
StakeMachine Documentation

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1.1 Setup

1.1.1 Installation

```
pip3 install stakemachine [--user]
```

If you install using the `--user` flag, the binaries of `stakemachine` and `uptick` are located in `~/.local/bin`. Otherwise they should be globally reachable.

1.1.2 Adding Keys

It is important to *install* the private key of your bot's account into the pybitshares wallet. This can be done using `uptick` which is installed as a dependency of `stakemachine`:

```
uptick addkey
```

1.1.3 Configuration

You will need to create configuration file in YAML format. The default file name is `config.yml`, otherwise you can specify a different config file using the `--configfile X` parameter of `stakemachine`.

Read more about the [Configuration](#).

1.1.4 Running

The bot can be run by:

```
stakemachine run
```

It will ask for your wallet passphrase (that you have provide when adding your private key to pybitshares using `uptick addkey`).

If you want to prevent the password dialog, you can predefine an environmental variable `UNLOCK`, if you understand the security implications.

1.2 Configuration

The configuration of `stakemachine` happens through a YAML formatted file and takes the following form:

```
# The BitShares endpoint to talk to
node: "wss://node.testnet.bitshares.eu"

# List of bots
bots:

  # Name of the bot. This is mostly for logging and internal
  # use to distinguish different bots
  NAME_OF_BOT:

    # Python module to look for the strategy (can be custom)
    module: "stakemachine.strategies.echo"

    # The bot class in that module to use
    bot: Echo

    # The market to subscribe to
    market: GOLD:TEST

    # The account to use for this bot
    account: xeroc

    # Custom bot configuration
    foo: bar
```

1.2.1 Usig the configuration in custom strategies

The bot's configuration is available to in each strategy as dictionary in `self.bot`. The whole configuration is avaiable in `self.config`. The name of your bot can be found in `self.name`.

2.1 Wall Strategy

This strategy simply places a buy and a sell wall into a specific market using a specified account.

2.1.1 Example Configuration

```
# BitShares end point
node: "wss://node.bitshares.eu"

# List of Bots
bots:

    # Only a single Walls Bot
    Walls:

        # The Walls strategy module and class
        module: stakemachine.strategies.walls
        bot: Walls

        # The market to serve
        market: HERO:BTS

        # The account to sue
        account: hero-market-maker

        # We shall bundle operations into a single transaction
        bundle: True

        # Test your conditions every x blocks
        test:

            blocks: 10
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```

# Where the walls should be
target:

    # They relate to the price feed
    reference: feed

    # There should be an offset
    offsets:
        buy: 2.5
        sell: 2.5

    # We'd like to use x amount of quote (here: HERO)
    # in the walls
    amount:
        buy: 5.0
        sell: 5.0

# When the price moves by more than 2%, update the walls
threshold: 2

