PLAIN-LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Did This Trading System Work?

A 9-day real-money test of an automatic buy/sell system for crypto

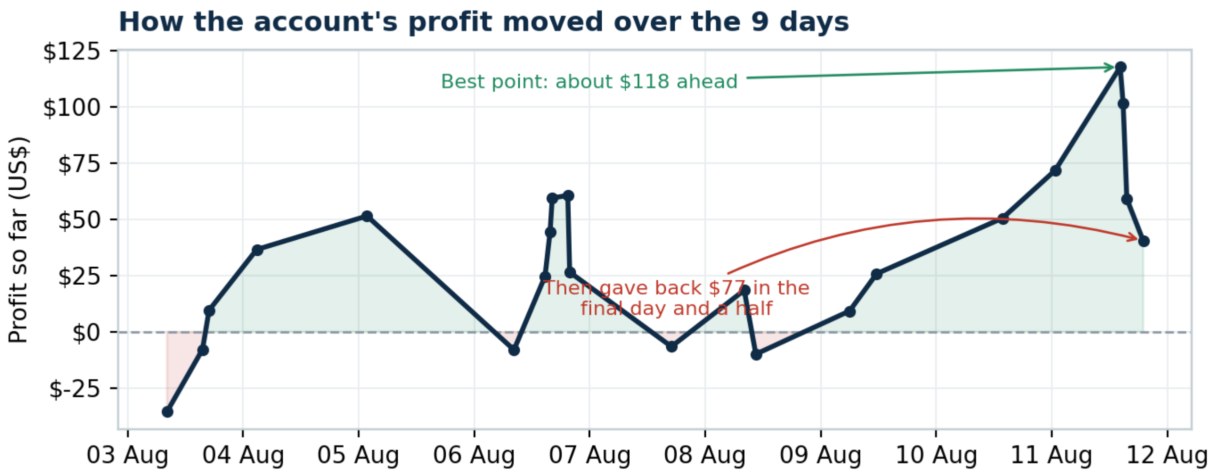
The short answer

Over nine days, the system traded about $10,000 and ended up roughly $28 ahead — essentially breakeven.

That is a return of about a quarter of one percent. Simply holding Bitcoin over the same nine days would have done a little better with far less activity. The system is not clearly broken, but this test does not show that it makes money either. Nine days and a handful of trades is too short to prove anything.

The three things an investor should take away

What we found	What it means for you
It barely broke even	About +$28 on ~$10,000 in 9 days. Roughly the same as doing nothing.
Costs are eating the profit	Trading fees alone were larger than the profit that was kept.
It is too early to judge	Far too few trades to tell skill from luck. Needs a much longer test.



The account climbed to about $118 in profit, then gave most of it back over the final day and a half.

What was actually tested

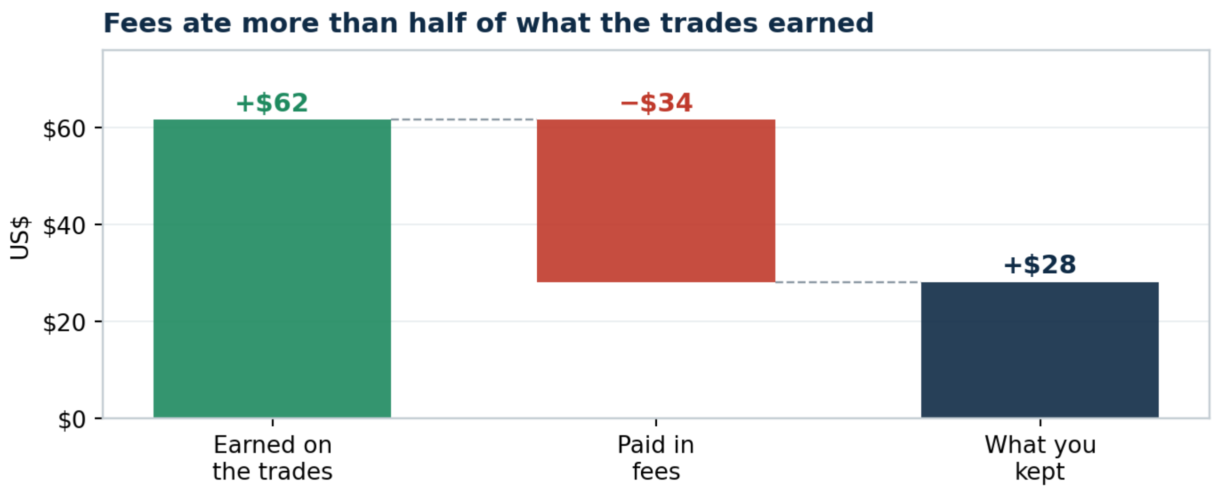
This was a real-money trial of a rule-based trading system. Instead of a person deciding when to buy and sell, the system follows two well-known technical signals (called MACD and RSI) that try to spot short-term price swings. When the signals line up, it buys; when they turn, it sells. The idea is to hold each coin for a few days and repeat.

