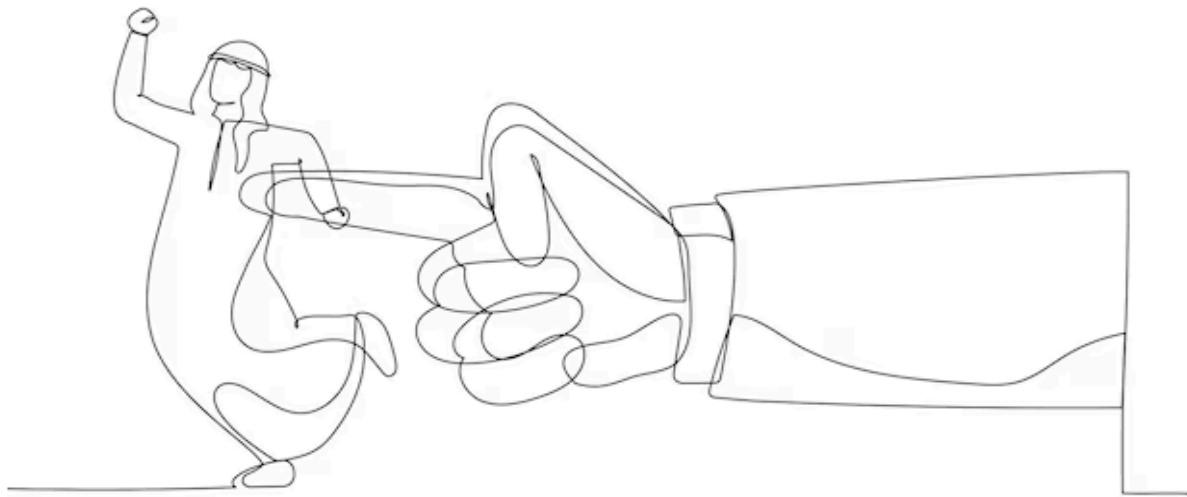
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# 1. INTRODUCTION

As a lot of you already know I'm back to writing PDF's. If you haven't read my last one about "Thought Loops" I recommend you read it. I will be posting the PDF in free discord (link in bio). Sometimes, psychology is not the only thing holding you back in trading, psychology is often a topic that gets shoved down people's throats, mainly by twitter traders who don't even have the basic idea on how psychology works and 0 life experience to babble on and seem smarter and more qualified when they're the dumbest people on earth that photosynthesise in their rooms every day even though they have so much money and freedom (most of them at least). Psychology is often the easiest thing to throw out there as a solution when you don't have or you're not capable of giving a solid answer, don't get me wrong psychology sometimes IS an issue but not always. For this analogy I'll bring back little Timmy from the dead and my past PDF's and posts. Little Timmy loves football, he plays it daily, he puts in most of his days into it, trains very hard, envisions his future as a professional footballer. Little Timmy is very dedicated but in real matches and competitions he struggles, he is horrible. Little Timmy goes to his coach and asks for advice (Just as you guys go to your favorite twitter traders DM's for guidance). The coach tells Timmy: "In my opinion you are struggling because you get very scared and your mind isn't in the right spot, you get flustered and anxious while on the pitch". The reality is little Timmy is doing the worm on the pitch and rolls around on the ground because the coach showed him he should do that and the coach is blind and kinda special just like Timmy.

This is the reality of many of you, the common consensus on our dear ICT trading twitter is “You can find everything for FREE why pay for education” but the truth is 99% of the time you're getting your information from droolers and mouth breathers worse than you, that just want validation and copy paste my and other people who know what we’re talking about. You have NO idea how many threads and posts I've seen reciting me word for word, even bigger accounts. These guys don’t know how to structure their own tweets or get their thoughts on paper. This is exactly why I recommend people I recommend because they know what they're talking about and will give you proper information and set you up. Lots of you are just misinformed, suck at trading or have a terrible model. So let me save you from the droolers I see daily on my timeline posting education but can't mark out an order block properly on the chart let alone trade it while launching mentorships, and give you a proper nudge in the right direction.



HTF: Higher Timeframe

## 2.CONTEXTUALIZING HTF

Having proper HTF knowledge is crucial, It will make or break your trading. If you're trading without the context of HTF in your day to day you're trading blindly. Yes there are scalping models, yes there are single time frame models but for 99% of people trading ICT you're using some sort of time frame alignment and you believe that the price is fractal, so why kick out the most important part.

