

Ghost is in the Air(Traffic)



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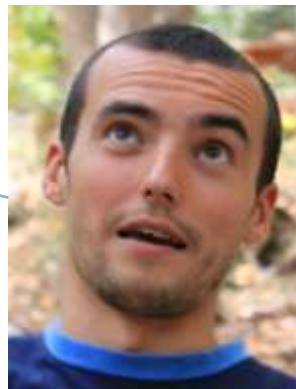
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Interest in
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Hacking MFPs +
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▪ **tldr;**

▪ **DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME!**

▪ **USE AT YOUR OWN RISK!**

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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL



What my friends think I do



What my mom thinks I do



What society thinks I do



What pilots think I do

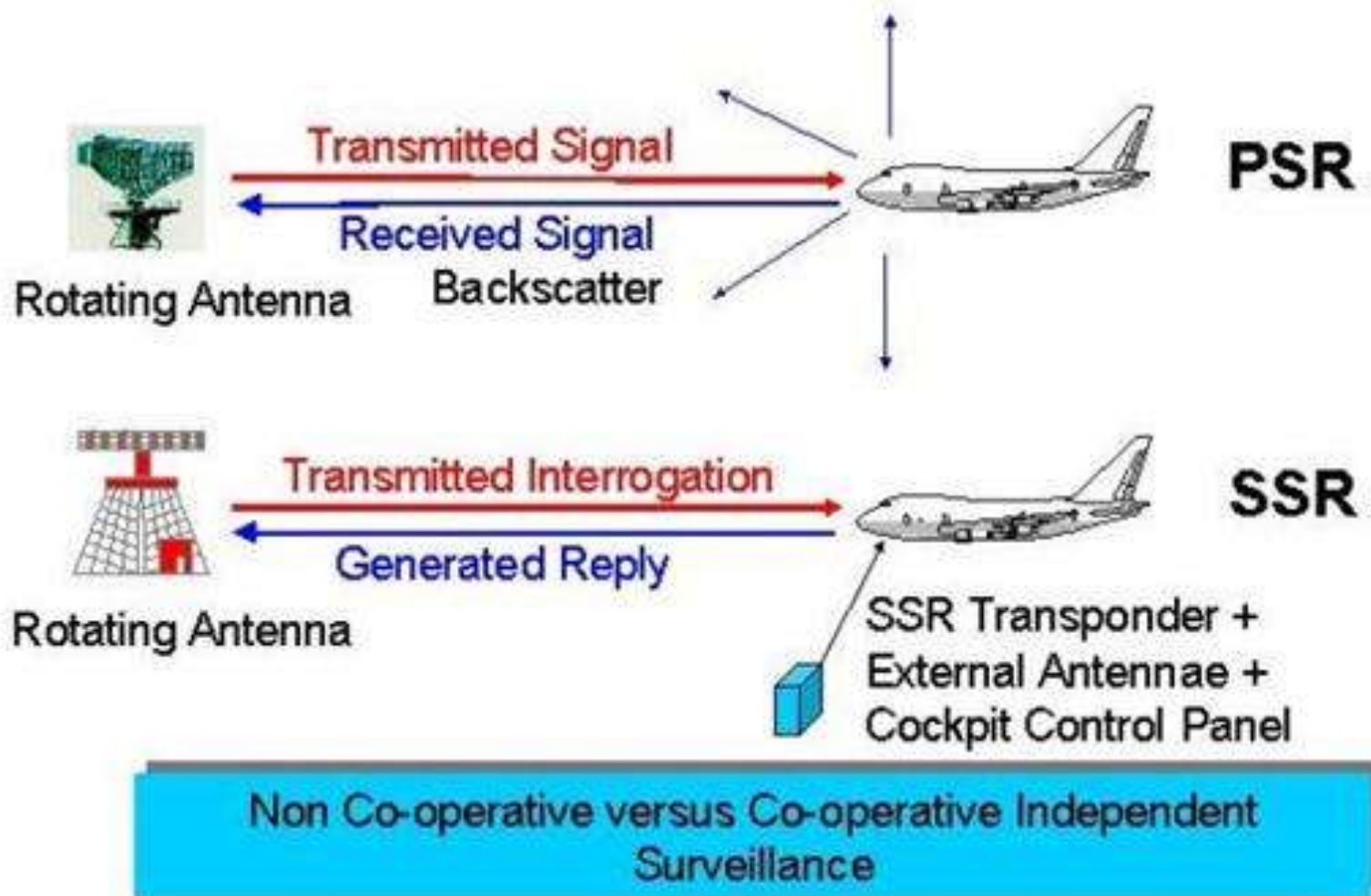


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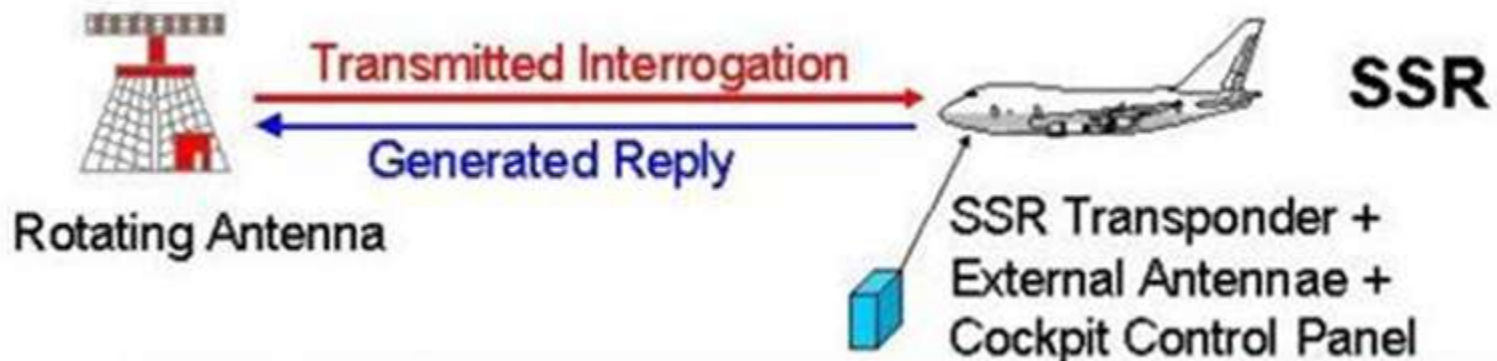


What I actually do

How do radars work without ADS-B?



