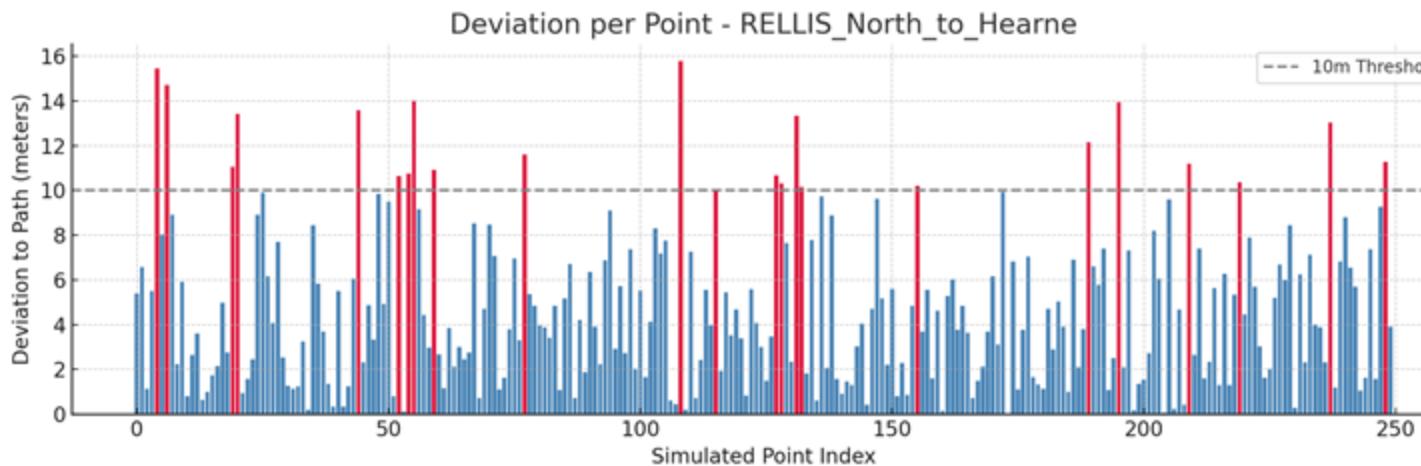
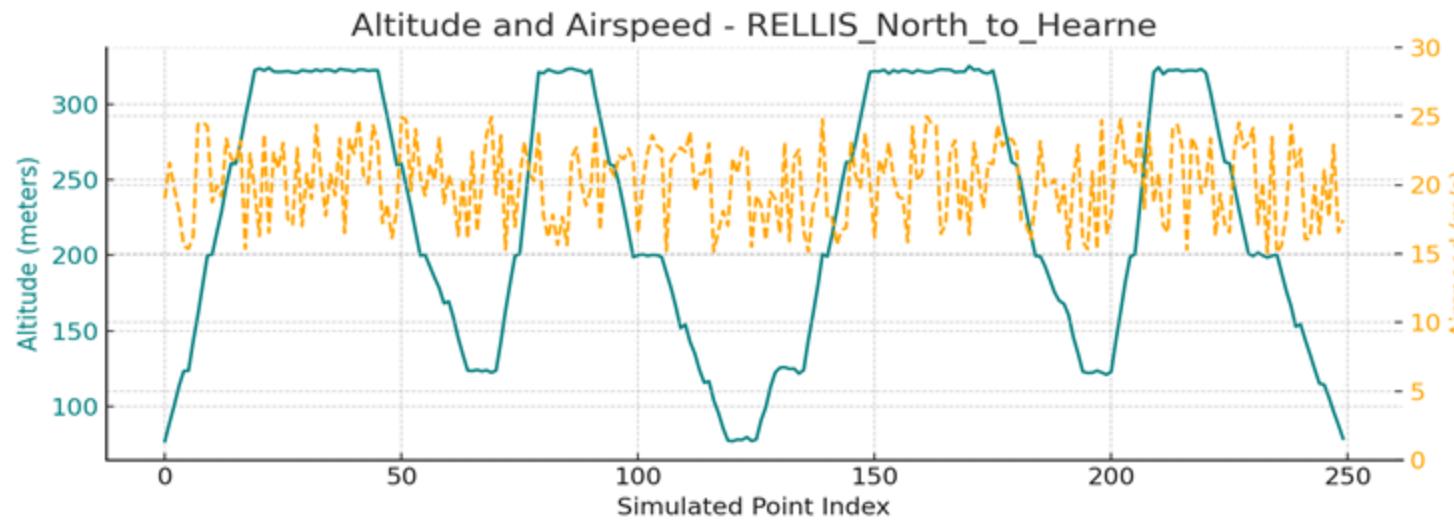


# Previous Implementation



## BCDC Drone Tracker:

Goal: Develop real-time dashboard that collects and computes telemetry data from autonomous drones.

