



# NASDAQ TotalView-ITCH 3.00

## 1 Overview

NASDAQ TotalView-ITCH<sup>SM</sup> is a direct data feed product offered by The NASDAQ Stock Market<sup>®</sup>, which features the following data elements:

- **Order level data with attribution:** For NASDAQ Single Book, NASDAQ will provide its full order depth using the standard ITCH format. ITCH uses a series of messages of order messages to track the life of a customer order.<sup>1</sup> As an added feature, the ITCH 3.0 message formats will support NASDAQ market participant attribution. TotalView-ITCH carries order level data for NYSE- and Amex-listed securities as well as for NASDAQ-listed securities.
- **Trade messages:** To ensure that customers have complete information about NASDAQ order flow, TotalView-ITCH 3.0 supports a trade message to reflect a match of a non-displayable order in the NASDAQ system. TotalView-ITCH 3.0 also supports a separate trade message to reflect NASDAQ cross transactions.
- **Net Order Imbalance Data:** In the minutes leading up to the NASDAQ Opening and Closing Crosses, NASDAQ disseminates the indicative clearing price and net order imbalance in NASDAQ Single Book. Because the calculation includes non-displayable as well as displayable order types, the Net Order Imbalance Indicator (NOII) is the best predictor of the NASDAQ opening and closing prices available to the public.
- **Administrative messages**, such trading actions and symbol directory messages:
  - Trading action messages are used to inform market participants when a security is halted or released for trading.
  - Symbol Directory messages provide basic security data such as the market tier and Financial Status Indicator.
  - Market participant position message carries the Primary Market Maker status, Market Participant status and Market Maker mode fields used by some firms to comply with market regulations.
- **Event controls**, such as start of day, end of day and emergency market halt/resume.

## 2 Architecture

The TotalView-ITCH 3.0 feed is made up of a series of sequenced messages. Each message is variable in length based on the message type and is composed of non-control ASCII bytes. The messages that make up the TotalView-ITCH 3.0 protocol are typically delivered using a higher level protocol that takes care of sequencing and delivery guarantees.

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<sup>1</sup> TOTALVIEW-ITCH is an outbound market data feed only. The ITCH protocol does not support order entry. For information on NASDAQ order entry protocols, please refer to the [Products & Services – Connectivity Options section](#) of the NASDAQ OMX Trader website.

NASDAQ offers the TotalView–ITCH 3.0 data feed in three protocol options:

<b>Protocol Option</b>	<b>Number of Outbound Channels</b>
<a href="#">SoupTCP</a>	Single outbound channel for all securities
<a href="#">Compressed</a> via SoupTCP	Single outbound channel for all securities
<a href="#">MoldUDP</a>	Single outbound channel for all securities

### 3 Data Types

All numeric fields are composed of a string of ASCII coded digits, right justified and space filled on the left.

All alpha fields are left justified and padded on the right with spaces.

Prices are given in decimal format with 6 whole number places followed by 4 decimal digits. The whole number portion is padded on the left with spaces; the decimal portion is padded on the right with zeros. The decimal point is implied by position; it does not appear inside the price field.

### 4 Message Formats

The TotalView-ITCH 3.0 feed is composed of a series of messages that describe orders added to, removed from, and executed on NASDAQ as well as disseminate Cross and Stock Directory information.

#### 4.1 Time Messages

For bandwidth efficiency reasons, NASDAQ will use separate time stamp messages for the TotalView-ITCH 3.0 product. The messages will be sequenced so that data feed recipients can apply the time stamps properly. The time stamp is broken into two separate messages: seconds and milliseconds. Please note that the timestamp for new seconds will always be immediately followed by a time stamp for new milliseconds.

##### 4.1.1 Seconds Message

This message is sent every second for which at least one TotalView-ITCH 3.0 message is being generated.

<b>SECONDS MESSAGE</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Offset</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Message Type	0	1	"T"	Seconds Message.
Second	1	5	Numeric	Number of second since midnight.

##### 4.1.2 Milliseconds Message

This message is sent every millisecond for which at least one TotalView-ITCH 3.0 message is being generated.

