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## Trade Connect 8.1

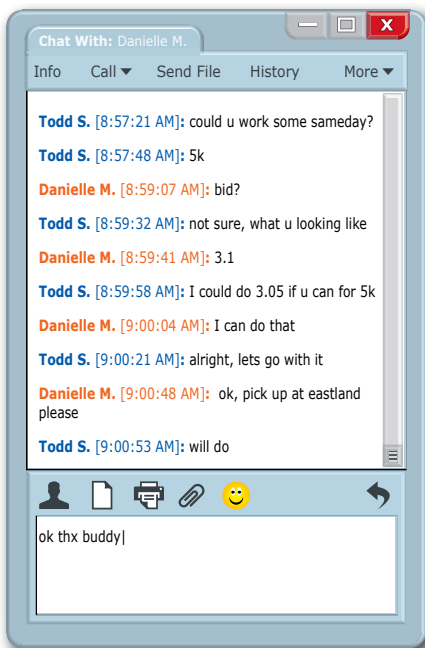
### Turning instant messaging into trader productivity and transparent intraday pricing

A trader's time is precious and can have an immense impact on a company's profitability. One way Allegro helps increase trader productivity is through a component called Trade Connect. In partnership with Pivot, Inc., Allegro developed this component to provide efficiency around OTC trading processes and improve visibility into company positions as they relate to intraday pricing and real-time position valuation. The component automates the import of intraday pricing, simplifies and translates instant message (IM) trade commitments, and helps your trading organization better leverage market and trading information.



#### Product Overview

Trade Connect transforms unstructured instant message trading chats into structured OTC market and trade data. It also enables brokers' intraday bid/offer price quotes to be used in analyzing current market trends against a trader's current portfolio. As instant messages are received, the Allegro system reads those messages, parses the data into readable elements, and records the information on the Allegro system's intraday price board. In addition to the data received via instant messaging, all incoming data from external price feeds are recorded in the Allegro price value table.



Today, most trading organizations have limited visibility into intraday prices. This need not be the case. Trade Connect provides traders, and personnel throughout the enterprise, visibility into all of the real-time streaming bids and offers for various markets. Users can react to, and report on these intraday movements, and better manage an organization's exposure. Traders can then use these price entries to create trades in Allegro, simplifying the trade entry process, and reducing the time spent on recording transactions. Allegro's real-time mark-to-market (MtM) reporting also allows traders to understand how their portfolio is being affected by the incoming intraday prices.

The Allegro Trade Connect component provides an interface to Pivot 360, an application provided by Pivot Inc. that enables more efficient OTC trading via instant message. Through this integration, instant messages received by the Pivot 360 software are streamed directly into the Allegro platform.

Allegro's Trade Connect streamlines information flow, eliminates errors around trade entry, and provides a holistic view of intraday prices. With this accurate, timely, actionable information at traders' fingertips, organizations can make more informed market and trading decisions.

Features	Benefits
Capture of intraday pricing	Traders across your organization can leverage the most up-to-date information with accurate intraday positions
Immediate translation of IM trade commitments to Allegro data tables	Saves traders time, enables rapid analysis of data with streamlined information, and enhances accuracy by eliminating need for re-keying of prices and other trade information
Provides access and visibility into critical market and trading information	More informed decision making, the ability to seize trading opportunities, and greater profitability
Use pricing data from Allegro's intraday price board to create trades	Simplified trade entry, limited data input, and ability to respond more rapidly to market changes
Real-time mark-to-market (MtM) reporting	Ability to see instantly how intraday prices are impacting a portfolio
Archiving of IM data with the corresponding trade	Efficiency and accuracy in audit and record keeping processes, including streamlined data retrieval whenever it is needed - reducing time and expense

In summary, Trade Connect delivers three main business benefits to trading organizations that use instant messaging. First, it makes intraday price discovery – which today is visible to traders individually – visible to your entire trading organization in real time. Trade Connect delivers more accurate position valuation for improved market decision making. This can lead to smarter trades and increased trade profitability. Second, Trade Connect improves your audit and record keeping processes because trades and supporting information are archived accurately and efficiently. Also, this streamlines audit processes with efficient data retrieval, reducing time and expense. Third, it increases trader efficiency by automating trade entry for OTC traders using instant messaging with counterparties. That means more time to trade with Trade Connect.

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