



## New software makes finding your favourite type of aircraft much easier.

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**L**ike many of you, I dread coming home after leaving my SBS running all day - knowing I'll have to scroll through what seems like an endless list of aircraft. My main interest is military contacts, which are becoming more and more common on the aircraft list, especially cargo and ferry flights. It is, however, a massive chore to look through a days worth of logs, to see if anything appeared. Thankfully, all that has changed. May I introduce BaseStation Snoopy and BaseStation Reporter.

### Download your Software

BaseStation Snoopy is a new version of the standard base station software that needs to be installed and operated to allow the use of BaseStation Reporter. It should be noted that

this is a beta release and not a final product release yet, so bear that in mind when using it. BaseStation Reporter is a database software program that tracks all aircraft contacts on the SBS system but allows the user to search the list for specific requirements. This greatly reduces the time required to search a day's logs for aircraft of interest.

The BaseStation Snoopy and BaseStation software are both available for download from the Kinetic Avionics website: [www.kinetic-avionics.co.uk](http://www.kinetic-avionics.co.uk)

### Software Help

For those not so technically minded, the thought of having to install and operate yet even more software may seem a bit daunting, so this 'easy to understand' guide has been written to make the transition

from BaseStation to BaseStation Snoopy as easy as possible.

Of course, the first thing you need to do is visit the Kinetic website and download the latest version of BaseStation Snoopy. The software can be found on the Forum under OPEN BETA. Once that is out of the way, the real fun begins.

**Step 1:** Open up the file directory where your current SBS software is located. The standard should be something similar to:

c:\program files\kinetics

Once within the Kinetic Directory, there should be a folder called BaseStation. In the directory you are in, create a new folder called BaseStation - Snoopy. Once the new folder is created, copy and paste the contents of your original BaseStation folder, into your newly created BaseStation - Snoopy folder.

Note: This may take some time depending on your file sizes.

**Step 2:** Open the file you downloaded from Kinetics with the BaseStation Snoopy software. Copy all of the contents of this folder into your BaseStation - Snoopy folder. A window will pop up asking for permission to over write some existing files, press 'Yes' and allow the new files to be copied over the old ones.

**Step 3:** Create shortcuts to your desktop for the .exe files BaseStation and BaseStationReporter. This makes accessing the programs a lot easier on a day-to-day basis.

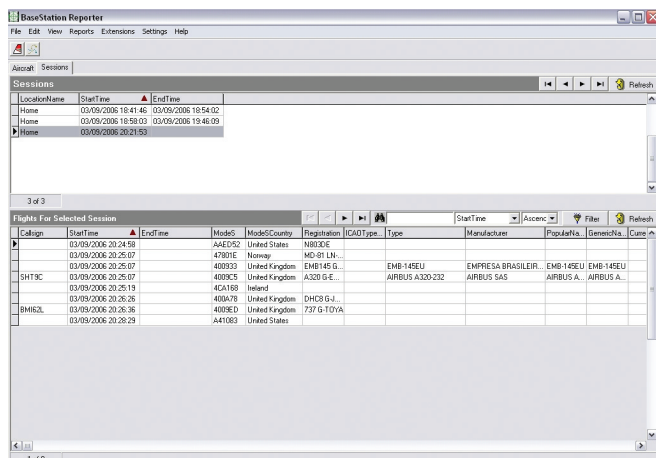
**Step 4:** The first time you use the new software, start by opening up BaseStation, then open up BaseStationReporter. You will, no doubt, notice a longer loading time for the BaseStation software. Do not panic as this is perfectly normal. Every other time you use the software, open the programs in reverse from the first time - Open up BaseStationReporter, then open up BaseStation.

**Step 5:** Once BaseStationReporter is open, select the tag on the top left that says 'Sessions'. This will show the aircraft currently being picked up by your SBS-1. Every now and then, hit the refresh button and this will import the latest aircraft data from the BaseStation software. There is a search facility within the Sessions window that will allow you to select specific areas to search under, which will make finding that interesting aircraft far easier and more enjoyable.

**Step 6:** When closing the SBS system down, my preferred method (and that of many others) is to close the BaseStation software first, then close the BaseStationReporter. This should avoid any unnecessary data being lost from the BaseStationReporter Software.

### Valuable Tool

I am sure that you will find this new BaseStationReporter software a valuable tool in your SBS arsenal and it should add another dimension to the hobby.



BaseStation Reporter screen. New software that makes finding the right aircraft much easier.