



METATRADER 5 SETUP GUIDE · SHEET 03 OF 18

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Places no trades. The Setup Check runs on demo and contest accounts only. The full guide has all 18 sheets.

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You need enough memory, an SSD, and a power plan that doesn't put MetaTrader 5 to sleep.

	One MetaTrader 5 terminal	Three or four terminals
Processor (CPU)	A modern dual-core	Quad-core
Memory (RAM)	8 GB	16 GB
Storage	SSD, with 10 GB free so chart history loads quickly	SSD, with 10 GB free

Size the computer for your busiest day, not your quietest.

- **A laptop** is fine for learning. Closing the lid, or letting it sleep, disconnects MetaTrader 5.
- **Display:** one large monitor, or two, so that Market Watch, the chart and the Toolbox are readable together.
- **Power:** plugged in, with sleep turned off (Windows Settings, System, Power), whenever MetaTrader 5 must stay connected.
- **Always on:** an Expert Advisor works only while MetaTrader 5 is open and connected, so a sleeping laptop stops it. For anything that must run overnight, use a VPS (Sheet 15).

What a VPS is. A VPS (virtual private server) is a Windows computer in a data centre that you reach with Remote Desktop. It stays on when your laptop is closed. Sheet 15 covers it; Sheets 08 to 14 use one MetaTrader 5 on your own computer.