SSR transmits basic *solicited* data



- SSR is solicited type of communication
 - Solicitation via XPDR
 - Solicitation via voice VHF
- Example of data from SSR XPDR:
 - Aircraft Address
 - Altitude
 - Code (squawk)
 - Angles (Roll/Track)

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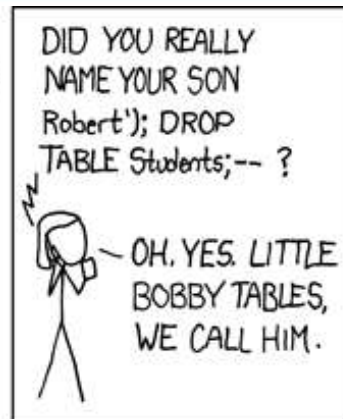
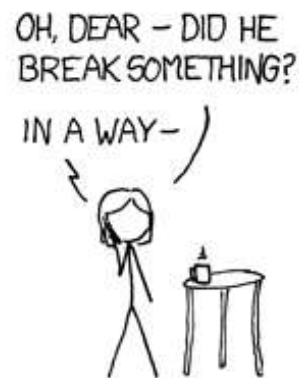
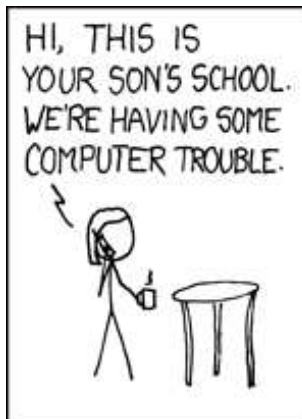
6. Solutions and take-aways

Inputs are not robust enough

! Don't add any leading zeros, hyphens, dashes or spaces to the FLTID.

To allow correlation of a FLTID to a flight plan, the FLTID must match the Aircraft Identification (ACID) entered in Item 7 of the Flight Notification.

! If you enter either of these codes incorrectly, ATC might not be able to see your aircraft, or might confuse it with another. You could also affect other systems, like TCAS. The codes are flight critical information, so enter them carefully.



Input mistakes have severe implications

When making routine code changes, you should avoid inadvertent selection of codes 7500, 7600, or 7700 thereby causing momentary false alarms at automated ground facilities. For example when switching from code 2700 to code 7200, switch first to 2200 then 7200, NOT to 7700 and then 7200.

This procedure applies to nondiscrete code 7500 and all discrete codes in the 7600 and 7700 series (i.e., 7600-7677, 7700-7777) which trigger special indicators in automated facilities. Only nondiscrete code 7500 will be decoded as the hijack code. An aircraft's transponder code (when available) is utilized to enhance the tracking capabilities of the ATC facility, therefore you should not turn the GTX 320 to SBY when making routine code changes.

Important Codes

- **1200**—The VFR Code for any altitude.
- **7600**—Loss of Communications.
- **7500**—Hijacking (Never assigned by ATC with her aircraft is subject to unlawful interference).
- **7700**—Emergency (All secondary surveillance times).

Important Codes

Following is a list of important codes:

- 1200 – VFR code in the U.S. (refer to ICAO standards for VFR codes in other countries).
- 7000 – VFR code commonly used in Europe (refer to ICAO standards).
- 7500 – Hijack code.
- 7600 – Loss of communication code.
- 7700 – Emergency code.
- **7777 – Military interceptor operations code (NEVER SQUAWK THIS CODE).**
- 0000 – Code for military use in the U.S.

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ADS-B is a \$billions world-wide effort from 2002...

FAAXX704: Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B)

Investment Description The Surveillance and Broadcast Services (SBS) program office is implementing Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B), a surveillance system designed to provide improved air traffic information for pilots and air traffic controllers. ADS- More...

FY2012 (CY) Spending
\$301.52 M
Time frame of investment
2006 - 2035

Status
Continued
Major

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Section C: Summary of Funding (Budget Authority for Capital Assets)

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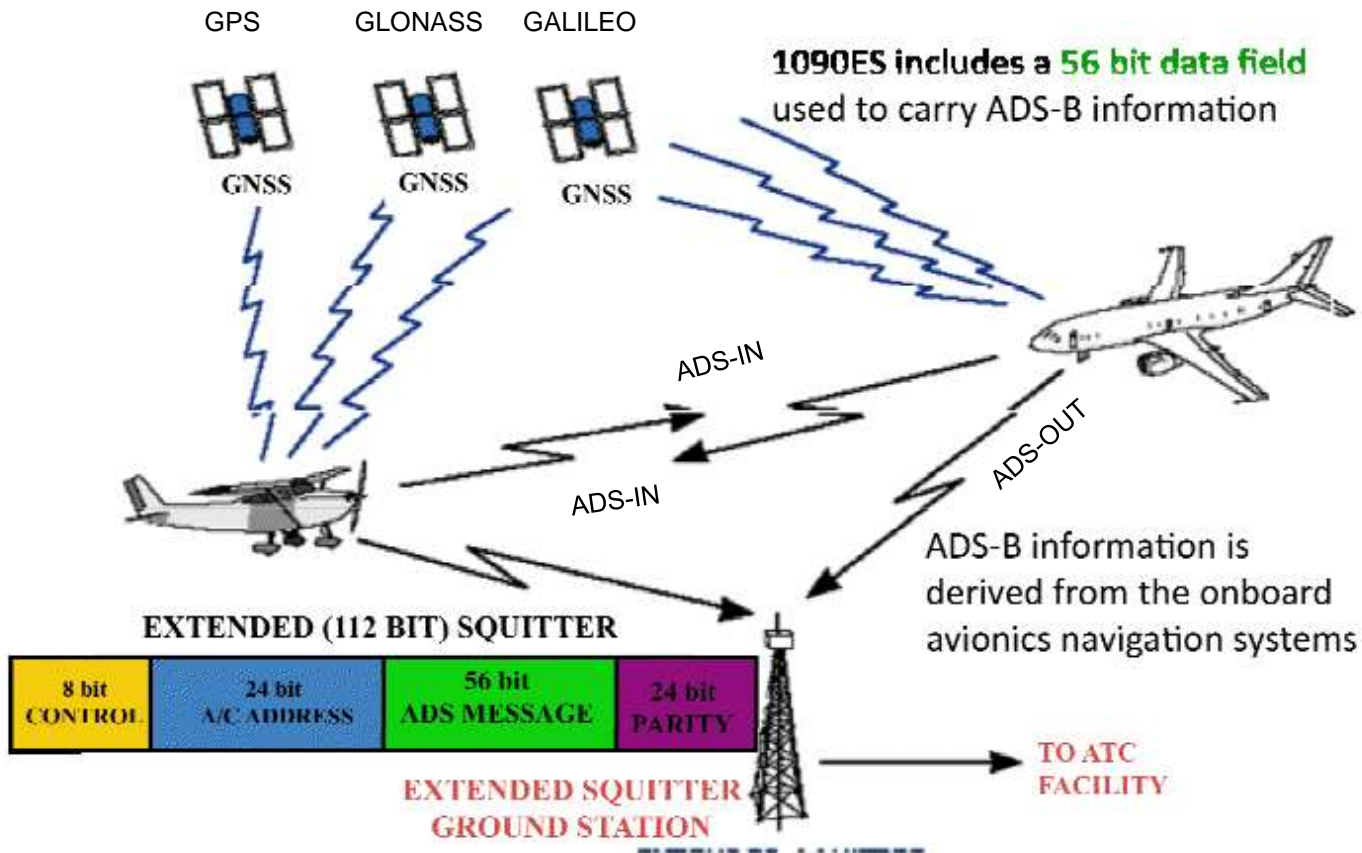
Table I.C.1 Summary of Funding