The first and the most crucial step, and the question I get all the time in my twitter DM's is: Where do I start? This happens because you enter a thought loop and analysis paralysis when you open the HTF. You try to over complicate things by doing everything and anything but in the end it ends up being nothing. So how do you fix this?

You set up a checklist you follow every time you open up your chart and you cover the important steps instead of being all over the place and confusing yourself. When starting off and learning you start with something small then build around it you don't add 50 things i tell you. Your eyes and brain will need to adjust to this new thing and if you add 50 you suddenly get lost and confused.

The HTF is, in my opinion, the most important part of your analysis, as I've stated. It makes or breaks your model, so knowing how to use it properly is crucial. When using HTF correctly the chart starts to annotate itself in a way, it guides you while you move through the timeframes, like an earthquake that makes smaller and smaller waves. Trading becomes much easier when you align yourself with the HTF.

For HTF I consider 3 main timeframes:

- Monthly
- Weekly
- Daily

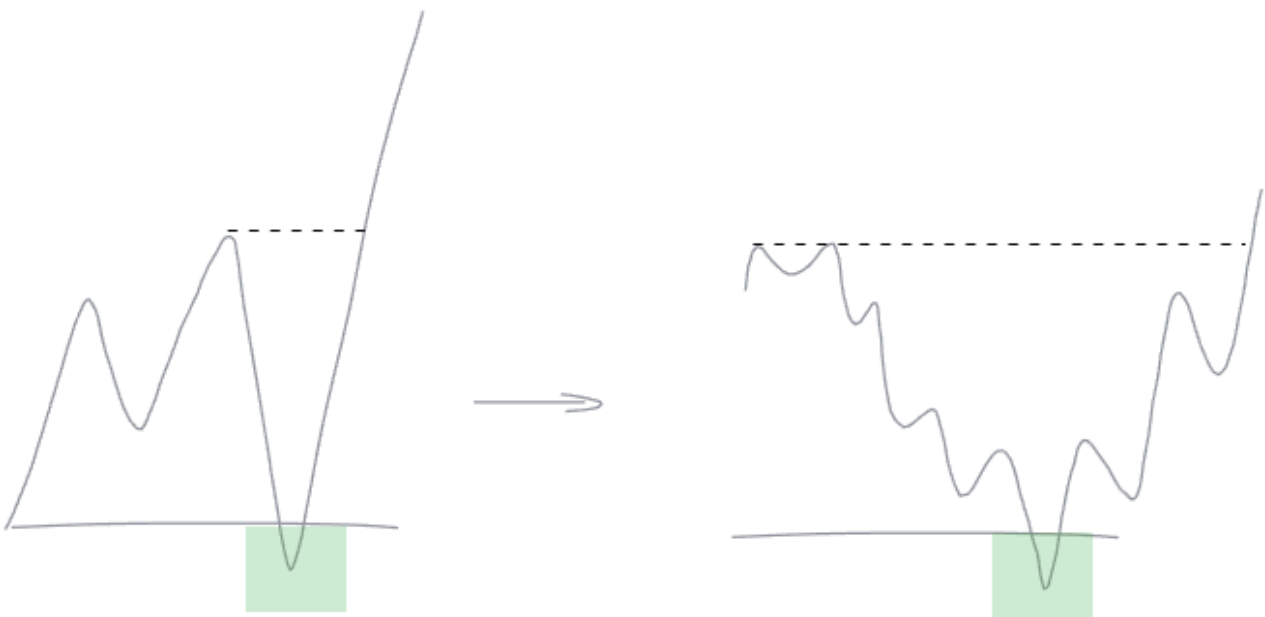
### 3. MONTHLY TIME FRAME

If the MONTHLY time frame is obvious and the direction/next move is clear then the WEEKLY and the DAILY will also be clear allowing us to trade properly.. However if the Monthly isn't clear then we drop to the Weekly to see if the Weekly is clear. Monthly timeframe I mainly use for MACRO analysis.

A lot of you guys already make a mistake here because you just raw dog your trades without thinking or analyzing if the HTF move is even there and makes sense. Why would you trade something that makes 0 sense to trade.