<b>MILLISECONDS MESSAGE</b>
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<b>Name</b>	<b>Offset</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Message Type	0	1	"M"	Milliseconds Message.
Millisecond	1	3	Numeric	Number of milliseconds since last second.

## 4.2 System Event Message

The system event message type is used to signal a market or data feed handler event. The format is as follows:

<b>SYSTEM EVENT MESSAGE</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Offset</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Message Type	0	1	"S"	System Event Message.
Event Code	1	1	Alphanumeric	See System Event Codes below.

NASDAQ supports the following event codes on a daily basis on the TotalView-ITCH 3.0 data feed.

<b>SYSTEM EVENT CODES – DAILY</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
"O"	<i>Start of Messages.</i> Outside of time stamp messages, the start of day message is the first message sent in any trading day.
"S"	<i>Start of System hours.</i> This message indicates that NASDAQ is open and ready to start accepting orders.
"Q"	<i>Start of Market hours.</i> This message is intended to indicate that Market Hours orders are available for execution.
"M"	<i>End of Market hours.</i> This message is intended to indicate that Market Hours orders are no longer available for execution.
"E"	<i>End of System hours.</i> It indicates that NASDAQ is now closed and will not accept any new orders today. It is still possible to receive Broken Trade messages and Order Delete messages after the End of Day.
"C"	<i>End of Messages.</i> This is always the last message sent in any trading day.

In the event of an emergency market condition (EMC), NASDAQ will also support the following event codes on TotalView-ITCH 3.0.

<b>SYSTEM EVENT CODES – AS NEEDED</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
"A"	<i>Emergency Market Condition – Halt:</i> This message is sent to inform NASDAQ market participants that the EMC is in effect. No trading is allowed during the EMC.
"R"	<i>Emergency Market Condition – Quote Only Period:</i> This message is sent to inform NASDAQ market participants that the EMC quotation only period is in effect.
"B"	<i>Emergency Market Condition – Resumption:</i> This message is sent to inform NASDAQ market participants that EMC is no longer in effect.

## 4.3 Stock Related Messages

### 4.3.1 Stock Directory

At the start of each trading day, NASDAQ disseminates stock directory messages for all active symbols in Single Book.

Market data redistributors should process this message to populate the Financial Status Indicator (required display field) and the Market Category (recommended display field) for NASDAQ-listed issues.

STOCK DIRECTORY				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"R"	Stock Directory Message
Stock	1	6	Alphabetic	Denotes the security symbol for the issue in NASDAQ Single Book.
Market Category	7	1	Alphanumeric	Indicates listing market center or listing market tier for the issue  "T" = CQS (NYSE, Amex or regional exchange) "Q" = NASDAQ Global Select Market <sup>SM</sup> "G" = NASDAQ Global Market <sup>SM</sup> "S" = NASDAQ Capital Market <sup>®</sup> Space = Not available
Financial Status Indicator	8	1	Alphanumeric	For NASDAQ-listed issues, this field indicates when a firm is not in compliance with NASDAQ continued listing requirements.  "D" = Deficient "E" = Delinquent "Q" = Bankrupt "S" = Suspended "G" = Deficient and Bankrupt "H" = Deficient and Delinquent "J" = Delinquent and Bankrupt "K" = Deficient, Delinquent and Bankrupt  Space = Company is in compliance, if NASDAQ-listed issue  For CQS issues, this field will also be space-filled. Redistributors should refer to SIAC feeds for code if needed.
Round Lot Size	9	6	Numeric	Indicates the number of shares that represent a round lot for the issue
Round Lots Only	15	1	Alphabetic	Indicates if NASDAQ system limits order entry for issue  "Y" = only round lots are accepted in this stock "N" = odd/mixed lots are allowed

### 4.3.2 Stock Trading Action

NASDAQ uses this administrative message to indicate the current trading status of a security to the trading community.

Prior to the start of system hours, NASDAQ will send out a Trading Action spin. In the spin, NASDAQ will send out a Stock Trading Action message with the "T" (Trading Resumption) for all NASDAQ- and other exchange-listed securities that are eligible for trading at the start of the system hours. If a security is absent from the pre-opening Trading Action spin, firms should assume that the security is being treated as halted in the NASDAQ platform at the start of the system hours. Please note that securities may be halted in the NASDAQ system for regulatory or operational reasons.

