

Open the Metatrader4 platform.

Click "View" on the Menu Bar  
Click "Strategy Tester"

This will open Strategy Tester

Choose an EA, from the dropdown menu  
Choose a Symbol (Currency Pair)  
Choose Period  
Choose "Every Tick" on the Model dropdown  
Check "Use Data" box  
Choose your from and to dates you wish to test.

Click the "Expert Properties" button  
This will bring up the EA properties where you can change the settings if you need to.

If you want to see the trades in action on a chart, then check the "Visual Mode" box. You can run the test without this if you wish.

Click Start.

Once the strategy test is running and you have selected "Visual Mode" you can pause it and also add indicators to the chart if you wish.

You can view the trades made, modified and closed by choosing the "Results" tab. You can view a graph by choosing the "Graph" tab and when the test is over you can view the results summary by choosing the "Report" tab.

Back test results, are only as good as the history files you have. The history files are downloaded automatically from your forex broker and updated when running a strategy test and also updated when your platform is running with open charts. This history is not always good enough to get at least a 90% modeling quality for strategy tests. You can download history files direct from Metatrader. This history will give you better modeling quality for strategy tests, though this is not specific history from the forex broker you are using.

You can update your history files from Metatrader as follows: Go to...

Tools > Options > Charts tab

max bars in history - enter as many 9's as it will take

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Click OK

then go to:

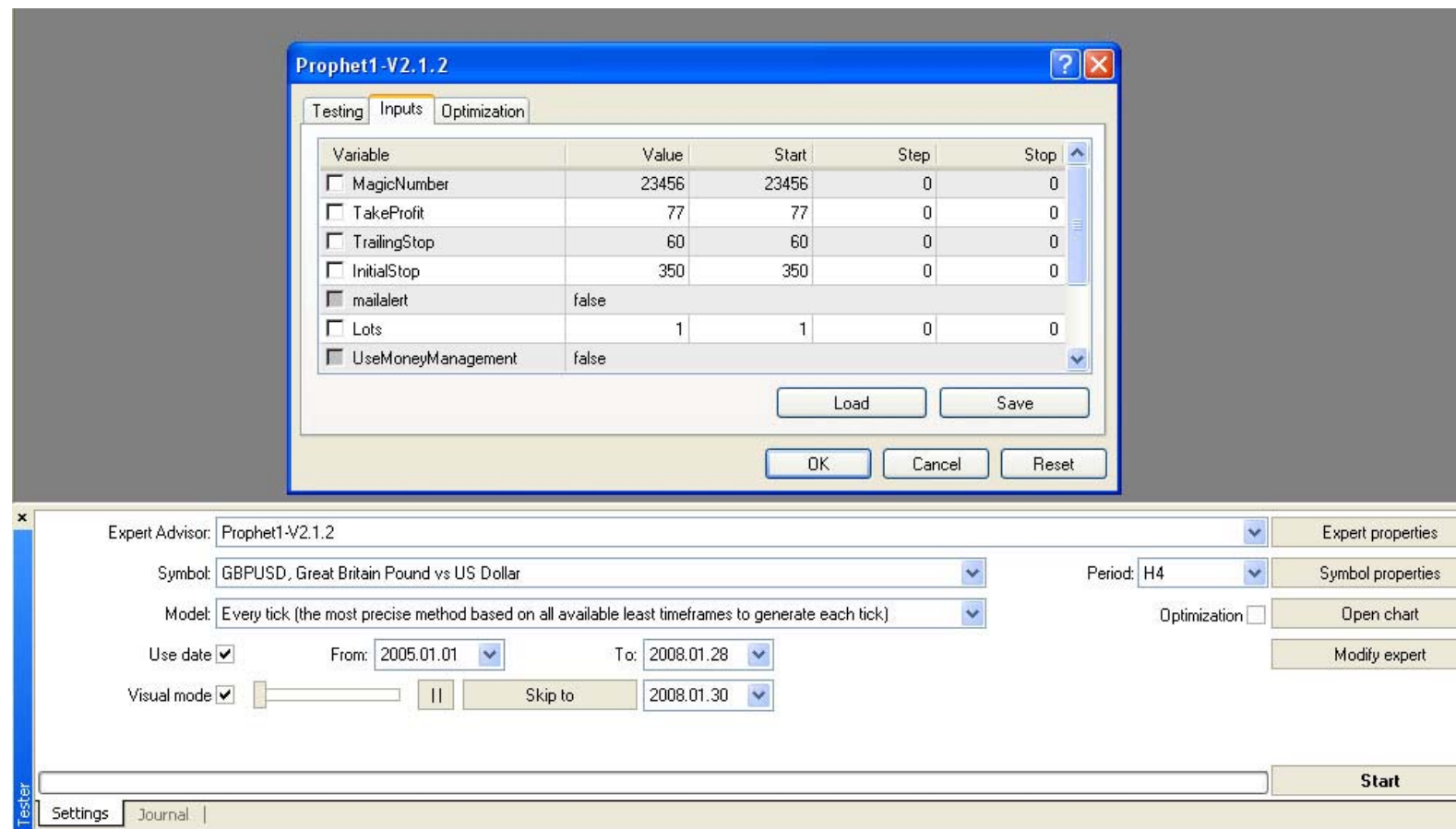
tools

history center

highlight GBPUSD

Click Download

This should give you enough history to have meaningful results.



To view a video to explain how to Install, Load, Run and Edit an Expert Advisor or Indicator and other tutorials, go to: [www.MetatraderExpertAdvisors.com/tutorials.htm](http://www.MetatraderExpertAdvisors.com/tutorials.htm)