```

2.1.2 Source Code

```

1  from math import fabs
2  from pprint import pprint
3  from collections import Counter
4  from bitshares.amount import Amount
5  from stakemachine.basestrategy import BaseStrategy
6  from stakemachine.errors import InsufficientFundsError
7  import logging
8  log = logging.getLogger(__name__)
9
10
11 class Walls(BaseStrategy):
12     def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
13         super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
14
15         # Define Callbacks
16         self.onMarketUpdate += self.test
17         self.ontick += self.tick
18         self.onAccount += self.test
19
20         self.error_ontick = self.error
21         self.error_onMarketUpdate = self.error
22         self.error_onAccount = self.error
23
24         # Counter for blocks
25         self.counter = Counter()
26
27         # Tests for actions
28         self.test_blocks = self.bot.get("test", {}).get("blocks", 0)
29
30     def error(self, *args, **kwargs):
31         self.disabled = True
32         self.cancelall()

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```

33     pprint(self.execute())
34
35     def updateorders(self):
36         """ Update the orders
37         """
38         log.info("Replacing orders")
39
40         # Canceling orders
41         self.cancelall()
42
43         # Target
44         target = self.bot.get("target", {})
45         price = self.getprice()
46
47         # prices
48         buy_price = price * (1 - target["offsets"]["buy"] / 100)
49         sell_price = price * (1 + target["offsets"]["sell"] / 100)
50
51         # Store price in storage for later use
52         self["feed_price"] = float(price)
53
54         # Buy Side
55         if float(self.balance(self.market["base"])) < buy_price * target["amount"] [
↪ "buy"]:
56             InsufficientFundsError(Amount(target["amount"]["buy"] * float(buy_price), ↪
↪ self.market["base"]))
57             self["insufficient_buy"] = True
58         else:
59             self["insufficient_buy"] = False
60             self.market.buy(
61                 buy_price,
62                 Amount(target["amount"]["buy"], self.market["quote"]),
63                 account=self.account
64             )
65
66         # Sell Side
67         if float(self.balance(self.market["quote"])) < target["amount"]["sell"]:
68             InsufficientFundsError(Amount(target["amount"]["sell"], self.market["quote
↪ "]))
69             self["insufficient_sell"] = True
70         else:
71             self["insufficient_sell"] = False
72             self.market.sell(
73                 sell_price,
74                 Amount(target["amount"]["sell"], self.market["quote"]),
75                 account=self.account
76             )
77
78     pprint(self.execute())
79
80     def getprice(self):
81         """ Here we obtain the price for the quote and make sure it has
82             a feed price
83         """
84         target = self.bot.get("target", {})
85         if target.get("reference") == "feed":
86             assert self.market == self.market.core_quote_market(), "Wrong market for
↪ 'feed' reference!"

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```

87         ticker = self.market.ticker()
88         price = ticker.get("quoteSettlement_price")
89         assert abs(price["price"]) != float("inf"), "Check price feed of asset! (
↪ %s)" % str(price)
90         return price
91
92     def tick(self, d):
93         """ ticks come in on every block """
94
95         if self.test_blocks:
96             if not (self.counter["blocks"] or 0) % self.test_blocks:
97                 self.test()
98                 self.counter["blocks"] += 1
99
100    def test(self, *args, **kwargs):
101        """ Tests if the orders need updating """
102
103        orders = self.orders
104
105        # Test if still 2 orders in the market (the walls)
106        if len(orders) < 2 and len(orders) > 0:
107            if (
108                not self["insufficient_buy"] and
109                not self["insufficient_sell"]
110            ):
111                log.info("No 2 orders available. Updating orders!")
112                self.updateorders()
113        elif len(orders) == 0:
114            self.updateorders()
115
116        # Test if price feed has moved more than the threshold
117        if (
118            self["feed_price"] and
119            fabs(1 - float(self.getprice()) / self["feed_price"]) > self.bot[
↪ "threshold"] / 100.0
120        ):
121            log.info("Price feed moved by more than the threshold. Updating orders!")
122            self.updateorders()

```

Developing own Strategies

3.1 Base Strategy

All strategies should inherit `stakemachine.basestrategy.BaseStrategy` which simplifies and unifies the development of new strategies.

3.1.1 API

```
class stakemachine.basestrategy.BaseStrategy(config, name, onAccount=None, onOrder-
                                         Matched=None, onOrderPlaced=None,
                                         onMarketUpdate=None, onUpdate-
                                         CallOrder=None, onTick=None, bit-
                                         shares_instance=None, *args, **kwargs)
```

Base Strategy and methods available in all Sub Classes that inherit this BaseStrategy.

BaseStrategy inherits:

- `stakemachine.storage.Storage`
- `stakemachine.statemachine.StateMachine`
- Events

Available attributes:

- `basestrategy.bitshares`: instance of `“bitshares.BitShares()”`
- `basestrategy.add_state`: Add a specific state
- `basestrategy.set_state`: Set finite state machine
- `basestrategy.get_state`: Change state of state machine
- `basestrategy.account`: The Account object of this bot
- `basestrategy.market`: The market used by this bot
- `basestrategy.orders`: List of open orders of the bot’s account in the bot’s market

- `basestrategy.balance`: List of assets and amounts available in the bot's account

Also, Base Strategy inherits `stakemachine.storage.Storage` which allows to permanently store data in a sqlite database using:

```
basestrategy["key"] = "value"
```

Note: This applies a `json.loads(json.dumps(value))`!

account

Return the full account as `bitshares.account.Account` object!

