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There are some guides online that offer insights on how to choose the best [charting software](#) product. One common advice in reliable guides is that traders should choose the products that have been around for a long time. There are a couple of good reasons why longevity is a crucial factor in identifying the best package.

One major implication of product longevity is that the product remains useful and relevant. It's still around because modern users still patronize it, recommend it and talk about it. Obviously, no product will remain in the market for long if no one has been buying or using it. Common sense will tell you that it is plainly illogical and costly from a business perspective to continue promoting a bad product. This is why a stock charting package that's a bit old is worth checking.

You will also most likely gain more from a long lived product because its support system is also guaranteed to have been around for long. Because of the many years of existence, a support portal is likely to carry extensive and well developed systems that will remain relevant for several years. If you settle for a young package with a young system, you run the risk of losing relevant support in the event that a young charting software package drops out of the market because its developer has decided not to sell or develop it anymore.

Another good reason to search for the quality of longevity is that packages that have been in use for years also have large user groups. This will provide you with an excellent opportunity to network and swap tips and tricks with fellow users who might know more than you when it comes to trading, chart features and even [back testing](#). Moreover, an extensive user base can also provide you with a backup support system. In case you can't find the help that you need through developer maintained channels, you can always head off to a well populated forum to ask your question or to solicit opinions.

The large user base of an old piece of stock charting software has also most likely generated for itself a host of related products made by third party companies. Because the original package is so popular, developers would naturally want to ride the same bandwagon and market their own related items. These can come in the form of data sourcing tools and back testing devices.

As most experts would know, data sources and back testing tools are vital in the smooth and effective implementation of trading systems. Trading gurus suggest that only back tested trading systems that have been evaluated through the use of accurate historical data should be adopted. Charting products can have their own test and data tools. Those from external developers however are often better made.

Undoubtedly, the charting software that you settle for will help determine your trading success. This is why it is now more important than ever to pick a package that has passed the test of time and use it with a solid plan like the [Nicolas Darvas trading](#) system. With a lot of money at stake, you can't afford to put your trust on a fairly new package.

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