Run a backtest and read the results

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A backtest replays your rule over real Binance spot candles with fees and slippage. It answers one question honestly: how would this exact rule have behaved on data that is already finished?

Running one

1. Open **Backtesting** and choose the bot whose rule you want to test.
2. Pick the timeframe and the period. Longer periods include more market conditions.
3. Run it. The replay returns an equity curve, a trade list and the statistics below.

Reading the output

Metric	What it tells you
Equity curve vs buy & hold	Whether the rule added anything over simply holding
Max drawdown	The worst peak-to-trough stretch you would have lived through
Profit factor	Gross wins divided by gross losses
Sharpe ratio	Return relative to volatility
Win rate	How often trades closed green — meaningless without the average win/loss

What it does not include

Partial fills, liquidity gaps and exchange outages. Fees and slippage are modelled, execution is not. Treat the result as an upper bound and let a paper bot test the missing parts — see backtest vs paper trading.

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