### Features:

- Live real-time map
- Fully automated
- Dynamic Charts
  - Airspeed vs Altitude
  - Deviation per point time
  - Cumulative critical deviation

Designed and developed graphs using simulated data of drone flights.

Designed the website and made functionalities

Bridged the gap to have the website ingest data and output real-time graphs

# Previous Implementation - Lacking



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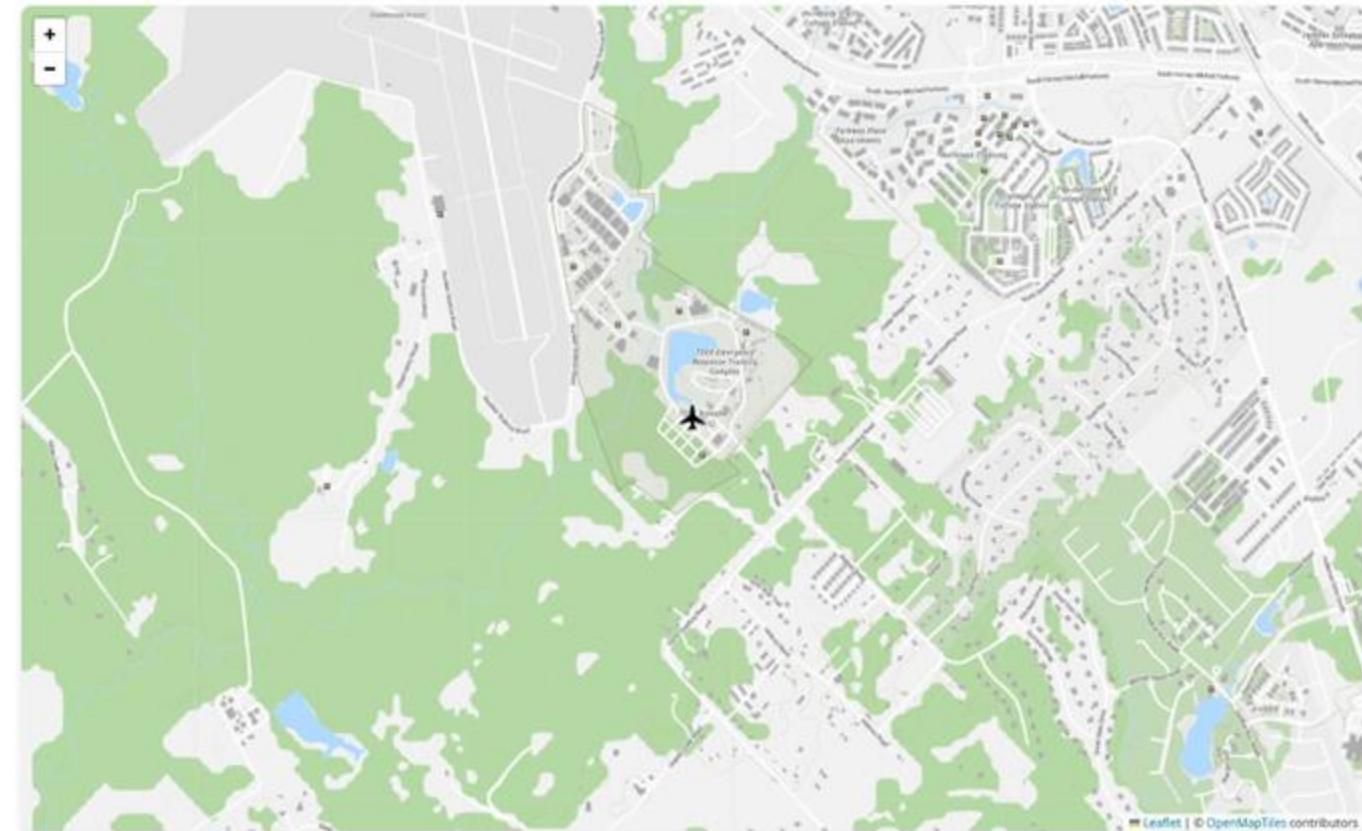
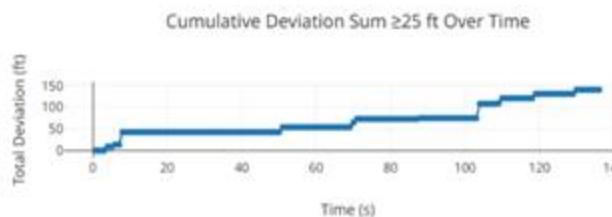
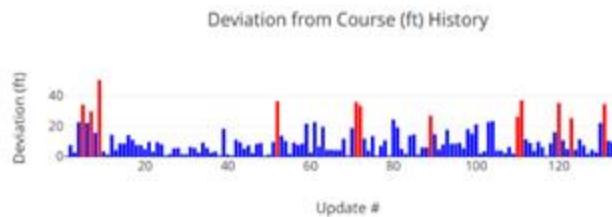
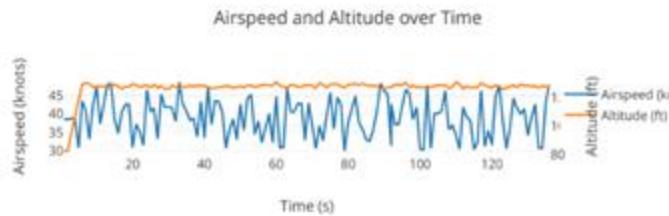
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JSON Display Test