After the start of system hours, NASDAQ will use the Trading Action message to relay changes in trading status for an individual security. Messages will be sent when a stock is halted, is released for quotation, or is released for trading.

STOCK TRADING ACTION				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"H"	Stock Trading Action Message.
Stock	1	6	Alphanumeric	Stock symbol right padded with spaces.
Trading State	7	1	Alphabetic	"H" = Halted "Q" = Quotation only period "T" = Trading on NASDAQ
Reserved	8	1	Alphanumeric	Reserved.
Reason	9	4	Alphanumeric	Trading Action reason. For the list of reason codes, please refer to Appendix C.

### 4.3.3 Market Participant Position

At the start of each trading day, NASDAQ disseminates a spin of market participant position messages. The message provides the Primary Market Maker status, Market Maker mode and Market Participant state for each NASDAQ market participant firm registered in an issue. Market participant firms may use these fields to comply with certain marketplace rules.

Throughout the day, NASDAQ will send out this message only if NASDAQ Operations changes the status of a market participant firm in an issue.

MARKET PARTICIPANT POSITION				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"L"	Market Participant Position message
MPID	1	4	Alphabetic	Denotes the market participant identifier for which the position message is being generated
Stock	5	6	Alphanumeric	Denotes the security symbol for which the position is being generated
Primary Market Maker	11	1	Alphanumeric	Indicates if the market participant firm qualifies as a Primary Market Maker in accordance with NASDAQ marketplace

				<p>rules</p> <p>"Y" = primary market maker  "N" = non-primary market maker</p>
Market Maker Mode	12	1	Alphanumeric	<p>Indicates the quoting participant's registration status in relation to SEC Rules 101 and 104 of Regulation M</p> <p>"N" = normal  "P" = passive  "S" = syndicate  "R" = pre-syndicate  "L" = penalty</p>
Market Participant State	13	1	Alphanumeric	<p>Indicates the market participant's current registration status in the issue</p> <p>"A" = Active  "E" = Excused/Withdrawn  "W" = Withdrawn  "S" = Suspended  "D" = Deleted</p>

#### 4.4 Add Order Message

An Add Order Message indicates that a new order has been accepted by the NASDAQ system and was added to the displayable book. The message includes a day-unique Order Reference Number used by NASDAQ to track the order.

NASDAQ will support two variations of the Add Order message format.

##### 4.4.1 Add Order – No MPID Attribution

This message will be generated for unattributed orders in the NASDAQ Single Book system. (Note: If a firm wants to display a MPID for unattributed orders, NASDAQ recommends that it use the MPID of "NSDQ".)

ADD ORDER MESSAGE				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"A"	Add Order Message.
Order Reference Number	1	9	Numeric	The unique reference number assigned to the new order. The order reference number is Increasing, but not necessarily sequential.
Buy/Sell Indicator	10	1	Alphabetic	The type of order being added.  "B" = buy order. "S" = sell order.
Shares	11	6	Numeric	The total number of shares associated with the order being added to the book.
Stock	17	6	Alphanumeric	The security symbol for which the order is being added.
Price	23	10	Numeric	The display price of the new order. Refer to Data Types for field processing notes.

##### 4.4.2 Add Order – MPID Attribution

This message will be generated for attributed orders and quotations entered into the NASDAQ Single Book system.

ADD ORDER – MPID ATTRIBUTION MESSAGE				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"F"	Add Order Message.
Order Reference Number	1	9	Numeric	The unique reference number assigned to the new order. The order reference number is Increasing, but not necessarily sequential.
Buy/Sell Indicator	10	1	Alphabetic	The type of order being added.  "B" = buy order. "S" = sell order.
Shares	11	6	Numeric	The total number of shares associated

				with the order being added to the book.
Stock	17	6	Alphanumeric	The security symbol for which the order is being added.
Price	23	10	Numeric	The display price of the new order. Refer to Data Types for field processing notes.
Attribution	33	4	Alphabetic	NASDAQ market participant identifier associated with the entered order.

