

# **FIXatDI<sup>SM</sup> – What Are The Benefits?**

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## What is FIXatdl?

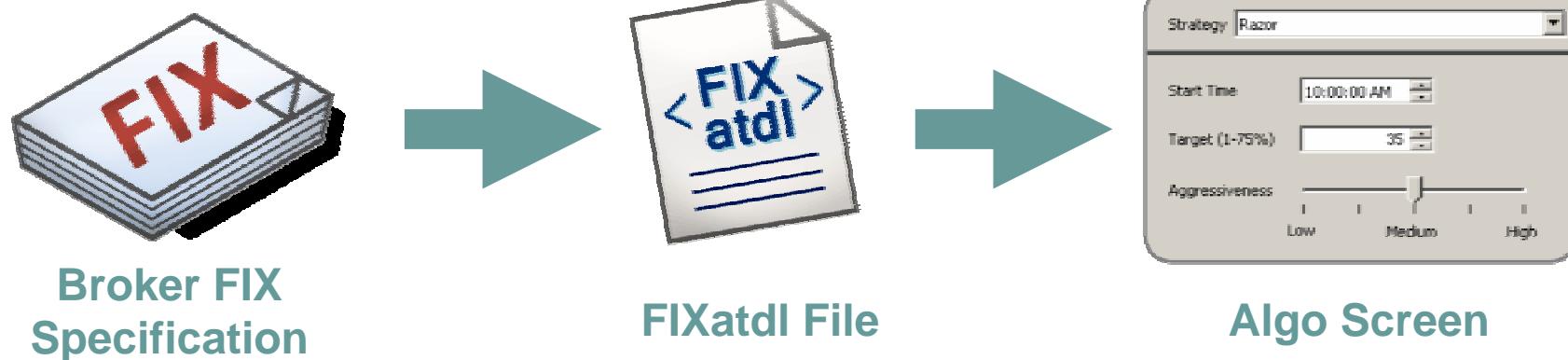
FIXatdl = **FIX Algoritmic T**rading  
**D**efinition **L**anguage

FIXatdl is a **FIX Protocol standard**  
to define the **interface**  
for **algorithmic orders**



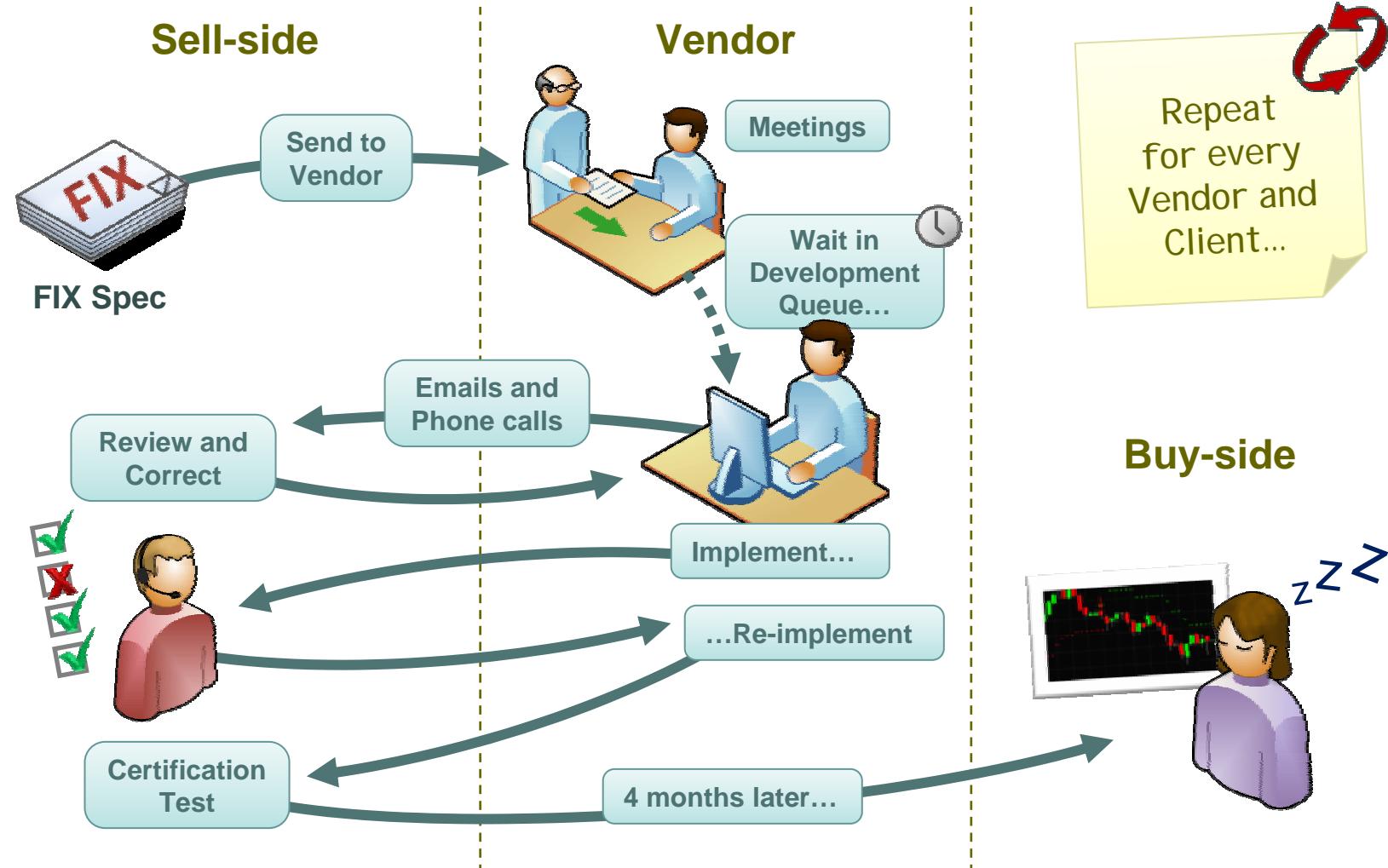
## How Does FIXatdl Work?