User Input Test

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Link to page: [Redacted]

# What needed to be done?



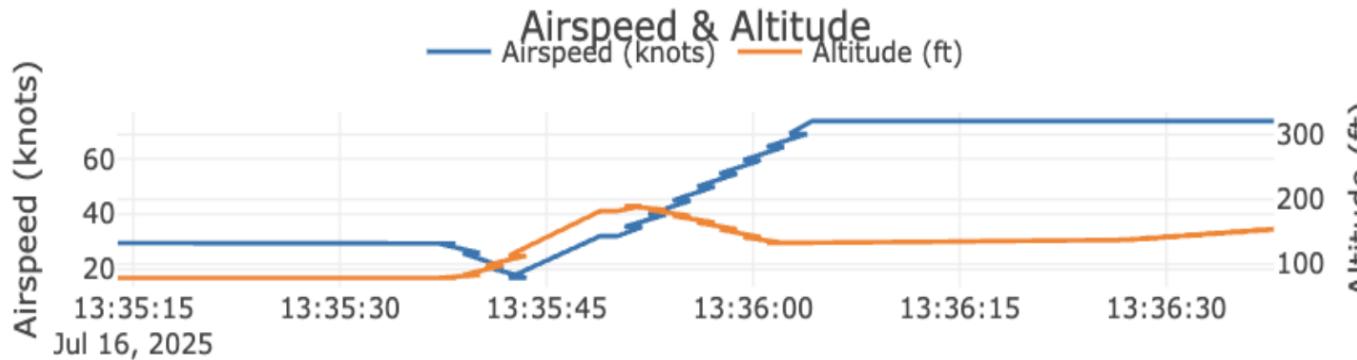
- **Display all 4 drones at once:** responsive layout, labeled feeds, optimized performance
- **Flight trail:** colored paths, toggle visibility, optional time fade
- Timestamps: synced with JSON packets
- JSON statistics: live telemetry panel, filter/highlight, export option
- **Data from [Redacted]:** reliable transfer of data, as well as reliable data
- API: document endpoints, define access scope, test performance
- **Security:** HTTPS, authentication tokens, login screen
- Backend database: store positions/stats, indexing, backups
- Extras: mobile-friendly UI, error logging, QA testing, deployment & performance tuning

# Trials, Errors, and Everything in Between: Time Travel



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- Majority tests = [Redacted] would send telemetry, plus some *creative* numbers
- Time values would often skip ahead or behind, not following ~ 4 JSON/second
- Built a Python script to scan all JSON files for anomalies:
  - Impossible values/time data
  - Script now flags bad data before it reaches the map
  - Script output all bad data into an anomalies.json file



```
.venv ~/Desktop (0.119s)
python3 pythonScript.py DroneData2/DUSKY*.txt --future-tol 1 -m 3 --json-out anomalies.json

===== ANOMALY SUMMARY =====

TOTAL anomalies: 314

By kind:
backward      300 avg|Δt|= 1.33s med|Δt|= 1.26s
gap           14 avg|Δt|= 8.49s med|Δt|= 8.08s

By file:
DroneData2/DUSKY18.txt: 75
DroneData2/DUSKY21.txt: 78
DroneData2/DUSKY24.txt: 85
DroneData2/DUSKY27.txt: 76

By call_sign:
DUSKY18: 75
DUSKY21: 78
DUSKY24: 85
DUSKY27: 76

Detailed anomalies written to anomalies.json
```