## 4.5 Modify Order Messages

Modify Order messages always include the Order Reference Number of the Add Order to which the update applies. To determine the current display shares for an order, ITCH 3.0 subscribers must deduct the number of shares stated in the Modify message from the original number of shares stated in the Add Order message with the same reference number. NASDAQ may send multiple Modify Order messages for the same order reference number and the effects are cumulative. When the number of display shares for an order reaches zero, the order is dead and should be removed from the book.

### 4.5.1 Order Executed Message

This message is sent whenever an order on the book is executed in whole or in part. It is possible to receive several Order Executed Messages for the same order if that order is executed in several parts. The multiple Order Executed Messages on the same order are cumulative.

By combining the executions received separately via two types of Order Executed Messages and Trade Messages, it is possible to build a complete view of all non-cross executions that happen on NASDAQ. Cross execution information is available in one bulk print via the Cross Trade Message.

ORDER EXECUTED MESSAGE				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"E"	Order Executed Message.
Order Reference Number	1	9	Numeric	The order reference number associated with the executed order.
Executed Shares	10	6	Numeric	The number of shares executed.
Match Number	16	9	Numeric	The NASDAQ generated day-unique Match Number of this execution. The match number is also referenced in the Trade Break Message.

### 4.5.2 Order Executed With Price Message

This message is sent whenever an order on the book is executed in whole or in part at a price different from the initial display price. Since the execution price is different than the display price of the original Add Order, NASDAQ includes a price field within this execution message.



It is possible to receive multiple Order Executed and Order Executed With Price messages for the same order if that order is executed in several parts. The multiple Order Executed messages on the same order are cumulative.

These executions may be marked as non-printable. If the execution is marked as non-printed, it means that the shares will be included into a later bulk print (e.g., in the case of cross executions). If a firm is looking to use the ITCH data in time-and-sales displays or volume calculations, NASDAQ recommends that firms ignore messages marked as non-printable to prevent double counting.

<b>ORDER EXECUTED WITH PRICE MESSAGE</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Offset</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Message Type	0	1	"C"	Order Executed Message.
Order Reference Number	1	9	Numeric	The reference number of the order that was executed.
Executed Shares	10	6	Numeric	The number of shares executed.
Match Number	16	9	Numeric	The NASDAQ generated day-unique Match Number of this execution. The match number is also referenced in the Trade Break Message.
Printable	25	1	Alphabetic	Indicates if the execution should be reflected on time and sale displays and volume calculations. "N" = non-printable "Y" = printable
Execution Price	26	10	Numeric	The price at which the order execution occurred. Refer to Data Types for field processing notes.

#### 4.5.3 Order Cancel Message

This message is sent whenever an order on the book is modified as a result of a partial cancellation.

<b>ORDER CANCEL MESSAGE</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Offset</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Message Type	0	1	"X"	Order Cancel Message.
Order Reference Number	1	9	Numeric	The reference number of the order being canceled or reduced.
Canceled Shares	10	6	Numeric	The number of shares be removed from the display size of the order as the result of a cancellation.

#### 4.5.4 Order Delete Message

This message is sent whenever an order on the book is being cancelled. All remaining shares are no longer accessible so the order should be removed from the book.

ORDER DELETE MESSAGE				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"D"	Order Delete Message.
Order Reference Number	1	9	Numeric	The reference number of the order being canceled or reduced. References a previously sent Add Order Message.

### 4.6 Trade Messages

#### 4.6.1 Trade Message (Non-Cross)

The Trade Message is designed to provide execution details for normal match events involving non-displayable order types. (Note: There is a separate message for NASDAQ cross events.)

Since no Add Order Message is generated when a non-displayed order is initially received, NASDAQ cannot use the Modify Order message for all matches. NASDAQ therefore developed this message to indicate when a match occurs between non-displayable order types. A Trade Message is transmitted each time a non-displayable order is executed in whole or in part. It is possible to receive multiple Trade Messages for the same order if that order is executed in several parts. Trade Messages for the same order are cumulative.

Trade Messages should be included in NASDAQ time-and-sales displays as well as volume and other market statistics. Since Trade Messages do not affect the book, however, they may be ignored by firms just looking to build and track the NASDAQ Single Book display.