	PY-1 & Prior	PY 2011	CY 2012	BY 2013
Planning Costs:	\$9.9	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
DME (Excluding Planning) Costs:	\$710.7	\$179.8	\$288.0	\$272.1
DME (Including Planning) Govt. FTEs:	\$28.6	\$6.3	\$6.8	\$4.5
Sub-Total DME (Including Govt. FTE):	\$749.2	\$186.1	\$294.8	\$276.6
O & M Costs:	\$11.0	\$5.0	\$6.4	\$7.9
O & M Govt. FTEs:	\$2.6	\$0.3	\$0.4	\$0.2
Sub-Total O & M Costs (Including Govt. FTE):	\$13.6	\$5.3	\$6.8	\$8.1
Total Cost (Including Govt. FTE):	\$762.8	\$191.4	\$301.6	\$284.7
Total Govt. FTE costs:	\$31.2	\$6.6	\$7.2	\$4.7
# of FTE rep by costs:	202	38	38	24
Total change from prior year final President's Budget (\$)		\$0.0	\$-2.0	
Total change from prior year final President's Budget (%)		0.00%	-0.66%	

How does ADS-B work? – Architectural view

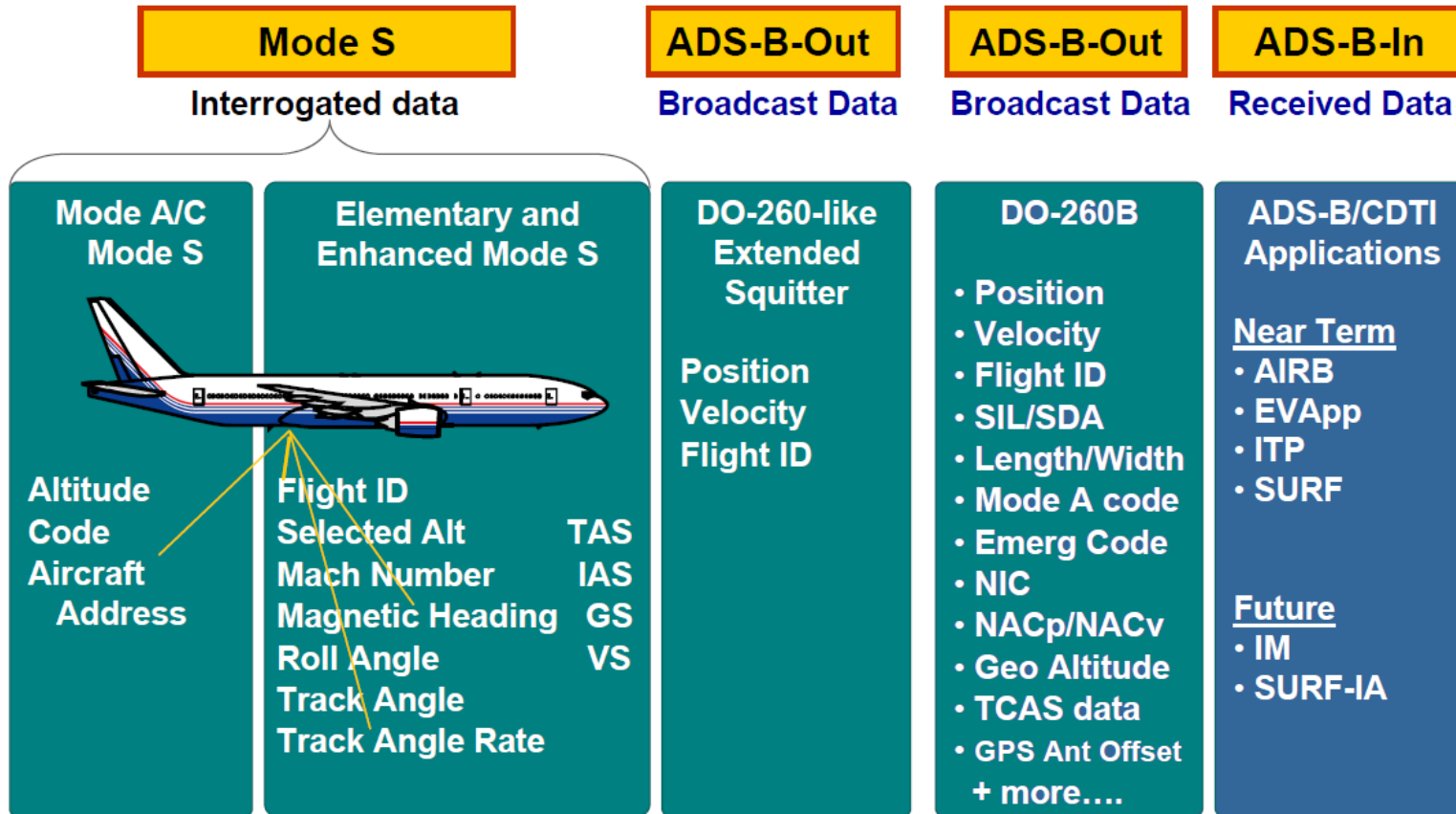
Guidance for the Provision of Air Traffic Services Using ADS-B for Airport Surface Surveillance

