

# BX GLIMPSE 4.0

*Note: This version of the BX GLIMPSE service is designed to support symbols up to six characters only.*

*As noted in [Data Technical News #2010-3](#), NASDAQ OMX is releasing new versions of the BX GLIMPSE service to support expanded symbol fields. Given NYSE's announced plans to move to longer ticker symbols, NASDAQ OMX is advising direct data feed subscribers to migrate to the new BX GLIMPSE (Version 4.1) data formats.*

*While NASDAQ OMX plans to support this version of the BX GLIMPSE data formats, the feed will carry data only for those securities with a ticker symbol (inclusive of suffixes) of six characters or less.*

## 1 Overview

### 1.1 Product Description

A complement to the BX TotalView-ITCH real-time data feed product, BX GLIMPSE 4.0 is a point-to-point data feed connection that provides direct data feed customers with the current state of the BX Order Book with full market participant attribution. BX GLIMPSE 4.0 uses the same Add Order messages as the BX TotalView-ITCH 4.0 data feed product.

## 2 Architecture

BX GLIMPSE 4.0 is a point-to-point data feed product comprised of a series of sequenced messages. Each message is variable in length based on the message type. The messages that make up the BX GLIMPSE 4.0 protocol are typically delivered using a higher level protocol that takes care of sequencing and delivery guarantees.

BX currently offers the GLIMPSE 4.0 data feed in the [SoupBinTCP](#) protocol option only. Please note that GLIMPSE users must login to SoupBinTCP for sequence 1 to correctly receive data.

## 3 Data Types

All integer fields are unsigned big-endian (network byte order) binary encoded numbers.

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

Prices are integer fields. When converted to a decimal format, prices are in fixed point format with 6 whole number places followed by 4 decimal digits. The maximum price in GLIMPSE is 200,000.0000 (decimal, 77359400 hex).

## 4 Message Formats

Upon logon to the BX GLIMPSE service, firms will receive the following data elements with the relevant system time stamp:

- Symbol Directory messages for all security symbols in the BX execution system;
- Trading Action messages with the current trading state value for active security symbol in the BX execution system;

- Add Order messages for all the displayable orders on the BX execution system at the time of login request;
- GLIMPSE Snapshot message that reflects the most recent order reference number reflected in the transmission.

Please note that BX GLIMPSE 4.0 uses the same Symbol Directory, Trading Action, and Add Order message formats as the BX TotalView-ITCH 4.0 data feed.

At the end of the spins, BX GLIMPSE will send a Snapshot message to denote where firms should begin processing real-time updates via the BX TotalView-ITCH product.

### 4.1 Time Stamp – Seconds

For bandwidth efficiency reasons, BX uses separate time stamp messages for the BX GLIMPSE 4.0 and BX TotalView-ITCH 4.0 products. The messages will be sequenced so that data feed recipients can apply the time stamps properly.

For the BX GLIMPSE 4.0 and BX TotalView-ITCH 4.0 products, BX disseminates the timestamp into two separate pieces:

<b>Timestamp Portion</b>	<b>Message Type</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Seconds	Standalone message on BX GLIMPSE 4.0 feed	Reflects the number of seconds past midnight that the Timestamp message was generated.  Note: A Timestamp – Second message will be disseminated for every second for which there is at least one payload message.
Nanoseconds	Field within individual message formats on BX GLIMPSE 4.0 feed	Reflects the number of nanoseconds since the most recent Timestamp-Seconds message that the payload message was generated.

For the standalone Timestamp – Seconds message, the message format will be as follows:

<b>TIMESTAMP - 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	4	Integer	Number of seconds since midnight.

### 4.2 System Event Message

BX GLIMPSE product is designed to support the same system event messages as the BX TotalView-ITCH feed. On BX GLIMPSE, BX will send out system event messages for those events that occurred up to the time of the BX GLIMPSE snapshot request.

<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.
Timestamp	1	4	Integer	Nanoseconds portion of the timestamp.

Event Code	5	1	Alpha	See System Event Codes below.
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SYSTEM EVENT CODES – DAILY	
Code	Explanation
"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 BX 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 BX 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.

SYSTEM EVENT CODES – AS NEEDED	
Code	Explanation
"A"	<i>Emergency Market Condition – Halt:</i> This message is sent to inform BX 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 BX market participants that the EMC quotation only period is in effect.
"B"	<i>Emergency Market Condition – Resumption:</i> This message is sent to inform BX market participants that EMC is no longer in effect.

### 4.3 Add Order Message

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

For BX GLIMPSE 4.0 / BX TotalView-ITCH 4.0, BX supports two variations of the Add Order message format.

#### 4.3.1 Add Order – No MPID Attribution

This message will be generated for unattributed orders accepted by the BX system.

ADD ORDER MESSAGE				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"A"	Add Order – No MPID Attribution Message.
Timestamp - Nanoseconds	1	4	Integer	Nanoseconds portion of the timestamp.
Order Reference Number	5	8	Integer	The unique reference number assigned to the new order. The order reference number is increasing, but not necessarily sequential.

Buy/Sell Indicator	13	1	Alpha	The type of order being added. "B" = buy order. "S" = sell order.
Shares	14	4	Integer	The total number of shares associated with the order being added to the book.
Stock	18	6	Alpha	The security symbol for which the order is being added.
Price	24	4	Integer	The display price of the new order. Refer to Data Types for field processing notes.

### 4.3.2 Add Order with MPID Attribution

This message will be generated for attributed orders and quotations accepted by the BX system.