TRADE MESSAGE (NON-CROSS)				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"P"	Trade Message Identifier
Order Reference Number	1	9	Numeric	The unique reference number assigned to the order on the book being executed.
Buy/Sell Indicator	10	1	Alphabetic	The type of non-display order on the book being matched. "B" =buy order "S" =sell order
Shares	11	6	Numeric	The number of shares being matched in this execution.
Stock	17	6	Alphanumeric	The security symbol associated with the match execution.
Price	23	10	Numeric	The match price of the order. Refer to Data Types for field processing notes.

Match Number	33	9	Numeric	The NASDAQ generated session-unique Match Number for this trade. The Match Number is referenced in the Trade Break Message.
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#### 4.6.2 Cross Trade Message

Cross Trade message indicates that NASDAQ has completed its cross process for a specific security. As of September 8, 2008, NASDAQ sends out a Cross Trade message for all active issues in the system following the Opening, Closing and EMC cross events. Firms may use the Cross Trade message to determine when the cross for each security has been completed. (Note: For the halted securities, firms should use the Trading Action message to determine when an issue has been released for trading.)

For most issues, the Cross Trade message will indicate the bulk volume associated with the cross event. If the order interest is insufficient to conduct a cross in a particular issue, however, the Cross Trade message may show the shares as zero.

To avoid double counting of cross volume, firms should not include transactions marked as non-printable in time-and-sales displays or market statistic calculations.

CROSS TRADE MESSAGE				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"Q"	Cross Trade Message
Shares	1	9	Numeric	The number of shares matched in the NASDAQ Cross.
Stock	10	6	Alphanumeric	The security symbol associated with the cross trade message.
Cross Price	16	10	Numeric	The price at which the cross occurred. Refer to Data Types for field processing notes.
Match Number	26	9	Numeric	The NASDAQ generated day-unique Match Number of this execution.
Cross Type	35	1	Alphabetic	The NASDAQ cross session for which the message is being generated. "O" = NASDAQ Opening Cross. "C" = NASDAQ Closing Cross. "H" = Cross for IPO and halted securities. "I" = NASDAQ Cross Network: Intraday Cross and Post-Close Cross "E" = EMC Cross

#### 4.7 Broken Trade / Order Execution Message

The Broken Trade Message is sent whenever an execution on NASDAQ is broken. An execution may be broken if it is found to be "clearly erroneous" pursuant to [NASDAQ's Clearly Erroneous Policy](#). A trade break is final; once a trade is broken, it cannot be reinstated.

Firms that use the ITCH feed to create time-and-sales displays or calculate market statistics should be prepared to process the broken trade message. If a firm is only

using the ITCH feed to build a book, however, it may ignore these messages as they have no impact on the current book.

<b>BROKEN TRADE MESSAGE</b>				
<i>Name</i>	<i>Offset</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Message Type	0	1	"B"	Broken Trade Message.
Match Number	1	9	Numeric	The NASDAQ Match Number of the execution that was broken. This refers to a Match Number from a previously transmitted Order Executed Message, Order Executed With Price Message, or Trade Message.

## 4.8 Net Order Imbalance Indicator (NOII)

NOII data is disseminated at 5-second intervals in the minutes leading up to the [NASDAQ Opening Cross](#), [NASDAQ Closing Cross](#), and [NASDAQ IPO/Halt Cross](#).

- o For the standard NASDAQ Opening Cross, NOII messages will be disseminated during the two minutes leading up to the start of market hours.
- o For the NASDAQ Opening Cross for IPO and halted securities, NOII messages will be disseminated during the quote only period. The first NOII message will be disseminated approximately five seconds after the Stock Trading Action message with the "Q" action value is disseminated.
- o For the NASDAQ Closing Cross, NOII messages will be disseminated during the ten minutes leading up to the end of market hours.