Price is fractal and the Monthly builds on the Weekly. When we're in a Monthly key level and the price action is clear we can drop to the Daily and observe a MMXM forming.

The key level can be an Orderblock, Old High/Low, FVG etc.



## 4. WEEKLY TIME FRAME

As I've stated, if the MONTHLY is not clear we drop down to the WEEKLY. At the start of every week we will determine the weekly candle direction. We need to determine in which direction the weekly candle is going to expand which will give us a rough directional bias for the current trading week.

The reason Monday is often skipped is just that, to see how the Monday moves and to give a hint in which direction the weekly candle will deliver.

If the WEEKLY chart is clear, and the direction of the candle is obvious then we can also conclude that the DAILY will be clear and easy to analyze.

Considering the weekly range we try to conclude, based on news events and the "3 QUESTIONS APPROACH" how the candlestick will look like. The weekly candle can be:

- OHLC - Open/High/Low/Close - Down candle / Bearish
- OLHC - Open/Low/High/Close - Up candle / Bullish

The base of what we do for the weekly chart analysis is seeing what the weekly profile will be and how the weekly range will play and align the two (So if we expect a bullish week, we obviously look at bullish profiles).

Our main process on the weekly consists of :

- Note the current dealing range - Discount/Premium
- How Weekly trades within the Monthly range
- Using Weekly Ranges we frame trades on the Daily Chart.
- Each week we can determine possible weekly profiles that are likely to unfold by looking at how the news events are laid out.

## 5.DAILY TIME FRAME

Continuing the trend of the previous chapters, after analyzing the MONTHLY and seeing its sub optimal, dropping to the WEEKLY and seeing it doesn't make sense, if we drop to the DAILY and its NOT AS CLEAR AS DAY we DONT TRADE.

You've heard the quote a million times:

*“Daily bias isn't every day bias, daytrading isn't every day trading”*

You don't force a trade when the trade isn't good it's very simple, patience is key. If the HTF isn't clear you don't engage in price that day and you save yourself the headache.

If the daily is clear then you can continue dropping down, obviously.

I will not go into timeframe alignments in this PDF but:

**Daily key level level → H1 MMXM → M5 Entry**

To analyze the daily properly we need to have a clear and strong understanding on how to do it. Analyzing the HTF is very simple if you have the proper process.

There are two approaches that you can take while analyzing these timeframes:

1. Simple approach
2. 3 question approach



## 6. 3 QUESTION APPROACH

The 3 questions approach refers to the 3 W's / 3 WHAT's you need to ask yourselves while analyzing the HTF.

This process is the COMPLETE process of analyzing the HTF, you don't need to follow it 100%, you can simplify it to fit your model but the steps must always be the same :

1. What is the current framework?
2. What is the draw on liquidity?
3. What is the current dealing range?

### **WHAT IS THE CURRENT FRAMEWORK:**

We need to ask ourselves:

- Where are the important buy-side and sell-side liquidity pools
- Are there any fair value gaps
- Was there a MSS What is the current orderflow
- What are the seasonal tendencies
- Is there an SMT

### **WHAT IS THE DRAW ON LIQUIDITY:**

The market will go for low-hanging fruit - low resistance liquidity / equal highs, relative equal highs .. have to be taken

- Are there any equal highs or lows
- Where is the low resistance liquidity
- Are we taking internal or external liquidity next

We are always either going to take external or internal so determine which we are trading to.

If we took INTERNAL, we will be going for EXTERNAL.

