

The Engine of Rabobank's Goal Monitor

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- What problem did Rabobank solve?
- Why MATLAB...?
- The advantages!!!
- What is the purpose of Goal Monitor?



- € 40 Billion Assets Under Management
- 3 Quantitative Researchers (CFA or PhD)
- Develops (quantitative) models to serve clients' needs
 - Forecasting models (Goal Monitor)
 - Risk models (Value-at-Risk)

Rabobank needs Goal Monitor to serve clients!



- Questions of clients arise, when they come for advice regarding their financial situation:
 - What can I expect after 20 years of investing?
 - What is the (downside) risk of my portfolio over time?
 - What is the chance that I support my children to university?
- As financial markets are unpredictable, Rabobank does need to provide insights though.
- We simulate the dynamics of the financial markets with Goal Monitor!

problem analysis solution

Problem?





Observations

& Questions...



- Yearly € 2 million for an external system
- But...other parties also buy the same system for their clients
- But...we don't have any suitable software
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- Is it really that hard to build internally??!!
- Do we have the expertise to build internally though?
- Which software would be the best for Rabobank?



MATLAB*

And the winner is.....





Why MATLAB...?



- Many universities use MATLAB as education software for students
- MATLAB is extremely fast with matrix multiplications
- In-house experience and knowledge with MATLAB



What are the advantages?





Before MATLAB...





...after MATLAB





Another saving! \$ € £





- Time = Money!
- Much quicker implementation of adjustments in source code by the quantitative analysts
- Verification of the programmer's code needed by the quantitative analysts



What is the purpose?





Forecasting in Goal Monitor



- Monte Carlo Simulations of returns:
 - Simulated Return = Average Return + Volatility * Random Number
 - Random number is a draw from the Normal Distibution (0,1)
- Transform returns to prices:
 - Price [t] = (1+ Simulated Return[t]) * Price [t-1]







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Summary



- Many universities have MATLAB as educational software
- Quicker implementation of adjustments in source code by the quantitative analysts
- Knowledge + MATLAB = Build your own systems
- Build your own systems = Saving costs
- Saving costs = Salary increase (???)