NOII MESSAGE				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"I"	NOII Message
Paired Shares	1	9	Numeric	The total number of shares that are eligible to be matched at the Current Reference Price.
Imbalance Shares	10	9	Numeric	The number of shares not paired at the Current Reference Price.
Imbalance Direction	19	1	Alphabetic	The market side of the order imbalance.  "B" = buy imbalance "S" = sell imbalance "N" = no imbalance "O" = Insufficient orders to calculate
Stock	20	6	Alphanumeric	The security symbol for which the NOII message is being generated
Far Price	26	10	Numeric	A hypothetical auction-clearing price for cross orders only.
Near Price	36	10	Numeric	A hypothetical auction-clearing price for cross orders as well as continuous orders.
Current Reference Price	46	10	Numeric	The price at which the NOII shares are being calculated.
Cross Type	56	1	Alphabetic	The type of NASDAQ cross for which the NOII message is being generated  "O" = NASDAQ Opening Cross "C" = NASDAQ Closing Cross "H" = Cross for IPO and halted securities
Price Variation Indicator	57	1	Alphanumeric	This field indicates the absolute value of the percentage of deviation of the Near Indicative

				<p>Clearing Price to the nearest Current Reference Price.</p> <p>"L" = Less than 1%</p> <p>"1" = 1 to 1.99%</p> <p>"2" = 2 to 2.99%</p> <p>"3" = 3 to 3.99%</p> <p>"4" = 4 to 4.99%</p> <p>"5" = 5 to 5.99%</p> <p>"6" = 6 to 6.99%</p> <p>"7" = 7 to 7.99%</p> <p>"8" = 8 to 8.99%</p> <p>"9" = 9 to 9.99%</p> <p>"A" = 10 to 19.99%</p> <p>"B" = 20 to 29.99%</p> <p>"C" = 30% or greater</p> <p>Space = Cannot be calculated</p>
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## 5 Support

- For general product support for NASDAQ data feeds, please contact NASDAQ OMX Global Data Products at +1 301 978 5307 or [dataproductions@nasdaqomx.com](mailto:dataproductions@nasdaqomx.com).
- For technical support for NASDAQ data feeds, please contact NASDAQ OMX Systems Engineering at [devsupport@nasdaqomx.com](mailto:devsupport@nasdaqomx.com).

# Appendix A

## Documentation Revision Control Log

### **September 16, 2008: ITCH Version 3.00**

NASDAQ corrected a few corporate references in the TotalView-ITCH 3.0 specifications document. No material changes were made.

### **June 10, 2008: ITCH Version 3.00**

NASDAQ modified the TotalView-ITCH 3.0 specifications document to add new codes for emergency market condition (EMC) situations:

- Section 4.2 – System Event Message. Added the following three codes for EMC situations.
  - A = Emergency market condition – halt
  - R = Emergency market condition – quote only period
  - B = Emergency market condition – resumption
- Section 4.6.2 – Cross Trade message: Added cross type of “E” for EMC situations. Also added processing note to indicate that NASDAQ will begin to generate a cross trade message for all active issues in the system beginning in the third quarter of 2008.

### **March 5, 2008: ITCH Version 3.00**

NASDAQ modified the TotalView-ITCH 3.0 specifications document to reflect a change in the Message Type value for the new Market Participant Position message format to be added to data stream on or about April 21, 2008:

- Section 4.3.3 – Market Participant Position. The message type value for this message should be “L”.

### **January 16, 2008: ITCH Version 3.00**

NASDAQ modified the TotalView-ITCH 3.0 specifications document to reflect the following new message format to be added to data stream on or about April 21, 2008:

- Section 4.3.3 – Market Participant Position. This message is designed to provide Primary Market Maker status, Market Participant status and Market Maker mode fields used by some firms to comply with market regulations.

### **April 30, 2007: ITCH Version 3.00**

NASDAQ modified the TotalView-ITCH 3.0 specifications document to reflect the following changes:

- Section 4 – For clarity reasons, the Data Type field was updated for all formats to delineate between alphabetic and alphanumeric fields.
- Section 4.3.1 – Within the Issue Directory message format, NASDAQ updated the code list for the Market Category field to denote that space is an allowable value. The Market Category field may be space filled if the security symbol is associated with a test issue OR if NASDAQ Operations adds a production issue to its online systems intra-day.