2.1.1 ADS-B Out and ADS-B IN



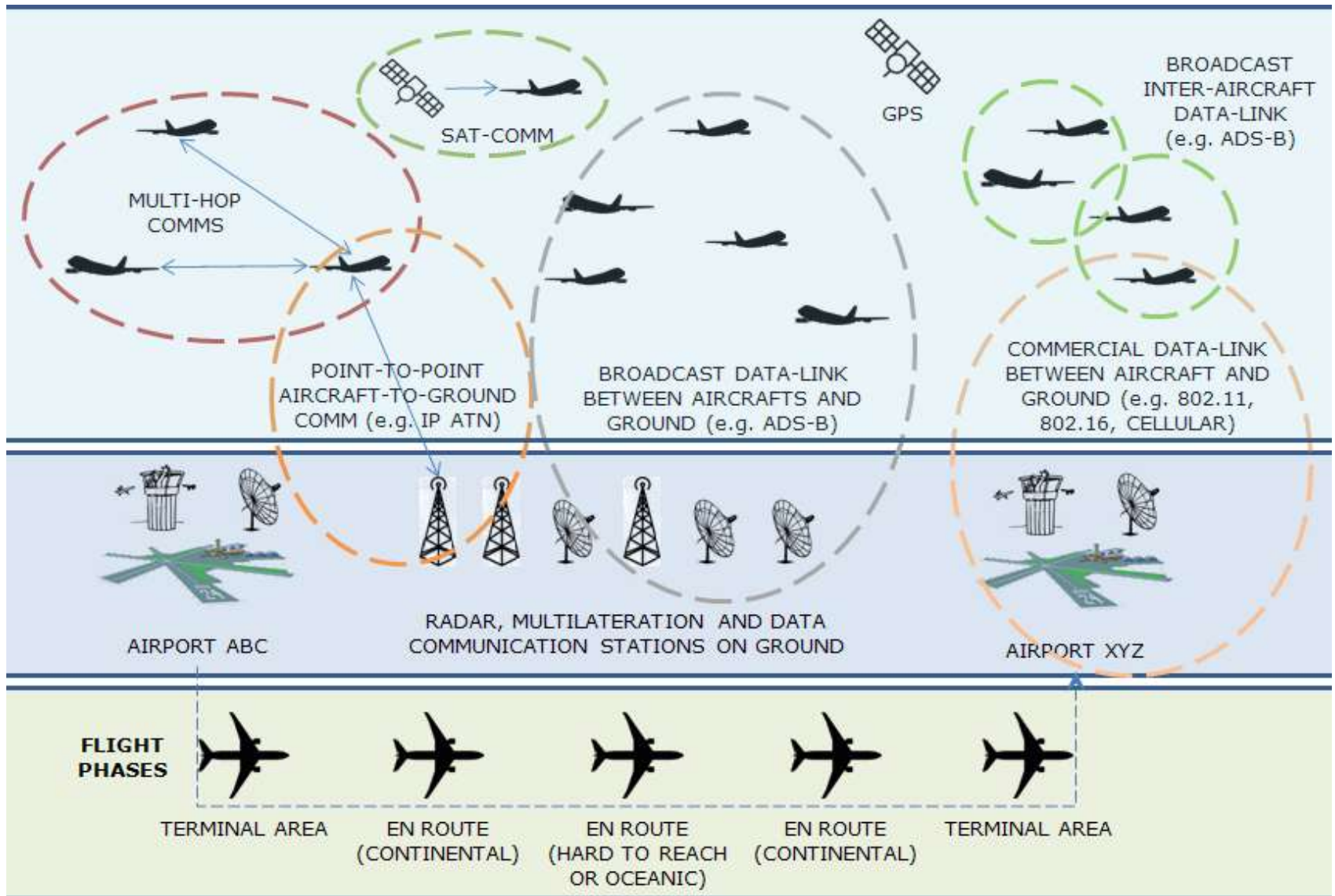
ADS-B Out and ADS-B In – Simplified Functional Diagram

ADS-B – INsideOUT...



- ADS-B is being used over 2 existing technologies:
 - Mode-S – 1090 MHz (replies) and 1030 MHz (interrogation)
 - PPM @ 1 Mbps
 - UAT (Universal Access Transceiver) – 978 MHz (replies)
 - CP-2FSK @ 1.041667 Mbps (modulation index $h \geq 0.6$)

ATC Tomorrow – NextGen, ATC/M and eAircrafts



ADS-B Deployment Map – Australia

www.airservicesaustralia.com/projects/ads-b/ads-b-coverage/

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Automatic Dependent Surveillance
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[How ADS-B works](#)

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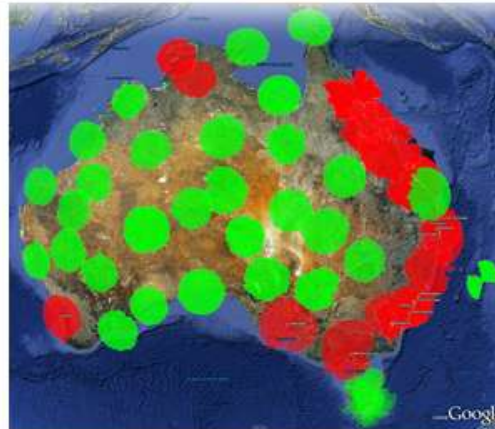
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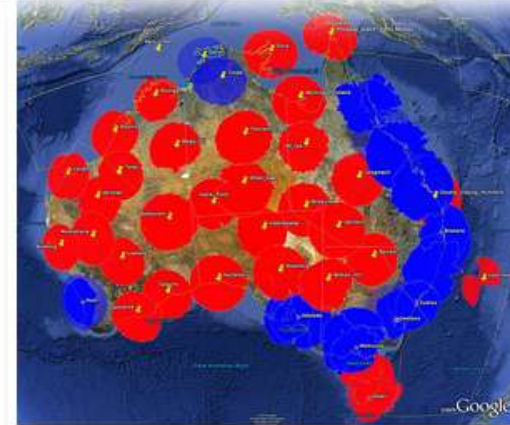
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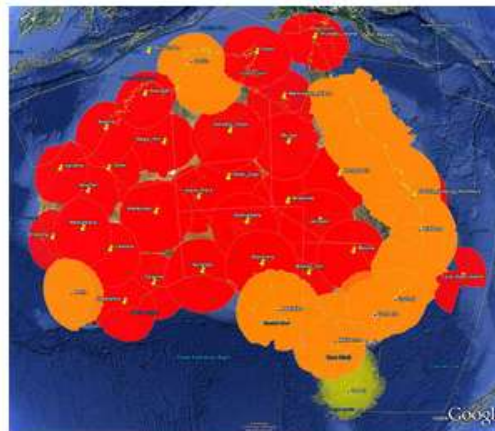
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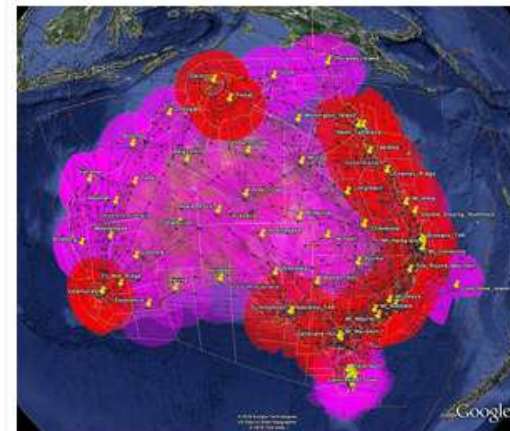
ADS-B End State Coverage at 5,000 feet