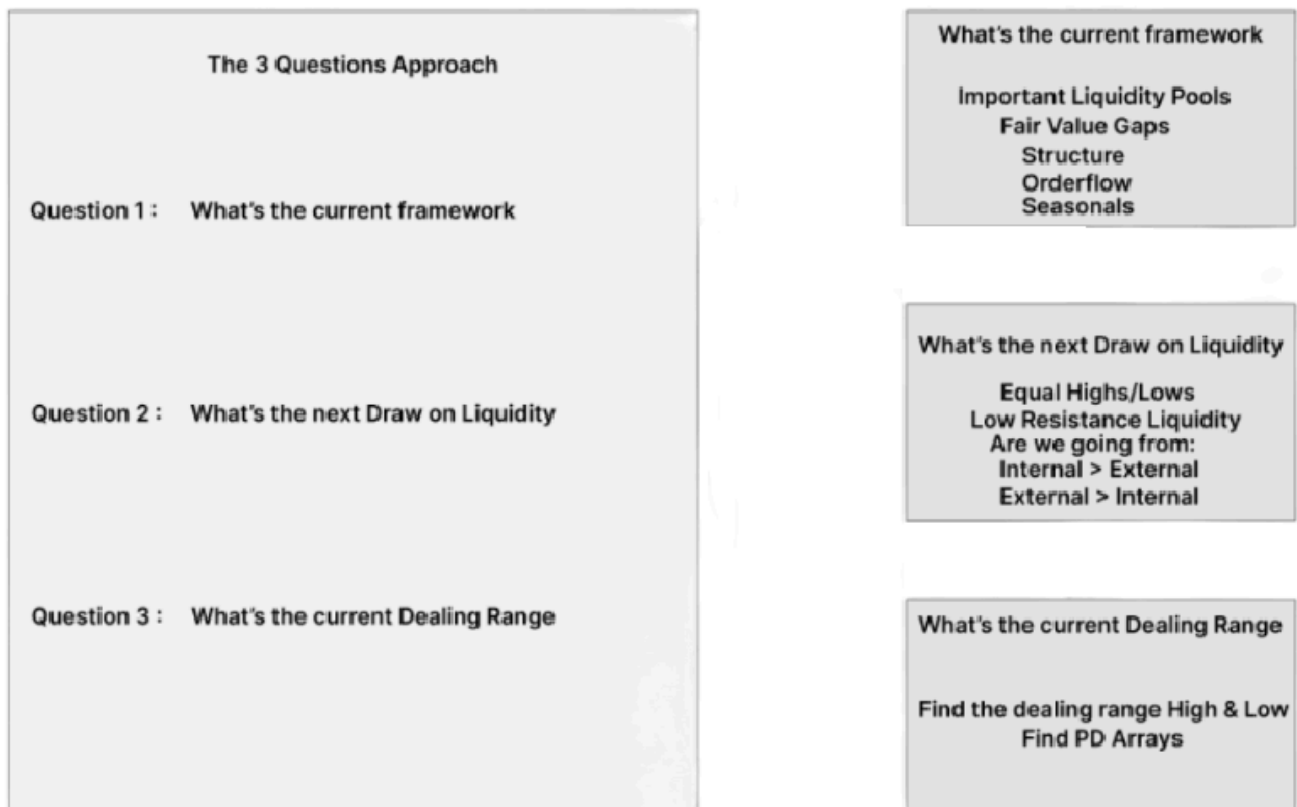
If we took EXTERNAL, we will be going for INTERNAL.  
This also works on the DAILY → Hourly

The external here is the PDL/PDH once we take the Low or the High of the previous day we can expect a retracement into the range on the hourly.

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT DEALING RANGE:

We need to find the low and the high of a range and pull a Fibonacci showing discount and premium.

Within this range we find PD Arrays to assist us in the delivery, we look for Order Blocks, Gaps, Lows/Highs etc. in discount if we want to long and are bullish and if we are bearish we look for them in premium to short.