### **February 15, 2007: ITCH Version 3.00**

NASDAQ modified the TotalView-ITCH 3.0 specifications document to reflect the following changes:

- 4.3.2 – Stock Trading Action. Updated document to reflect actual system processing rules for pre-opening trading action spin.
- Appendix B – Stock Symbol Convention. Updated document to reflect the most current URL links to NASDAQ symbology matrices.

### **October 2, 2006: ITCH Version 3.00**

NASDAQ modified the TotalView-ITCH 3.0 specifications document to reflect the following changes:

- Section 4.1 – Timestamp. Added sentence to address sequencing of second and millisecond timestamps.
- Corrected the numbering in remainder of section 4.

### **August 22, 2006: ITCH Version 3.00**

NASDAQ modified the TotalView-ITCH 3.0 specification document to reflect the following changes:

- Section 4.2 – System Events: Updated the explanations for the "O", "Q", "M" and "M" events to more accurately reflect the feed processing.
- Appendix B – Stock Symbol Conversion: Please contact NASDAQ Systems Engineering for up-to-date symbol suffix matrix.

### **July 11, 2006: ITCH Version 3.00**

NASDAQ releases TotalView-ITCH 3.0 specifications to the public. This document included the following format modifications from earlier versions of the ITCH feed.

- Moved the timestamp from the individual messages to separate seconds and milliseconds messages for bandwidth and processing efficiency reasons.
- Added the following new messages to be consistent with TotalView-Aggregated feed:
  - Stock Directory
  - Net Order Imbalance Indicator
- Replaced Halt/Resume message with Stock Trading Action message to be more consistent with other NASDAQ data feeds.
- Updated Add Order messages in the following ways:
  - Updated Add Order (A) message to remove the display field. Firms should process all orders for NASDAQ quotation displays.
  - Added new Add Order – MPID Attribution (F) message as Single Book system will support market participant attribution at the order level.
- Updated Modify Order messages in the following ways:
  - Updated Order Executed message to support Printable field. Printable field will be used to denote cross transactions.



- Added new Order Executed With Price Message (C) for situations where the execution price is different from the display price of an order. This message is intended to reflect situations where there was price improvement with the NASDAQ system.
  - Added new Order Delete (D) message format to reflect when an order is cancelled in full. This change was done for bandwidth efficiency reasons.
- Added Cross Trade (Q) message to reflect bulk transactions such as the NASDAQ Crosses.

#### **February 24, 2006: ITCH Version 2.0a**

- Replaced all references to INET to NASDAQ.
- Added attribution to "Add Order". This will be the first variable length message in ITCH. It was done to save bandwidth by not sending MMIDs for non-attributed orders.
- Added Halt/Resume message.

#### **March 17, 2004: ITCH Version 2.00**

- Replaced all references to Island (ISLD) with Inet ATS (INET).

#### **December 21, 2000: ITCH Version 2.00**

- Corrected the definition for price fields in the spec to match the actual behavior. Price fields are padded on the left with spaces, not zeros.

#### **November 5, 2001 – ITCH Version 2.0**

- Changed price field format to 6 whole number digits followed immediately by 4 decimal digits. The decimal point was no longer included in the field but implied by position. This reduced the bandwidth of the stream significantly and makes for much easier parsing and processing of price values.
- Changed timestamps to be stated as milliseconds past midnight rather than hundredths of seconds past midnight.
- Replaced the End of Session System event with the End of Day System Event. Although the messages looked identical, the semantics were different. The old End of Session System Event told subscribers that there would be no more messages during that session. The new End of Day System Event indicated that there are no more orders today, but there may still be more messages like Cancels on open orders and Breaks on previously executed orders.
- Removed language about any orders remaining on the book at the end of the session being dead. INET automatically cancels all open orders at the end of the day, so firms should not have any left-over orders on the book at the end of the session.
- Reduced the size of all shares fields from 9 digits to 6 digits.
- Removed Contra Broker Code from the Order Executed and Trade messages.

#### **January 19, 2000 – ITCH Version 1.00**

- Removed implementation ideas from document.
- Moved all session management to a higher-level protocol. ITCH now only specifies the actual messages concerning orders added and executed on the INET book.
- Added the Broken Trade Message to let you know when an execution is broken.
- Added the Print Message to enable people to build INET time-and-sales, INET last trade, and INET volume services.
- Removed the Timeout "why" for canceled orders.
- Removed the Text Message type.
- Increased the precision of timestamps to hundredths of seconds.
- Added Match Number to all executions.