- **Brokers** create a FIXatdl XML file describing its algos:
  - Parameters
  - FIX tags
  - Screen layout
  - Validation rules
- **OMS vendors** load the FIXatdl files into their trading app, eliminating the need for custom programming



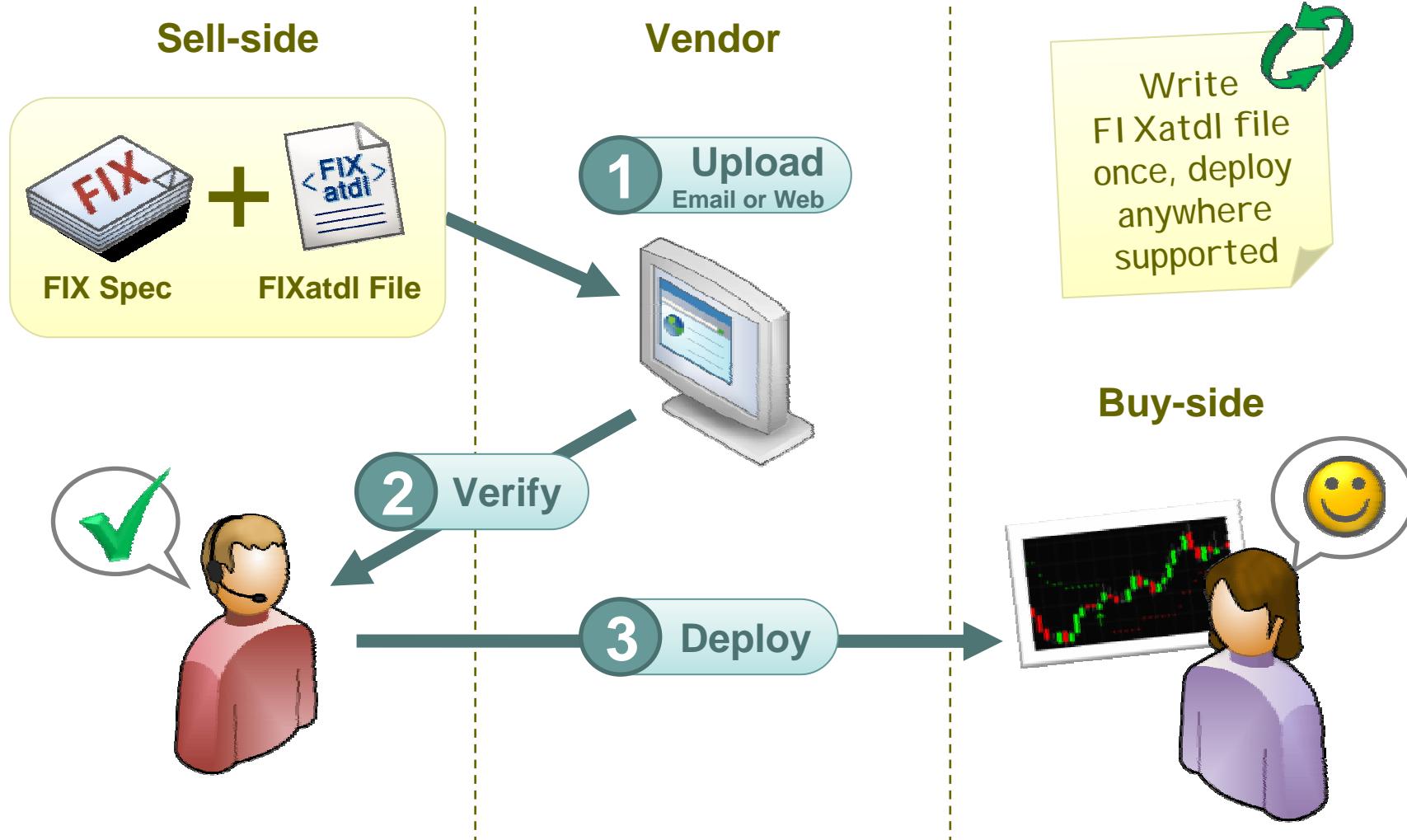


## FIX Certification – The Old Way





## FIX Certification – The FIXatdl Way



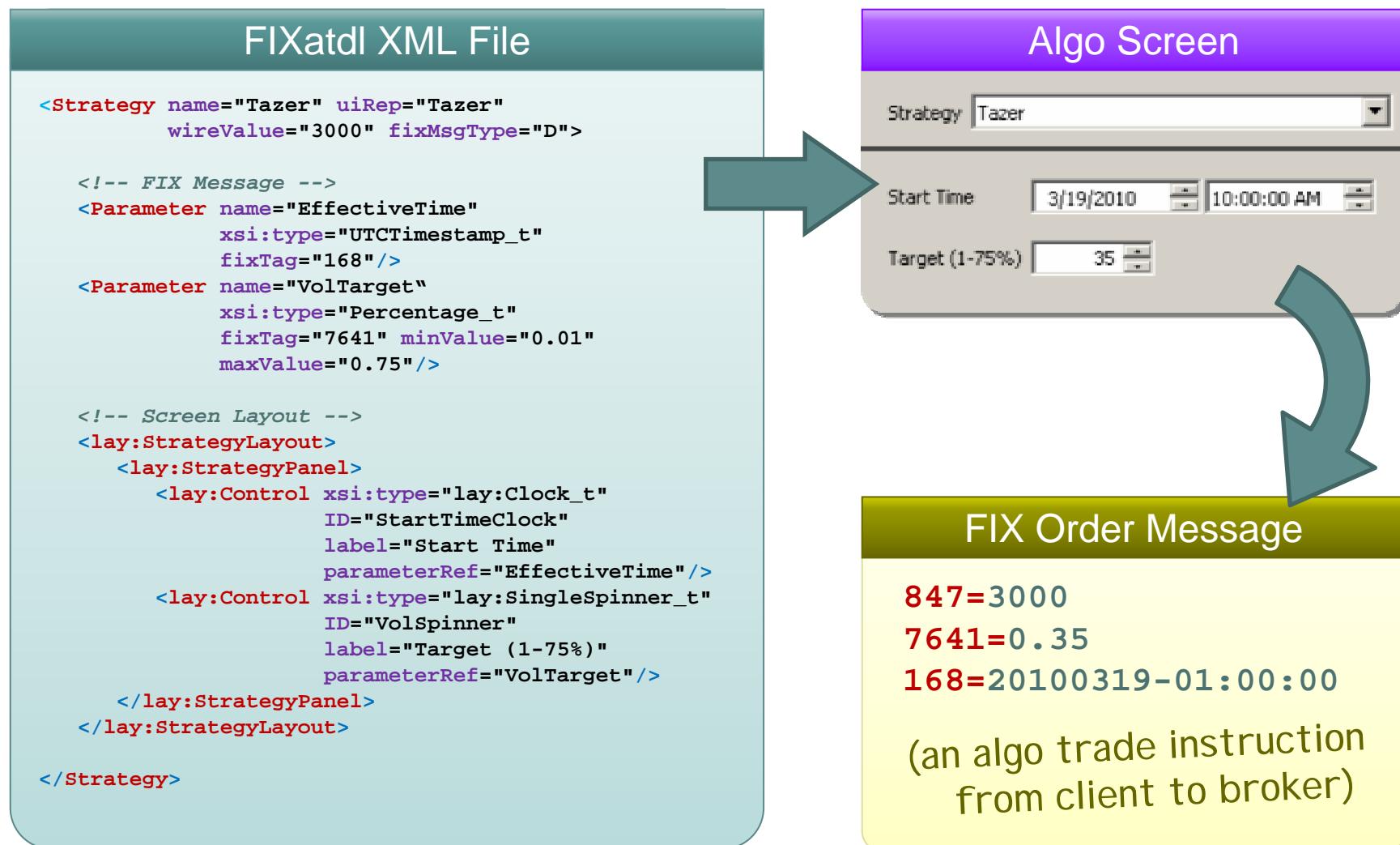


## FIX Protocol + FIXatdl

- ✓ FIXatdl is **100% compatible** with the FIX Protocol messaging standard versions 4.0+ and 5.0+
- ✓ **No changes required** to existing FIX engine & network
- ✓ Supports user-defined custom FIX tags
- ✓ Supports parameter validation rules, for example:
  - Example: “*Max Volume Rate must be greater than Min Volume Rate*”
- ✓ One file may contain all broker algos globally
  - Show/hide algos based on order country, exchange, or asset class



## Inside FIXatdl





## FIXatdI Widget Library



Choose from an expressive set of user-input types



Platform-neutral: Java, C#, C++, and web-compatible

Clock

Start Time: 9  30  PM

TextField

Volume Limit (1-100%):

SingleSpinner

Duration:   secs