# Trials, Errors, and Everything in Between: KISS



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- Goal: Have a plane path traced out & point plane in direction of travel
- Started with "less complicated" calculation for plane orientation: (x/y)
- Error built up; guesses? Solution: Earth is not flat
- Switched to rough estimation with error correction: results finally correct, lesson -> "keep it simple, stupid"

Heading  $\sim \Theta_0$  from  $P_1(\varphi_1, \lambda_1) \rightarrow P_2(\varphi_2, \lambda_2)$  for radius  $R$

tangent plane  $P_1 \circ e_\varphi = \frac{\partial R}{\partial \varphi} = (-R \sin \varphi \cos \lambda, -R \sin \varphi \sin \lambda, R \cos \varphi)$

great circles  $r(s)$  (need to minimize)

$$\min_{\varphi, \lambda} \int_s^{\varphi_2} \sqrt{g_{\varphi\varphi} \left( \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial s} \right)^2 + g_{\lambda\lambda} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial s} \right)^2} ds$$

For variational  $\delta S = 0$ ,  $\frac{d}{ds} \left( R^2 \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial s} \right) + R^3 \sin \varphi \cos \varphi \left( \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial s} \right)^2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} \left( R^2 \cos^2 \varphi \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial s} \right) = 0, \text{ yields } \cos^2 \varphi \frac{d\lambda}{ds} = k$$

For  $r'(0)$ , normalize  $\hat{t} = \frac{r'(0)}{\|r'(0)\|}$ ,  $\hat{e}_\varphi = \frac{e_\varphi}{\|e_\varphi\|}$

bearing  $\Theta_0 = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\hat{t}(s) \cdot \hat{e}_\varphi}{\|\hat{t}(s)\|} d^3 s \pmod{2\pi}$

So  $\Theta_0 \approx \arctan^2(\sin \Delta \lambda \cdot \cos \varphi, \sin \varphi)$

~/Desktop (0.179s)  
.compare.out

## HEADING CALCULATION COMPARISON

Route: San Francisco -> Tokyo

Before:  $90.46^\circ$

After:  $303.35^\circ$

Deviation:  $212.89^\circ$  off course

BEFORE:  $\rightarrow$  Into the Pacific

AFTER:  $\rightarrow$  Toward Japan (as intended)

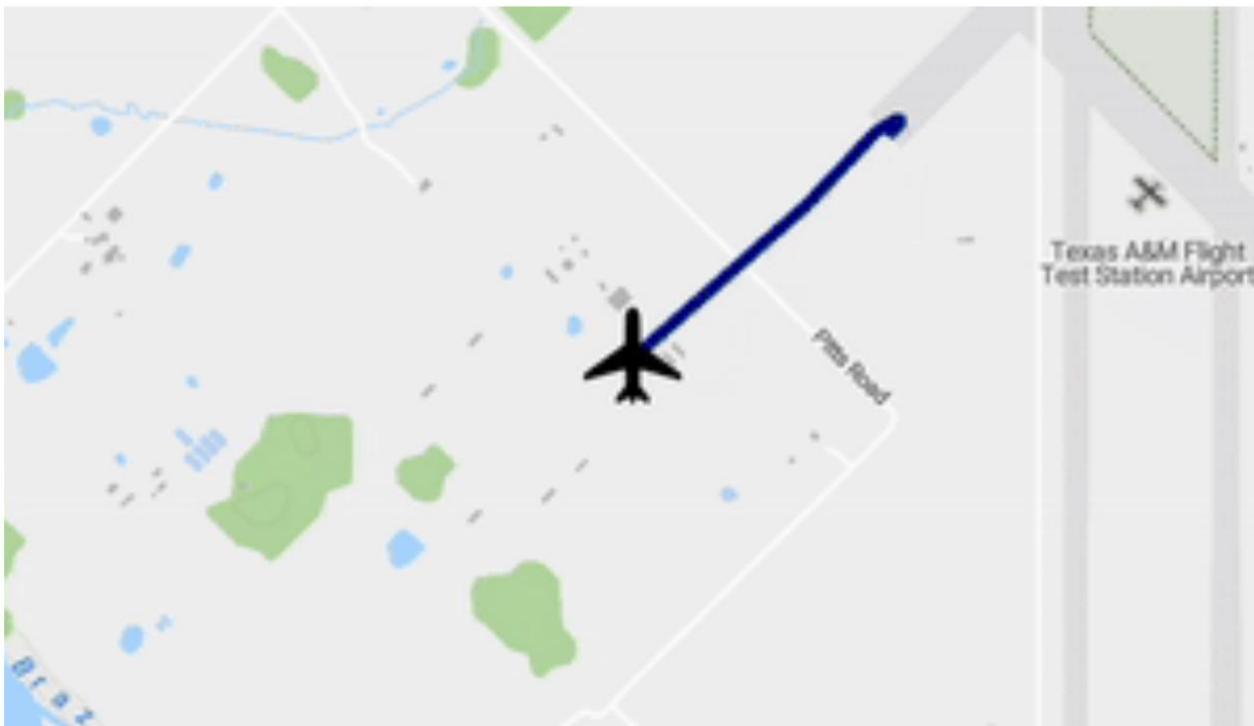
# Trials, Errors, and Everything in Between: Rotation