ADS-B End State Coverage at 10,000 feet



ADS-B End State Coverage at 20,000 feet



ADS-B End State Coverage at 30,000 feet

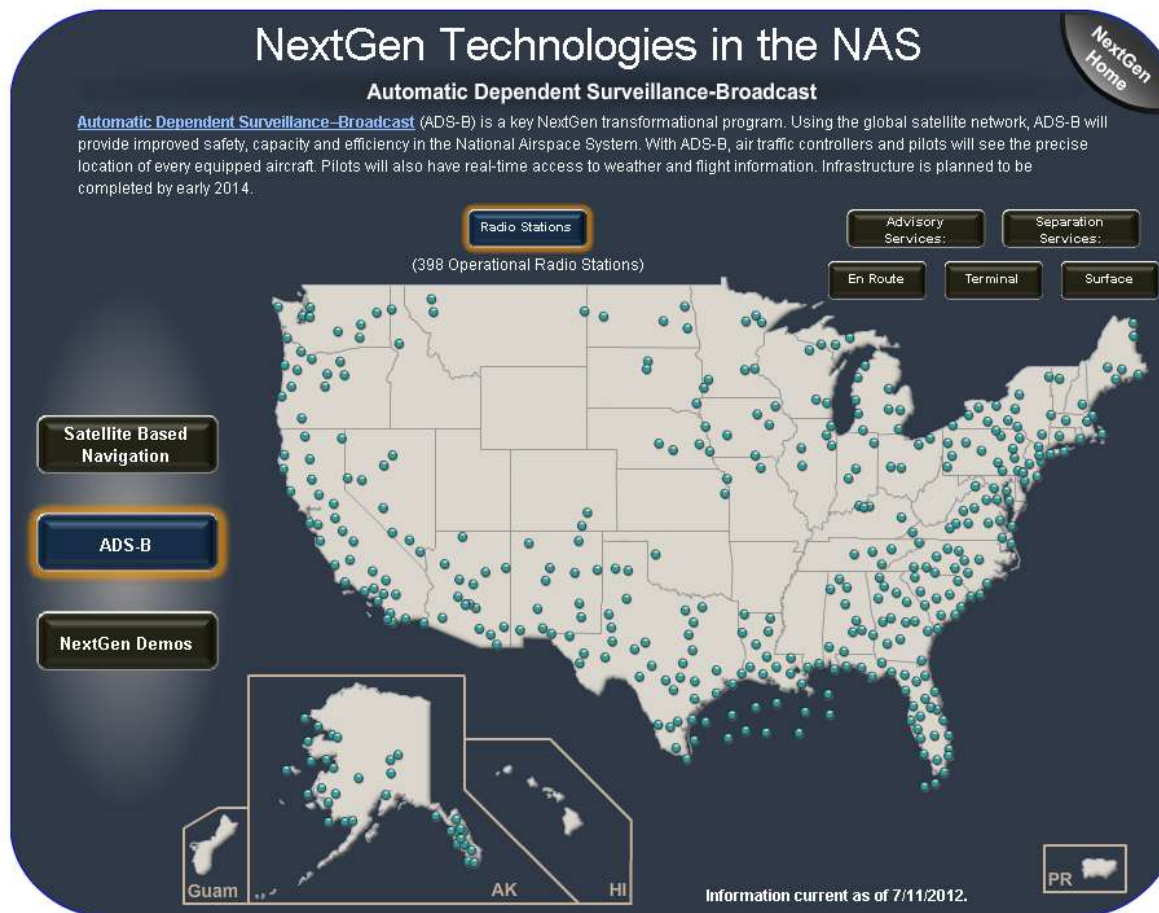
ADS-B Deployment Map – USA

www.faa.gov/nextgen/flashmap/

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How does community get this data?

AirNav RadarBox



Mode-S Beast with miniASDB



Kinetic SBS



PlaneGadgets ADS-B



Aurora Eurotech SSRx



microADSB USB



miniADSB



Funkwerk RTH60



microADSB-IP BULLION



How does ADS-B look like? – Community view

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APPS INCREASE COVERAGE ABOUT FORUM CHAT

BAW164

Airline: British Airways
Flight: BA164
From: Tel Aviv, Ben Gurion (TLV)
To: London, Heathrow (LHR)
Aircraft: Boeing 777-236 (B772)
Reg: G-VIII
Altitude: 40000 ft (12102 m)
Speed: 435 kt (806 km/h, 501 mph)
Track: 297°
Hex: 4005BB
Squawk: 2767
Pos: 48.0648 / 5.7793
Radar: EDDF4

Aircraft View - BAW164
<http://www.flightradar24.com/BAW164/view>

flightidary® users on board this flight
None

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ADS-B frame – modulation, format, security



- Frames encoded in
 - Pulse-position-modulation (PPM)
 - 1 bit = 1 us
 - Shared-medium (no CA/CD), theoretical bandwidth 1 Mbit/sec
- Frames composed of
 - A preamble
 - 8 bits for TX/RX sync
 - A data-block
 - 56 bits for short frames
 - 112 bits for extended/long frames
 - Mandatory to have
 - 24 bits ICAO address of aircraft
 - 24 bits error-detection parity

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ADS-B Main Threats – Summary

ADS-B Threat

Entity/message authentication



Entity authorization (eg. medium access)*



Entity temporary identifiers/privacy



Message integrity (HMAC)



Message freshness (non-replay)



Encryption (message secrecy)



Massive public DBs with private detail*



Fail / warn / ok

Potential mitigations exist... but are not public

- Mode-4/Mode-5 IFF Crypto Appliqué
 - 2-Levels Crypto secured version of Mode S and ADS-B GPS position
 - Defined for military NATO STANAG 4193
 - Enhanced encryption
 - Spread Spectrum Modulation
 - Time of Day Authentication
 - Level1:
 - Aircraft Unique PIN
 - Level2:
 - Level1 + other (unknown for now) information
 - Apparently based on **Black** & **Red** keys crypto
- ADS-B also specifies, but not details available about crypto/security:
 - DF19 = Military Extended Squitter
 - DF22 = Military Use Only

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ADS-B – Adversary Model – *By role*

- Pilots
 - Bad intent
 - (Un)Intentional pranksters

- Pranksters

- Abusive users/organizations
 - Privacy breachers – eg. Paparazzi
 - Message conveyors

- Criminals
 - Money (more likely). Eg.: Underground forums with “Worldwide SDRs for hire” – potentially very profitable underground biz (think sniff GSM)
 - Terror (less likely)

- Military/intelligence
 - Espionage
 - Sabotage

Example: *internal prankster* attack

- **Already happening** – Callsigns/FlightIDs used in real-life!
- Check them on Google or RR forum