DoubleSpinner

Limit Price:

CheckBox

Pegging

CheckBoxList

Exclude Auctions  
 Open  Close

RadioButton

Price Level:

RadioButtonList

VWAP  
 TWAP  
 Watch

DropDownList

Limit Price:   
Limit Price:   
Relative Limit Price:

EditableDropDownList

XYZ   
ABC  
A&P  
B&B  
CSCO  
MSFT

SingleSelectList

VWAP   
TWAP   
Iceberg   
Sweep

MultiSelectList

ARCA   
BATS   
BIDS   
CBX   
EDGE

Slider

Lowest Neutral Highest

Label

It is the trader's responsibility to select the appropriate end time per each security as defined by Rule 10b-18.



## FIXatdl Multi-language Support



Publishers can provide files in any language

English and Japanese versions of Nomura's "With Volume" strategy  
as displayed on atdl4j open source tool



## FIXatDI – A Win, Win, Win for the Industry



### Sellside Algo Providers

- Release new algos to customers faster
- Reduced vendor coordination effort
- Better return on investment in algo development



### OMS/EMS Vendors

- Certify more algorithms in less time and at reduced cost
- Significantly less re-programming effort to support changes



### Buyside Firms

- Faster access to new trading strategies, enabling more effective response to changing market conditions



**End Result: *Faster time-to-market with less effort and cost***



## FIXatdl Community Support

- 10+ brokers and 10+ OMS/EMS providers ***already live*** with FIXatdl
- **FPL FIXatdl homepage** ([fixprotocol.org/FIXatdl](http://fixprotocol.org/FIXatdl))
  - FIXatdl Specification
  - Sample files
  - Directory of Commercial Vendor solutions
- **atdl4j** ([www.atdl4j.org](http://www.atdl4j.org)) Open-Source Java Plug-in
  - Developers: John Shields, Scott Atwell, Danilo Tuler
- **atdl4net** ([www.atdl4net.org](http://www.atdl4net.org)) Open-Source C# Plug-in
  - Developer: Cornerstone Technologies



## FIXatdl - Summary

- ✓ Revolutionizes the algorithmic trading deployment process
  
- ✓ Complements the FIX Protocol messaging standard
  
- ✓ A “Triple Win” providing key benefits to:
  - Buyside
  - Sellside
  - Vendors



End result is **Faster Time-to-Market** for the algo provider with **Less Effort and Cost** for the customer and customer's vendors

[www.fixprotocol.org/FIXatdl](http://www.fixprotocol.org/FIXatdl)