Can be refreshed by using `x.refresh()`

balance (*asset*)

Return the balance of your bot's account for a specific asset

balances

Return the balances of your bot's account

cancelall ()

Cancel all orders of this bot

execute ()

Execute a bundle of operations

market

Return the market object as `bitshares.market.Market`

orders

Return the bot's open accounts in the current market

3.2 Storage

This class allows to permanently store bot-specific data in a sqlite database (`stakemachine.sqlite`) using:

```
self["key"] = "value"
```

Note: Here, `self` refers to the instance of your bot's strategy when coding your own strategy.

The value is persistently stored and can be access later on using:

```
print(self["key"])
```

Note: This applies a `json.loads(json.dumps(value))`!

3.2.1 SQLite database

The user's data is stored in its OS protected user directory:

OSX:

- `~/Library/Application Support/<AppName>`

Windows:

- *C:\Documents and Settings<User>Application Data\Local Settings<AppAuthor><AppName>*
- *C:\Documents and Settings<User>Application Data<AppAuthor><AppName>*

Linux:

- *~/.local/share/<AppName>*

Where <AppName> is stakemachine and <AppAuthor> is ChainSquad GmbH.

3.2.2 Simple example

```

1 from stakemachine.basestrategy import BaseStrategy
2
3
4 class StorageDemo(BaseStrategy):
5     def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
6         super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
7         self.ontick += self.tick
8
9     def tick(self, i):
10        print("previous block: %s" % self["block"])
11        print("new block: %s" % i)
12        self["block"] = i

```

Example Output:

```

Current Wallet Passphrase:
previous block: None
new block: 008c4c2424e6394ad4bf5a9756ae2ee883b0e049
previous block: 008c4c2424e6394ad4bf5a9756ae2ee883b0e049
new block: 008c4c257a76671144fdb251e4ebbe61e4593a4
previous block: 008c4c257a76671144fdb251e4ebbe61e4593a4
new block: 008c4c2617851b31d0b872e32fbff6f8248663a3

```

3.3 Statemachine

The base strategy comes with a state machine that can be used by your strategy.

Similar to *Storage*, the methods of this class can be used in your strategy directly, e.g., via `self.get_state()`, since the class is inherited by *Base Strategy*.

3.3.1 API

class stakemachine.statemachine.StateMachine(*args, **kwargs)

Generic state machine

add_state(state)

Add a new state to the state machine

Parameters state (str) – Name of the state

get_state()

Return state of state machine

set_state (*state*)

Change state of the state machine

Parameters **state** (*str*) – Name of the new state

3.4 Events

The websocket endpoint of BitShares has notifications that are subscribed to and dispatched by `stakemachine`. This uses python's native `Events`. The following events are available in your strategies and depend on the configuration of your bot/strategy:

- `onOrderMatched`: Called when orders in your market are matched
- `onOrderPlaced`: Called when a new order in your market is placed
- `onUpdateCallOrder`: Called if one of the assets in your market is a market-pegged asset and someone updates his call position
- `onMarketUpdate`: Called whenever something happens in your market (includes matched orders, placed orders and call order updates!)
- `ontick`: Called when a new block is received
- `onAccount`: Called when your account's statistics is updated (changes to `2.6.xxxx` with `xxxx` being your account id number)
- `error_ontick`: Is called when an error happend when processing `ontick`
- `error_onMarketUpdate`: Is called when an error happend when processing `onMarketUpdate`
- `error_onAccount`: Is called when an error happend when processing `onAccount`

3.4.1 Simple Example

```
class Simple(BaseStrategy):
    def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)

        """ set call backs for events """
        self.onOrderMatched += print
        self.onOrderPlaced += print
        self.onUpdateCallOrder += print
        self.onMarketUpdate += print
        self.ontick += print
        self.onAccount += print
```

3.5 Simple Echo Strategy

3.5.1 API

```
class stakemachine.strategies.echo.Echo(*args, **kwargs)
```

error (*args, **kwargs)
What to do on an error

print_UpdateCallOrder (i)
Is called when a call order for a market pegged asset is updated
A developer may want to filter those to identify own orders.