	A				B
1	MATTSUXX	A20	: N229	west Airline	07/11 17:57:04
2	BUTTSEX	A2F	N290S	est Airlines	7/11 01:27:28
3	MATSUXX	A2F	X N292	west Airline	07/11 03:29:55
4	MATTSUXX	A31	: N297	ed Express	07/11 16:39:11
5	HIDAD	A31	IIDAD		
6	BALLSLAM	A21	- N23	west Airline	06/06 18:21:05
7	BUTTPUMP	A2F	' - N29	rwest Airline	/06/06 07:17:47
8	YOU5UCK	A33	- N308	west Airline	06 09:22:03
9	BUTTSEX	A2F	L20 201	3:19 BUTTSE	
10	ABBAROCK	A22	L20 201	3:09 ABBAR	
11	NO2OBAMA	N38	4A		
12	FAYISGAY	N8C			
13	WOLYSAID	N45			
14	ATCFAIL	N71			
15	BIGBOOBS	N72			
16	GETAJOB	N83			
17	NOFATCHK	USA	3 NOF		
18	VOTEUNUN	VO	B8 - N		
19	VOTENOO	VO	can Ea	it probably	
20	PHATCHIX	PH	J - N29		
21	DUMBPILOT	DUP	DJO - A	ISW	
22	JETSBLOW	JET	9 / N2		
23	JOHNRULZ	JOH	V (A30		
24	KELYSMLS	KEL	' (A305	niles, or Ke	You be the judge.
25	SOFAKING	SOF	B - N2		
26	FATIGUE	FAT	ntal Ex		
27	LADYGAGA	LAC	32 / N2	on Aug 7 &	
28	SEXY1215	C-FI			
29	YOUWIN	N23	- send	YOUWIN" 8	!"
30	BULLSHIT	N5C			
31	GOINHOM	N15			
32	THEMOLE	N78			

Example: *external abusers* + public data correlation



Have a well-defined target

Poses inexpensive devices

Strategically positioned



Can publicly access private details (**why is this allowed?!**)

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aircraft_registration

- Searchable worldwide registration database [🔗](#)
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- International Registry of Mobile Assets [🔒](#), pursuant to the Cape Town Treaty
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Public access, seriously? USA (FAA)



Federal Aviation
Administration

Aircraft Inquiries

- N-number
- Serial Number
- Name
- Make / Model
- Engine Reference
- Dealer
- Document Index
- State and County
- Territory and Country
- Pending / Expired / Canceled Registration Reports
- Recent Registration
- N-number Availability
 - Request A Reserved N-Number
 - Online
 - In Writing
 - Reserved N-Number Renewal
 - Online
 - Request for Aircraft Records
 - Online
- Help
- Main Menu
- Aircraft Registration
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- Contact Aircraft Registration

FAA Home » Licenses & Certificates » Aircraft Certification » Aircraft Registration » Aircraft Inquiry » N-Number Inquiry

Warning:

NOTICE

The FAA Registry will be performing maintenance on its web servers beginning Saturday, July 21st. This website will be unavailable from 06:00 AM CDT Saturday morning through 11:30 PM CDT Sunday night. We apologize for the inconvenience.

FAA REGISTRY N-Number Inquiry Results

N1 is Assigned

Data Updated each Federal Working Day at Midnight

[Download the Aircraft Registration Database \(29 MB\)](#)
 Aircraft Certificate Expiration Date has been added to the Master Download file

Aircraft Description			
Serial Number	1071	Type Registration	Government
Manufacturer Name	GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE	Certificate Issue Date	02/14/1990
Model	G-IV	Expiration Date	12/31/2013
Type Aircraft	Fixed Wing Multi-Engine	Status	Valid
Pending Number Change	None	Type Engine	Turbo-fan
Date Change Authorized	None	Dealer	No
MFR Year	1988	Mode S Code	50000001
		Fractional Owner	NO

Registered Owner			
Name	FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION		
Street	NATL FLIGHT PROGRAM OVERSIGHT OFC		
	6125 SW 68TH ST RM 137N		
City	OKLA CITY	State	OKLAHOMA
County	OKLAHOMA	Zip Code	73169-1225
Country	UNITED STATES		

Airworthiness			
Engine Manufacturer	ROLLS-ROYCE	Classification	Standard
Engine Model	TAY MK 610-B	Category	Transport
		AW Date	09/09/1988

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The screenshot displays the CASA website interface. At the top, the Australian Government logo and the CASA emblem are visible, along with the slogan "safe skies for all" in a red-bordered box. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main navigation menu includes links for HOME, OPERATIONS, AIRWORTHINESS, REGULATIONS AND POLICY, MANUALS AND FORMS, EDUCATION, SERVICES, and ABOUT CASA. A left-hand menu provides navigation options like Home and Site Map, and lists filters for Registered Operator State, Aircraft type, Manufacturer, Registration Holder State, Year of Manufacture, and Year First Registered. The search results section shows "14773 aircraft match your search criteria" in a red-bordered box. Below this, a note states that a record on the Civil Aircraft Register does not constitute proof of ownership. A section titled "Fully matching documents" includes a red-bordered button "Download results as CSV". Three aircraft entries are displayed, each with details such as registration holder, manufacturer, model, serial number, and registration date.

Registered Operator State

- ACT (187)
- Brunei (1)
- Hong Kong (1)
- Island (1)
- Minnesota (2)
- Morobe (1)
- N.T. (5)
- NSW (4019)
- NT (536)
- Other (1)
- more...

Aircraft type

- Glider (979)
- Manned Free Balloon (383)
- Motor-Glider (218)
- Power Driven Aeroplane (11244)
- Rotorcraft (1971)

Manufacturer

- Aero Commander (62)
- Aero Engine Service Ltd (18)
- Aero Vodochody (16)
- Aerospatiale Industries (111)
- Aerostar Aircraft Corporation (15)
- Agusta, Spa, Costruzioni Aeronautiche (52)
- Air Tractor Inc (148)
- Airbus Industrie (112)
- Airparts Nz Ltd (24)
- Alexander Schleicher Segelflugzeugbau (146)
- more...

Registration Holder State

- (6)
- ACT (185)
- Bern (1)
- Brunei (1)
- Ca (6)
- California (3)
- Chi (2)
- Clare (2)
- Ct (2)
- Delaware (2)

Year of Manufacture

- 2012 (107)
- 2011 (307)
- 2010 (293)
- 2009 (239)
- 2008 (387)
- 2007 (397)
- 2006 (320)
- 2005 (334)
- 2004 (307)
- 2003 (267)
- more...

Year First Registered

- 1925 (1)
- 1927 (1)
- 1928 (2)
- 1930 (1)
- 1935 (1)
- 1936 (7)
- 1937 (6)
- 1938 (1)
- 1939 (2)

Search results

14773 aircraft match your search criteria

Search again

Note: A record on the Civil Aircraft Register does not constitute proof of ownership for either the certificate of registration holder or property interest holders.

Fully matching documents

[Download results as CSV](#)

Registration holder as of 07 March 2012

Michael
HOPPERS CROSSING VIC 3029
AUSTRALIA

Registered operator as of 07 March 2012

Michael
HOPPERS CROSSING VIC 3029
AUSTRALIA

Registration holder as of 27 June 2012

GEORGES HALL NSW 2198
AUSTRALIA

Registered operator as of 27 June 2012

PO Box 121
GEORGES HALL NSW 2198
AUSTRALIA

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GINFO Database Search

Search for an aircraft's details by entering your search criteria into any number of the fields displayed below. **Data Extracted:** 21/07/2012 at 19:30

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Registration Information

Mortgage Information

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Serial Number:

Aircraft Type or Name:

Registered Owner:

ICAO 24 bit aircraft address (hex):

View De-Registered Aircraft

Search Report



International Register of Civil Aircraft

The International Register of Civil Aircraft is published, in co-operation with ICAO, jointly by Bureau Veritas (France), the UK Civil Aviation Authority and the ENAC of Italy. The database, which contains information from over 45 countries and over 400,000 aircraft, is available on CD-ROM and is updated on a quarterly basis. This CD-ROM now also contains the US Register of Civil Aircraft. To order the International Register on CD-ROM please see [forms and fees](#).