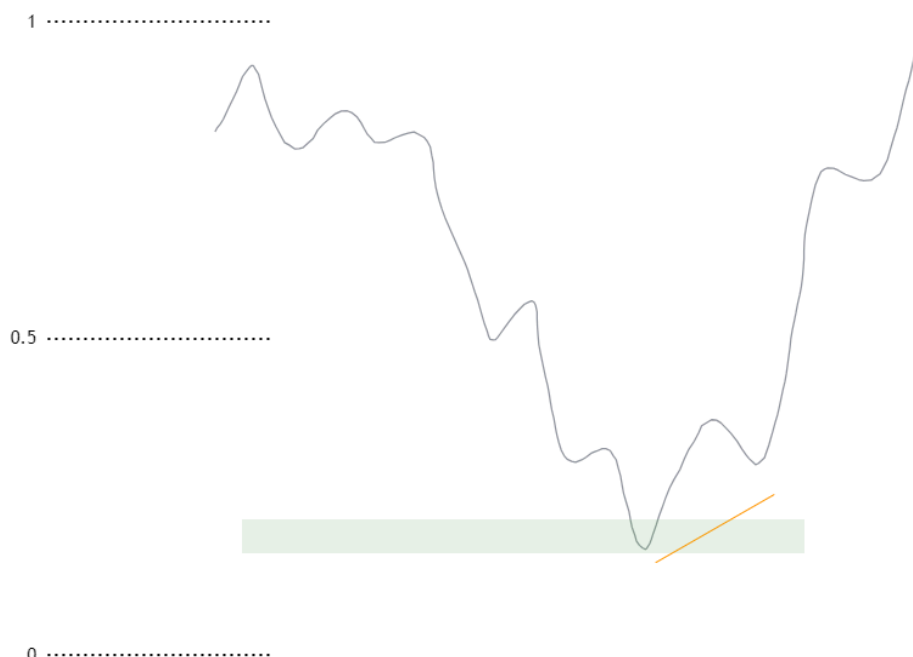
## 7. SIMPLE APPROACH

If you grasped the above mentioned way of analyzing and you understand the market you don't need to have your hand held with the questions so we can just use a small simple checklist that is EXTREMELY effective and which will give you an obvious answer on where we're going. Once you're advanced and ready to trade you yourself know you don't need to mark out every PD array every Liquidity pool etc. so we focus on the most important aspects.

We will focus on:

- Discount and Premium
- External → Internal
- Internal → External
- SMT [For example GBP-USD and EUR-USD]
- MSS
- Orderflow

If we're bullish we have a bullish draw on liquidity, look for a PD Array in discount with an SMT in it and EXTERNAL-INTERNAL or INTERNAL-EXTERNAL delivery.



## 8. NEWS

News events are our best friend for solidifying the directional bias of the weekly candle by framing the weekly profile. After determining in which direction the weekly candle will expand you will look at how the news are laid out this week and wait.

Look at forex factory and find high impact news events aligned with possible low/high of the week scenarios:

What day of the week

What time of day

What type of event

So if there's an economic calendar that has for instance on Tuesday or Wednesday a HIGH impact news driver then we know there's going to be manipulation on that specific day around that time giving us a hint on the possible weekly profile. We go in with the narrative in mind that they're going to use that initial manipulation to trick people with the wrong direction. (Judas Swing)

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	2:30pm	)	USD	🚩	FOMC Press Conference
	9:30pm	)	AUD	🚩	Employment Change
		)	AUD	🚩	Unemployment Rate

- The news event will either push price higher and we have a different profile in the later part of the week.
- Or it will hit a bullish/bearish PD Array and bounce from it creating the low of the week.

## 9. HIGH/LOW OF THE WEEK

I will be skipping the weekly profiles since that will be a topic for a whole another PDF but i hope you understood the gist from the previous chapter:

*“Look at forex factory and find high impact news events aligned with possible low/high of the week scenarios”*

After we have our possible weekly profile and the news event has hit making a low/high of the week, to further confirm we need to drop to the H1 timeframe and look for a MSS. The MSS confirms our weekly profile making the trade more stable.

Next thing we should do after the weekly profile is confirmed we WAIT.

Once again: day trading is NOT everyday trading it's a patience game more than anything especially if you want really high probability setups.

We should wait for the NEXT DAY and expect a clean CLASSIC BUY DAY. Where we have our low of the DAY in London [below MIDNIGHT] and a NY continuation.



## 10.CONCLUSION

I hope you enjoyed this PDF, you can either use it and add your own on LTF and ITF or you can wait for the next addition for a whole trade model. IF YOU WANT ANOTHER TRADE MODEL IN WHICH YOU CAN USE THE KNOWLEDGE FROM THIS ONE AND PLUG IT IN CHECK OUT THE NEWSLETTER IN MY BIO. The next PDF I create will either be 1) Psychology or 2) Part 2 of this PDF containing weekly profiles, seasonal tendencies and more. I hope you enjoyed the PDF if you did give me a follow and turn those notifications on to catch my tweets and make sure you join my free public discord. I hope the PDF taught you something new or opened up your eyes. I will for sure make an example PDF or thread going over examples of this, in the meantime I recommend you look at theMMXMtrader, daytradingrauf, matt\_loeber for more examples and quality trades you can dissect. If you have any ideas on the PDF's you'd want to see make sure you drop me a DM. Remember God loves you, have a good one.



I have no idea how the Introduction chapter is the longest one but we ball.