The test in numbers	(one short trial)
How long	9 days (2–11 August 2026)
How much money	About $10,000 at its fullest
How many coins	17 different cryptocurrencies
How many trades	42 buys and sells in total
Where	Binance, cash only — no borrowing, no betting on prices falling

A quick note on trust: this summary is built from the actual list of trades. A few details — such as the exact buy and sell rules the system used — are not in that file, so where we describe them we are reading them from the pattern of trades, not from a stated rulebook. Anything uncertain is flagged as such.

Did it make money?

On the trades themselves, the system earned about **$62**. But two things pulled that down. **Fees** took about **$34** — every buy and sell on the exchange carries a small charge, and 42 trades add up. That left roughly **$28** actually kept.

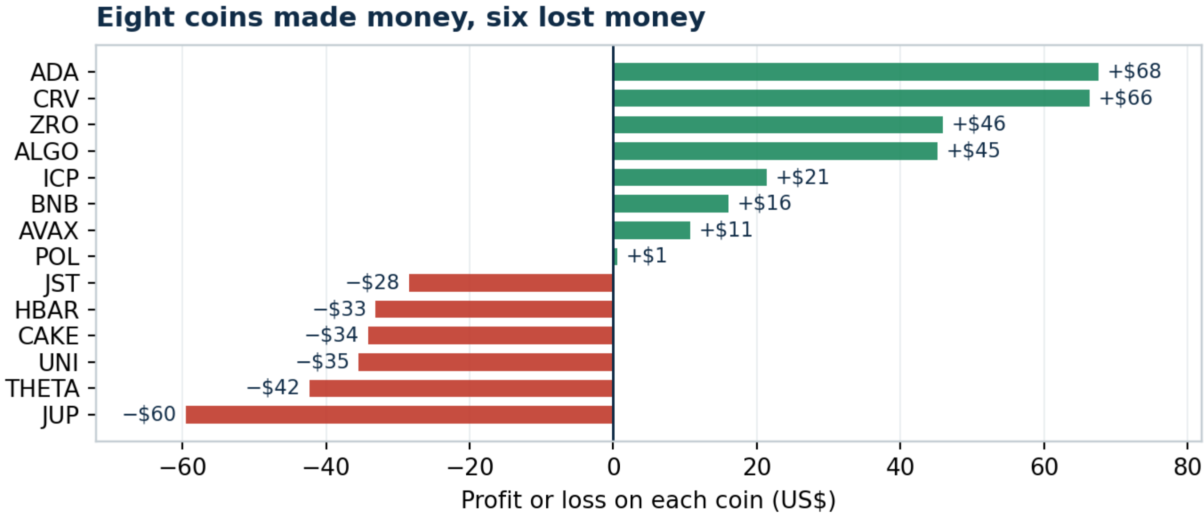


More than half of what the trades earned was handed straight back to the exchange in fees.

> **Why fees matter so much here**
> This system trades often and aims for small gains on each trade. When your target profit per trade is small, the fee on that trade eats a big share of it. A cheaper fee rate — which this account was not using — would have kept noticeably more of the profit.

How often did it win?

Reasonably often. Of the 14 coins it finished trading, **8 made money and 6 lost money** — a solid hit rate. The catch is that the winners were mostly small and the losers were sometimes larger, so a good win-rate did not turn into much profit.



ADA and CRV were the best performers; JUP and THETA were the worst. Most results were modest either way.

The one bad stretch that undid the whole test

The system spent nine days slowly building a profit of about $118. Then, on the final day and a half, four trades went wrong in quick succession and wiped out roughly $77 of that — more than double the profit it ended up keeping.