Photographs

International Register of Civil Aircraft

ADS-B – Adversary Model – *By location*

- Ground-based
 - Easier to operate (win criminals)
 - Easier to be caught (win agencies)
 - Easier to defend or mitigate against (win agencies)
 - Eg. Angle of arrival, time-difference of arrival
- Airborne
 - Drones
 - UAV
 - Autonomously pre-programmed self-operating checked-in luggage:
 - Pelican case, barometric altimeter, battery, embed-devs, GPS, RF...
 - Possibly could work around angle of arrival
 - Could pose more advanced threat to ADS-B IN enabled aircrafts
 - **Important:** not extensively modeled in the attacker & threat modeling of Mode-S/ADS-B

Potential for DoS on ATC human-resource

- Attack:
 - Based on “Fake airplane injection into ATC” attack
 - Mitigation: there is a *mostly manual* procedure for an ATC operator to check a flight number against flight plans and flight strips (*flight strips is so 1900, really!*)

- Twist1:
 - Inject 1 mln fake airplanes, both valid and invalid flight plans, filed by different flight plan systems
 - Result: Potential human-resource exhaustion

- Fixes:
 - Have fully e-automated flight plan exchange and cross-checks
 - **Better, solve ADS-B insecurities and *potential* is nullified**

Potential for DoS on ATC flight-space resource

- Attack:
 - Similar to “DoS on ATC human-resource”
- Twist1:
 - Fake planes scattered on *wide geographic area* of responsibility of “victim ATC”
 - The area of ghost/fake/unidentified aircraft/object is in “flight quarantine”
 - Separation are increased, all normal routes deviated
 - General rules are in ICAO 4444 + country specifics
 - This is done for safety reasons (eg. ASSET methodology) to avoid disasters
 - A potentially wide geo-area affected in terms of air-traffic – nightmare!
- Twist2:
 - Fake a copy of a genuine aircraft within it’s own area of separation
 - Will generate a Short Term Conflict Alert (STCA)
- Fixes:
 - Locate and turn-off attacker RF emitter (but what if it’s a drone?)
 - **Better, solve ADS-B insecurities and *potential* is nullified**

Potential for DoS on ADS-B IN aircrafts

- Attack:
 - Based on “Fake airplane injection into ATC” attack
 - Mitigation: unknown, perhaps similar to ATC semi-auto/semi-manual flight plan cross-check
- Twist1: Inject fake airplanes (1...1 mln) into ADS-B IN capable aircrafts
 - Assumption: Target aircraft lacks good connectivity and automated cross-check protocols for flight plan lookup and validation (compared to ATC)
 - Result: Total uncertainty in received data, i.e. data is useless...
- Fixes:
 - Have real-time critical data exchange and verification capability on eAircrafts
 - Have fully e-automated flight plan exchange and cross-checks
 - **Better, solve ADS-B insecurities and *potential* is nullified**

Hardware setup

Hardware

Functions

Price

SDR USRP1



Main RF support

700 USD

SBX



ADS-B **OUT**/IN (attack)

475 USD

WBX



ADS-B **OUT**/IN (attack)

450 USD

DBSRX2



ADS-B **IN** (verify)

150 USD

Plane
Gadget



ADS-B **IN** (verify)

~245 USD

Attenuators
Cables



Limit output (**SMA cable**)

<10 USD

Alternative SDRs

Alternative ADS-Bs

ADS-B Message Replay

Quick reference

- Capture ADS-B data:
 - UHD-mode
 - `uhd_rx_cfile.py --spec B:0 --gain 25 --samp-rate 4000000 -f 1090000000 -v ~/CAPTURE_adsb.fc32`
 - Pre-UHD-mode
 - `usrp_rx_cfile.py`
- Replay the *captured* data:
 - UHD-mode
 - `tx_transmit_samples --file ~/CAPTURE_adsb.fc32 --ant "TX/RX" --rate 4000000 --freq 1090000000 --type float --subdev B:0`
 - Pre-UHD-mode
 - `usrp_replay_file.py`

ADS-B Message Injection

Quick reference guide

- ADS-B data crafting
 - Tweak the captured data
 - Load I/Q data: `d_cap = read_float_binary('~ /CAPTURED_adsb.fc32')`
 - Modify the samples: `d_cft = adsb_randomize(d_cap)`
 - Write back I/Q data: `write_float_binary(d_cft, '~ /CRAFTED_adsb.fc32')`
 - Generate the data
 - MatLab – `modulate(adsb_frame, fc, fs, 'ppm')`
 - GNUradio – write native C++ block
- Transmit the *crafted* data:
 - UHD-mode
 - `tx_transmit_samples --file ~/CRAFTED_adsb.fc32 --ant "TX/RX" --rate 4000000 --freq 1090000000 --type float --subdev B:0`
 - Pre-UHD-mode
 - `usrp_replay_file.py`

ADS-B Message Analyze/Visualize/Plot

Quick reference guide

- GNURadio ModeS tests:
 - Pre-UHD-mode (by Eric Cottrell):
 - `gr-air/src/python/usrp_mode_s_logfile.py`
 - UHD-mode (by Nick Foster):
 - `gr-air-modes/python/uhd_modes.py -a -w -F ~/CRAFTED_adsb.fc32`
- GNURadio:
 - `gr_plot_psd_c.py -R 4000000 ~/CAPTURE_adsb.fc32`
 - `gr_plot_psd_c.py -R 4000000 ~/CRAFTED_adsb.fc32`
- Octave + gnuplot:
 - `n_samp = 500000`
 - `trig_lvl = 0.01`
 - `d_cap = read_float_binary('CAPTURE_adsb.fc32', n_samp)`
 - `axis ([0, n_samp, -trig_lvl, trig_lvl])`
 - `plot(arr)`