ADD ORDER – MPID ATTRIBUTION MESSAGE				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"F"	Add Order with MPID Attribution Message.
Timestamp - Nanoseconds	1	4	Integer	Nanoseconds portion of the timestamp.
Order Reference Number	5	8	Integer	The unique reference number assigned to the new order. The order reference number is increasing, but not necessarily sequential.
Buy/Sell Indicator	13	1	Alpha	The type of order being added. "B" = buy order. "S" = sell order.
Shares	14	4	Integer	The total number of shares associated with the order being added to the book.
Stock	18	6	Alpha	The security symbol for which the order is being added.
Price	24	4	Integer	The display price of the new order. Refer to Data Types for field processing notes.
Attribution	28	4	Alpha	BX market participant identifier associated with the entered order.

## 4.4 Symbol Directory

At the start of each trading day, NASDAQ OMX BX disseminates stock directory messages for all active symbols in the system for the current trading day. Please note that the Symbol Directory spin may include halted issues. Firms must process the Trading Action message for current trading state information.

SYMBOL DIRECTORY				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"R"	Stock Directory Message
Timestamp - Nanoseconds	1	4	Integer	Nanoseconds portion of the timestamp.
Stock	5	6	Alpha	Denotes the security symbol for the issue in BX.
Market Category	11	1	Alpha	Indicates listing market center or listing market tier for the issue  "T" = CQS issues including New York Stock

				Exchange (NYSE), NYSE Amex and NYSE Arca "Q" = NASDAQ Global Select Market <sup>SM</sup> "G" = NASDAQ Global Market <sup>SM</sup> "S" = NASDAQ Capital Market <sup>®</sup> "B" = BX-Listing Market Space = Not available
Financial Status Indicator	12	1	Alpha	For NASDAQ-listed or BX-listed issues, this field indicates when a firm is not in compliance with NASDAQ or BX 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 or BX-listed issue  For NYSE, NYSE Amex, and NYSE Arca issues, this field will also be space-filled. Redistributors should refer to SIAC feeds for code if needed.
Round Lot Size	13	4	Integer	Indicates the number of shares that represent a round lot for the issue
Round Lots Only	17	1	Alpha	Indicates if NASDAQ or BX system limits order entry for issue  "Y" = only round lots are accepted in this stock "N" = odd/mixed lots are allowed

### 4.5 Stock Trading Action message

Administrative messages are used to indicate the current trading status of a security to the trading community.

In the GLIMPSE transmission, BX will send out a Stock Trading Action message for only those NASDAQ, NYSE, NYSE Amex and NYSE Arca issues that were eligible for trading during the current trading session.

For most issues, the Trading Action state would be "T" (Trading Resumption) to reflect the issue was released for trading during the current market session.

If the issue was in a halted or paused state at the time of the GLIMPSE transmission, however, the Trading Action state could be one of the other Trading States values listed below.

If the GLIMPSE transmission includes a Stock Directory message, but not a Stock Trading Action message, for an issue, firms may assume that the issue was placed in an operational or regulatory trading halt prior to the start of the current trading system.

STOCK TRADING ACTION				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"H"	Stock Trading Action Message.
Timestamp - Nanoseconds	1	4	Integer	Nanoseconds portion of the timestamp.
Stock	5	6	Alpha	Stock symbol right padded with spaces.
Trading State	11	1	Alpha	Indicates the current trading state for the stock. Allowable values:

				"H" = Halted or paused on across all U.S. equity markets "V" = Halted or paused on primary market; Halt/pause observed by BX market "Q" = Quotation only period for cross-market halt or pause "T" = Trading on BX
Reserved	12	1	Alpha	Reserved.
Reason	13	4	Alpha	Trading Action reason.

### 4.6 Snapshot message

The Snapshot message reflects the BX TotalView-ITCH 4.0 sequence number at the time that the BX GLIMPSE 4.0 spin was requested.

To maintain a real-time order display, firms should begin to process real-time BX TotalView-ITCH 4.0 messages beginning with the sequence number stated in this BX GLIMPSE 4.0 snapshot message.

END OF SNAPSHOT MESSAGE				
Name	Offset	Length	Value	Notes
Message Type	0	1	"G"	End of Snapshot message
Sequence number	1	20	Numeric	BX TotalView-ITCH 4.0 sequence number when the BX GLIMPSE 4.0 snapshot was taken.  To keep the order book current, firms should process real-time BX TotalView-ITCH 4.0 messages beginning with the message sequence number reflected in this snapshot message.  Note: While BX TotalView-ITCH 4.0 is a binary data feed, the SoupBINTCP protocol uses ASCII characters for the sequence number in the logon request message format.

## 5 Support

- For general product support for BX 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 BX data feeds, please contact NASDAQ OMX Systems Engineering at [devsupport@nasdaqomx.com](mailto:devsupport@nasdaqomx.com).

## Appendix A

### Documentation Revision Control Log

**July 2, 2010: BX GLIMPSE Version 4.0**

NASDAQ OMX added a new Trading State code value of "V" to the Stock Trading Action message to denote a NASDAQ Volatility Guard trading pause.

**May 25, 2010: BX GLIMPSE Version 4.0**

NASDAQ OMX updated the definition of the Trading State "H" value to indicate Halted / Paused for single security trading pause situations.

**January 22, 2010: BX GLIMPSE Version 4.0**

Released a new version of the BX TotalView-ITCH documentation to support the following changes:

- Added Symbol Directory and Trading Action message types.

**January 7, 2010: BX GLIMPSE Version 4.00**

NASDAQ OMX releases initial BX GLIMPSE 4.0 specifications to public