Parameters **i** (*bitshares.price.CallOrder*) – Call order details

print_accountUpdate (i)
This method is called when the bot's account name receives any update. This includes anything that changes 2.6.xxxx, e.g., any operation that affects your account.

print_marketUpdate (i)
Is called when Something happens in your market.
This method is actually called by the backend and is dispatched to `onOrderMatched`, `onOrderPlaced` and `onUpdateCallOrder`.

Parameters **i** (*object*) – Can be instance of `FilledOrder`, `Order`, or `CallOrder`

print_newBlock (i)
Is called when a block is received
Parameters **i** (*str*) – The hash of the block

Note: Unfortunately, it is currently not possible to identify the block number for `i` alone. If you need to know the most recent block number, you need to use `bitshares.blockchain.Blockchain`

print_orderMatched (i)
Is called when an order in the market is matched
A developer may want to filter those to identify own orders.
Parameters **i** (*bitshares.price.FilledOrder*) – Filled order details

print_orderPlaced (i)
Is called when a new order in the market is placed
A developer may want to filter those to identify own orders.
Parameters **i** (*bitshares.price.Order*) – Order details

3.5.2 Full Source Code

```

1  from stakemachine.basestrategy import BaseStrategy
2  import logging
3  log = logging.getLogger(__name__)
4
5
6  class Echo(BaseStrategy):
7      def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
8          super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
9
10         """ set call backs for events
11         """
12         self.onOrderMatched += self.print_orderMatched
13         self.onOrderPlaced += self.print_orderPlaced

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```

14     self.onUpdateCallOrder += self.print_UpdateCallOrder
15     self.onMarketUpdate += self.print_marketUpdate
16     self.ontick += self.print_newBlock
17     self.onAccount += self.print_accountUpdate
18     self.error_ontick = self.error
19     self.error_onMarketUpdate = self.error
20     self.error_onAccount = self.error
21
22     def error(self, *args, **kwargs):
23         """ What to do on an error
24         """
25         # Cancel all future execution
26         self.disabled = True
27
28     def print_orderMatched(self, i):
29         """ Is called when an order in the market is matched
30
31         A developer may want to filter those to identify
32         own orders.
33
34         :param bitshares.price.FilledOrder i: Filled order details
35         """
36         print("order matched: %s" % i)
37
38     def print_orderPlaced(self, i):
39         """ Is called when a new order in the market is placed
40
41         A developer may want to filter those to identify
42         own orders.
43
44         :param bitshares.price.Order i: Order details
45         """
46         print("order placed: %s" % i)
47
48     def print_UpdateCallOrder(self, i):
49         """ Is called when a call order for a market pegged asset is updated
50
51         A developer may want to filter those to identify
52         own orders.
53
54         :param bitshares.price.CallOrder i: Call order details
55         """
56         print("call update: %s" % i)
57
58     def print_marketUpdate(self, i):
59         """ Is called when Something happens in your market.
60
61         This method is actually called by the backend and is
62         dispatched to ``onOrderMatched``, ``onOrderPlaced`` and
63         ``onUpdateCallOrder``.
64
65         :param object i: Can be instance of ``FilledOrder``, ``Order``, or
66         ↳ ``CallOrder``
67         """
68         print("marketupdate: %s" % i)
69
70     def print_newBlock(self, i):

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```
70     """ Is called when a block is received
71
72     :param str i: The hash of the block
73
74     .. note:: Unfortunately, it is currently not possible to
75                identify the block number for ``i`` alone. If you
76                need to know the most recent block number, you
77                need to use ``bitshares.blockchain.Blockchain``
78
79     """
80     print("new block:      %s" % i)
81     # raise ValueError("Testing disabling")
82
83     def print_accountUpdate(self, i):
84         """ This method is called when the bot's account name receives
85            any update. This includes anything that changes
86            ``2.6.xxxx``, e.g., any operation that affects your account.
87
88            """
89         print("account:      %s" % i)
```


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