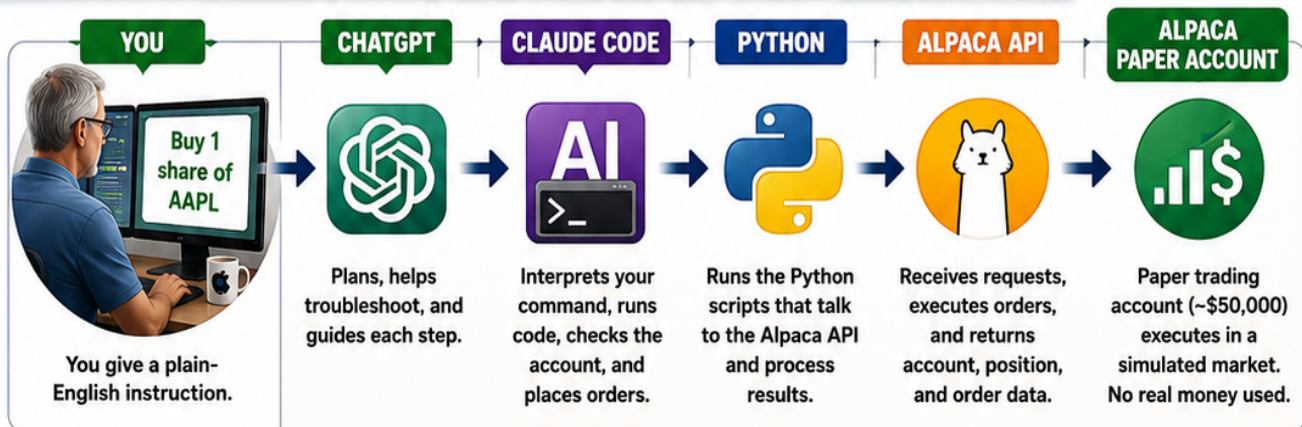


AI-ASSISTED PAPER TRADING

A Step-by-Step Learning Companion

Companion No. 1 - The First Complete Trade

Building and Testing a Claude-Alpaca Trading System



A hands-on learning project showing how ordinary-language instructions can move through AI tools, Python code, and the Alpaca paper-trading API - with every step verified before moving on.

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ABOUT THIS LEARNING COMPANION

Project inspiration, purpose, and educational disclaimer

PROJECT INSPIRATION

This project was inspired by Samin Yasar's YouTube tutorial "Claude Just Changed the Stock Market Forever! (Tutorial)." This companion independently documents our reconstruction, testing, explanations, and hands-on experience implementing concepts demonstrated in that tutorial.

Watch the original YouTube tutorial:

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=tfDxyTxXQHM>

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

Purpose: This is a practical technology-learning project. Its focus is understanding how software components - including ChatGPT, Claude Code, Python, and the Alpaca API - can work together to create and test an AI-assisted paper-trading workflow. The Apple trade is an example used to demonstrate the software process.

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER

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WHAT COMES NEXT

Companion No. 1 contains:

1. The AAPL Paper-Trade Round Trip - setup, buy, verification, sell, and confirmation that the position was closed.
2. The Software Toolkit - what each software component did and how the pieces worked together.