

AAPL PAPER TRADE ROUND TRIP – STEP BY STEP

From Setup to Buy to Sell – Complete Walkthrough

STEP	ACTION	WHAT WE DID	RESULT / CONFIRMATION	STATUS
1 	Prepare the Environment	Used Windows PC. Created a local project folder: C:\Users\PDRuss\Trading	Local workspace "Trading" ready.	✓
2 	Get Alpaca API Credentials	Logged in to Alpaca. Went to API Keys. Regenerated key and secret. Saved endpoint, key, secret.	API Key, Secret Key, and Endpoint obtained.	✓
3 	Create Project Files	Claude Code created these files in the Trading folder: .env, requirements.txt, test_connection.py, place_order.py	Project files created successfully.	✓
4 	Configure .env File	Opened .env in Notepad and entered Endpoint, API Key, API Secret. Saved file.	.env file saved with credentials.	✓
5 	Test Connection (Read-Only)	Ran test_connection.py in Terminal.	Connection successful to Alpaca PAPER trading.	✓
6 	Verify Account (Read-Only)	Asked Claude to verify account details (no orders placed).	Confirmed \$50,009.43 equity in ~\$50,000 PAPER account.	✓
7 	Buy 1 Share of AAPL	Command: "Buy me 1 share of AAPL." Claude placed market order.	Order submitted to Alpaca.	✓
8 	Check Buy Order Status	Asked Claude to check the order status.	Order filled.	✓
9 	Verify Position After Buy	Asked Claude to show my current positions.	Holding: 1 share of AAPL Avg Entry: \$307.27	✓
10 	Monitor Price & Position (Read-Only)	Asked Claude to verify position and current price (no orders placed).	AAPL Current Price: \$316.71 Unrealized P/L: +\$9.44	✓
11 	Sell 1 Share of AAPL	Command: "Sell my 1 share of AAPL." Claude placed market order.	Sell order submitted.	✓
12 	Check Sell Order Status	Asked Claude to check the sell order status.	Order filled.	✓
13 	Verify Position After Sell	Asked Claude to show my current AAPL position.	Current AAPL Position: None You no longer hold any AAPL shares.	✓
14 	Round Trip Complete	Confirmed the buy and sell results.	Bought at \$307.27 Sold at \$319.11 Gain: \$11.84 per share (Paper Money)	✓

AAPL PAPER TRADE ROUND TRIP – VISUAL FLOW



THE RESULTS

Bought: \$307.27
 Sold: \$319.11
 Gain: **\$11.84**
 (per share)
All Paper Money 

ACCOUNT SUMMARY (After Sell)

Equity: \$50,009.43 (approx)
 Cash: \$49,692.72
 Buying Power: \$199,657.67
 AAPL Position: None 

KEY POINTS

- ✓ Used ~\$50,000 PAPER Account
- ✓ No real money used
- ✓ All actions confirmed step by step
- ✓ Read before you trade
- ✓ Verify before every order

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

You successfully completed your first end-to-end paper trade round trip with Claude & Alpaca! 