> **This is the biggest warning sign in the data.**
> All the coins were bought in a few big bursts, at almost the same moment, and they all tend to rise and fall together. So when the market turned near the end, several positions lost money at once. The system was not really making 22 separate bets — it was making the same bet many times over. That is fine when the market cooperates and painful when it does not.

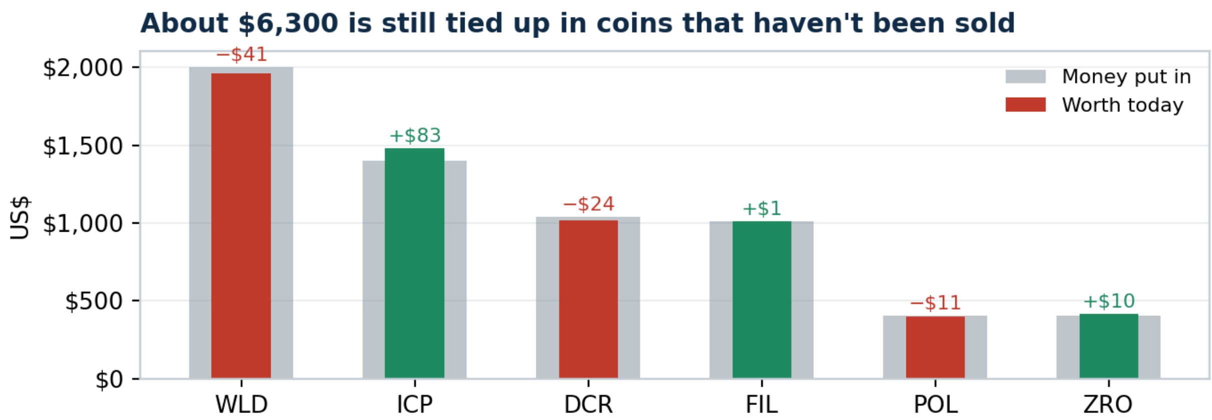
Two risks that are easy to miss

1. There was no cash held back

At its busiest, essentially all of the money was invested at once across ten coins. There was no cash set aside as a cushion. If the market had dropped sharply on day one, there was nothing in reserve to soften it or to buy back in lower.

2. Most of the money is still tied up

The test is not really finished. About **$6,300 — nearly two-thirds of the money — is still sitting in six coins that were never sold**. Right now those are worth roughly what was paid for them, so they don't change the verdict much today. But the final result won't be known until they are sold.



Six positions were still open when the data was pulled. As of today they are worth about what was paid for them.

> **So today's answer is provisional.**
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> Because a large chunk of money is still invested, any conclusion could shift once those coins are sold. The fair statement right now is: over the trades it has finished, the system came out roughly even.

Bottom line for a potential investor

This was a short, honest experiment, and the honest result is **roughly breakeven**. The system did not lose meaningful money, but it did not clearly beat simply holding a major coin either — and it did so while taking on the full ups and downs of seventeen volatile cryptocurrencies at once.

None of this means the underlying idea is bad. The buy/sell signals picked winners more often than losers. The problems that showed up are mostly about **how** the trades were run, not **whether** to trade — and those are fixable:

- **Cut the fees.** Using the exchange's cheaper fee option would immediately keep more of every gain.
- **Protect against bad exits.** Setting automatic sell orders in advance would stop a few large losses from doing outsized damage.
- **Don't buy everything at once.** Spreading entries out and keeping some cash in reserve reduces the risk of one bad day.
- **Test for longer.** A few dozen trades over nine days simply isn't enough to trust. A run of several months would be far more telling.

> **What we would want to see before calling this a proven, money-making system:**
> A longer track record (ideally several months and a few hundred trades), lower trading costs, automatic protection on losing trades, and a result that clearly beats simply holding Bitcoin or Ethereum over the same period. Until then, treat it as a promising idea that still has to prove itself — not a finished product.

About this summary: figures are calculated from the account's real trade history over 2–11 August 2026. Profit on trades is shown before and after exchange fees. Coins not yet sold are valued at widely-quoted market prices as of 12 August 2026 and are approximate. Fee amounts and the system's exact buy/sell rules are estimated from the trade pattern where the source file does not state them. This document describes what happened in one short test. It is not investment advice, and past results — especially over nine days — do not predict future returns. Cryptocurrency is high-risk and you can lose money.