Code showcase

```
adbsb_modes_crc.py
0 10 20 30 40 50 60
40 def adbsb_112bits_crc(adbsb_payload_11_bytes):
41     POLY = 0xFFFFA0480
42
43     data = \
44         (adbsb_payload_11_bytes[0] << 24) | \
45         (adbsb_payload_11_bytes[1] << 16) | \
46         (adbsb_payload_11_bytes[2] << 8) | \
47         (adbsb_payload_11_bytes[3] << 0)
48
49     data1 = \
50         (adbsb_payload_11_bytes[4] << 24) | \
51         (adbsb_payload_11_bytes[5] << 16) | \
52         (adbsb_payload_11_bytes[6] << 8) | \
53         (adbsb_payload_11_bytes[7] << 0)
54
55     data2 = \
56         (adbsb_payload_11_bytes[8] << 24) | \
57         (adbsb_payload_11_bytes[9] << 16) | \
58         (adbsb_payload_11_bytes[10] << 8)
59
60     logging.info('init dataX', hex(data), hex(data1), hex(data2))
61
62     result = 0x00000000
63
64     for i in range(0, 88):
65         logging.info('data', hex(data))
66         if (data & 0x80000000) <> 0:
67             data = data ^ POLY
68             logging.info('data (if)', hex(data))
69
70         data = data << 1
71         logging.info('data (<<)', hex(data))
72
73         logging.info('data1', hex(data1))
74         if (data1 & 0x80000000) <> 0:
75             data = data | 1
76             logging.info('data (if)', hex(data))
77
78         data1 = data1 << 1
79         logging.info('data1 (<<)', hex(data1))
80
81         logging.info('data2', hex(data2))
82         if (data2 & 0x80000000) <> 0:
83             data1 = data1 | 1
84             logging.info('data1 (if)', hex(data1))
85
86         data2 = data2 << 1
87         logging.info('data2 (<<)', hex(data2))
88
89     result = result ^ data
90     logging.debug(hex(data >> 8), hex(result >> 8))
91
92     return result >> 8
```


Agenda

1. ATC Today (SSR)
2. Today's Problems
3. ATC "Tomorrow" (ADS-B)
4. "Tomorrow"s Problems
5. Exploit scenarios & Demos

▶ Solutions and take-aways

High-level perspective – Timelines

- SDR Community
 - 1988 (Peter Hoehner and Helmuth Lang) - SDR prototype
 - 1991/1992 (Joseph Mitola) - SDR theory and paper
 - October 2003 (Ettus) - USRP1 available \$US750
 - September 2008 (Ettus) - USRP2 available \$US1700 (<http://www.ruby-forum.com/topic/165227>)
 - 13 Jan 2010 (Ettus) - WBX Tranceiver board available (<http://lists.gnu.org/archive/html/discuss-gnuradio/2010-01/msg00146.html>)
 - 23 Mar 2011 (Ettus) - USRP N200 \$US1500 and USRP N210 \$US1700 available (http://lists.ettus.com/pipermail/usrp-announce_lists.ettus.com/2011-March/000007.html)
 - 15 Apr 2011 (Ettus) - SBX Tranceiver board available (http://lists.ettus.com/pipermail/usrp-announce_lists.ettus.com/2011-April/000008.html)
 - February 2012 (Antti Palosaari) - RTL-SDR discovered (<http://thread.gmane.org/gmane.linux.drivers.video-input-infrastructure/44461/focus=44461>)
- ADS-B Standardization/Regulatory
 - Jul 2002 (FAA) - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced a dual link decision using 1090 MHz ES for air carrier and private/commercial operators of high performance aircraft and UAT for the typical general aviation user as media for the ADS-B system in the United States (http://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=5520&print=go)
 - March 2003 - First ADS-B demonstrations (AOPA for CAP)
 - April 2003 (RTC) - DO-260A "Minimum Operational Performance Standards for 1090 MHz Extended Squitter Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast (ADS-B) and Traffic Information Services – Broadcast (TIS-B)"
 - Jul 2004 (RTC) - DO-282A "Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Universal Access Transceiver (UAT) Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast."
 - 2004 - US Development & testing stations deployed
 - 2007 - Early estimates stated the cost to equip a general aviation aircraft ranged from \$7,644 to \$10,920 for ADS-B Out and from \$10,444 to \$29,770 for ADS-B Out and ADS-B In, depending on aircraft type.
 - 2009 - US Ground segment implementation and deployment
 - 2009 - Assuming 2009 market prices for individual system components, a UAT retrofit was estimated at \$18,000 and new at \$25,000. For a 1090ES retrofit \$4,200 and new at \$18,000.
 - Dec 2009 - Australia in world first for nationwide ADS-B coverage
- Research community
 - Jan 2001 - An Assessment of the Communications, Navigation, Surveillance (CNS) Capabilities Needed to Support the Future Air Traffic Management System
 - Oct 2001 - Vulnerability assessment of the transportation infrastructure relying on GPS
 - 2002 - Validation techniques for ADS-B surveillance data
 - 2003 - GPS integrity and potential impact on aviation safety
 - Sept 2004 - Aircraft ADS-B Data Integrity Check
 - 2008/2009 - Vast security research on Future eEnabled Aircraft and their support infrastructure
 - Oct 2010 - Identification of ADS-B System Vulnerabilities and Threats
 - 2010 - Assessment and Mitigation of Cyber Exploits in Future Aircraft Surveillance
 - 2010 - Visualization & Assessment Of ADS-B Security For Green ATM
 - 2011 - Security analysis of the ADS-B implementation in the next generation air transportation system
 - Oct 2011 - Aircraft Systems Cyber Security
 - Oct 2011 - On the Requirements for Successful GPS Spoofing Attacks
 - Jul 2012 - Practical setups and demonstrations on ADS-B attacks (BH12US, DC19)

ADS-B Security Solutions

- Solutions could include:
 - Verifiable multilateration (MLAT) with multiple ground-stations, but:

Guidance Material on Surveillance Technology Comparison

7.11 VERIFICATION OF ADS-B

Some commentators have promoted the use of multilateration as a means of ensuring the validity of received ADS-B data. Technically this is possible. Radar could also be used to verify the integrity of ADS-B data. If radar and/or multilateration in **all** areas of ADS-B coverage is required, then the most advantages of ADS-B are significantly diminished and the ADS-B deployment becomes unlikely. Verification could perhaps be achieved at major airport hubs aimed at detecting non compliant

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- “Group of aircrafts” concepts
- AANETs should inspire from VANETs solutions
- Lightweight PKI architectures and protocols. Our thoughts:
 - FAA, EUROCONTROL, CASA as CAs
 - CAs root keys installed/updated during ADS-B device mandatory certification process
 - HMAC on each broadcast message
 - Every broadcast a subset of HMAC bits

Take-aways

- ADS-B is a safety-related mission-critical technology
- Yet, ADS-B **lacks minimal security** mechanisms
 - This poses direct **threat to safety**
- ADS-B **costs tremendous** amount of money, coordination, time
 - Yet, ADS-B is defeated in practice with
 - FOSS or moderate-effort custom software
 - Relatively low-cost SDRs hardware
- ADS-B assumptions are not technologically up-to-date
 - Doesn't account users will have easy access to RF via SDRs
 - Doesn't account users will have easy access to UAV, drones, etc.
- **SDRs** and their decreasing price **are not** the problem

ADS-B is flawed and is the actual root-cause problem

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enough and sufficient to induce potentially dangerous safety and operational perturbances in a multi-million technology via the exploitation of missing basic security mechanisms such as message authentication at least.

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