**May 12, 1998 – ITCH Version 0.22**

- Added the Display field to the Add Order Message. This field denotes if the order is displayable in INET quote to the NASDAQ SIP under the SEC order handling rules.

**November 20, 1997 – ITCH Version 0.21**

- Changed documentation to show that the Fixed Rewind Request Message type is "W" . Earlier document should the type as "R" in error.
- Changed documentation for Login Request Message to note that a firm's connection would expire if it failed to log in within 30 seconds of initial login.
- Fixed the description of the Sequence Number field in the Heartbeat Message. The Sequence number should be the next expected sequence number, even during a rewind.

**October 1, 1997 – ITCH Version 0.20**

- Released initial product specification, in draft format, to a few developers for comment.

## Appendix B

### Stock Symbol Convention

For bandwidth efficiency reasons, NASDAQ supports a 6-byte symbol field on its proprietary order, quotation and trade data feed products.

For most classes of securities, this field length is sufficient to support the exchange-assigned symbol. For NYSE- and Amex-listed securities with subordinate issue types, however, NASDAQ may modify the trading symbol to fit the allotted field size on the data feeds. For the current symbol convention matrix, please refer to the [Ticker Symbol Conversion for CQS Securities page](#) on the NASDAQ OMX Trader website.

For NASDAQ-listed issues, NASDAQ currently restricts its symbol length to a maximum of 5 characters. For common stock issuances, NASDAQ will assign a symbol of 1 to 4 characters in length. For subordinate securities, NASDAQ will assign a 5 character symbol for which the last character relays information about the issue class or issue type. For the current list of fifth character symbol suffixes, please refer to [Current List of Fifth Character Symbol Suffixes for NASDAQ-listed Issues](#) on the NASDAQ OMX Trader website.

## Appendix C

### Trading Action – Reason Codes

For NASDAQ-listed issues, NASDAQ acts as the primary market and has the authority to institute a trading halt in an issue due to news dissemination or regulatory reasons. For CQS issues, NASDAQ abides by any regulatory trading halts instituted by the primary or listing market as appropriate. For both issue types, NASDAQ may also halt trading for operational reasons.

NASDAQ will send out a trading action message to inform its market participants when the trading status of an issue changes. For informational purposes, NASDAQ also attempts to provide the reason for each trading action update. For bandwidth efficiency reasons, NASDAQ uses a 4-byte code for the reason on its outbound data feeds.

REASON CODES FOR TRADING HALT ACTIONS	
Code	Value
T1	Halt News Pending
T2	Halt News Disseminated
T6	Regulatory Halt — Extraordinary Market Activity
T8	Halt ETF
T12	Trading Halted; For Information Requested by Listing Market
H4	Halt Non-Compliance
H9	Halt Filings Not Current
H10	Halt SEC Trading Suspension
H11	Halt Regulatory Concern
O1	Operations Halt; Contact Market Operations
IPO1	IPO Issue Not Yet Trading
M1	Corporate Action
M2	Quotation Not Available
<i>Space</i>	Reason Not Available

REASON CODES FOR QUOTATION/TRADING RESUMPTION ACTIONS	
Code	Value
T3	News and Resumption Times
R4	Qualifications Issues Reviewed/Resolved; Quotations/Trading to Resume
R9	Filing Requirements Satisfied/Resolved; Quotations/Trading To Resume
C3	Issuer News Not Forthcoming; Quotations/Trading To Resume
C4	Qualifications Halt ended; Maintenance Requirements Met; Resume
C9	Qualifications Halt Concluded; Filings Met; Quotes/Trades To Resume
C11	Trade Halt Concluded By Other Regulatory Auth.; Quotes/Trades Resume
R1	New Issue Available
R2	Issue Available
IPOQ	IPO Security Released for Quotation (NASDAQ Securities Only)
IPOE	IPO Security — Positioning Window Extension (NASDAQ Securities Only)
<i>Space</i>	Reason Not Available