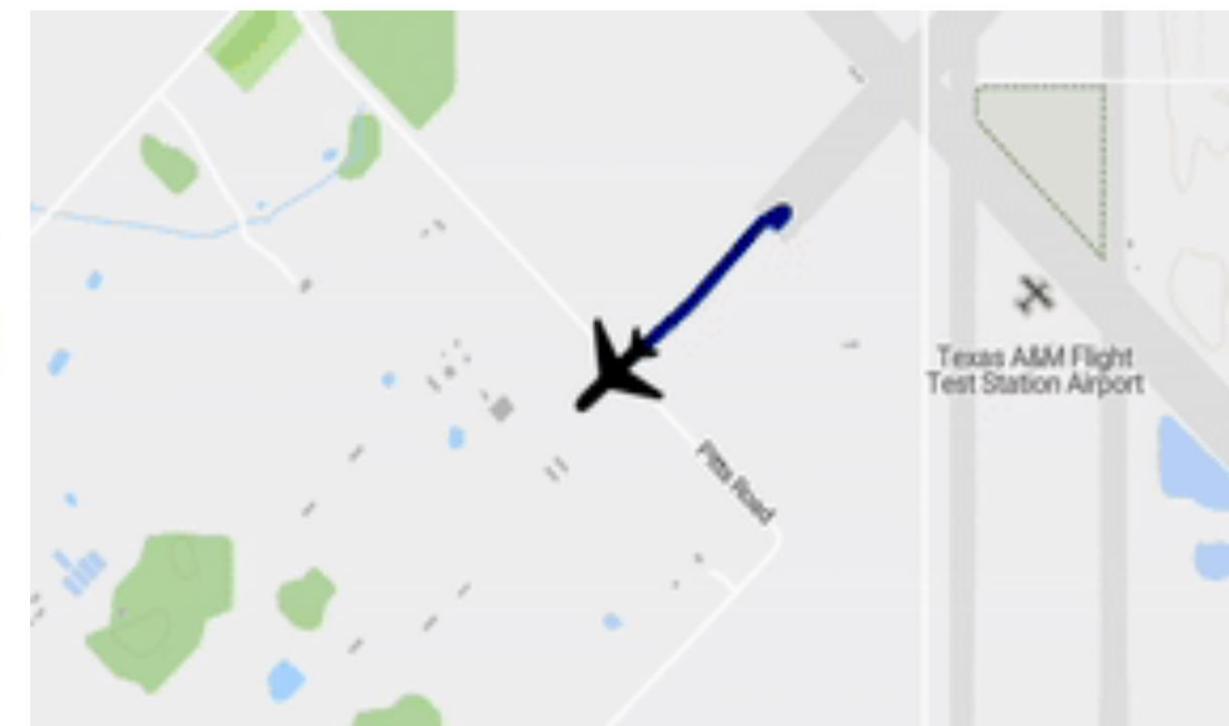
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- Planes could randomly change direction and orient to North on refresh
- Simple fix for main drone page, irrecoverable error on individual drone pages
- Ended up mirroring main page to individual drone page – fixed

Before



After



# Current Website Layout – Main page maps



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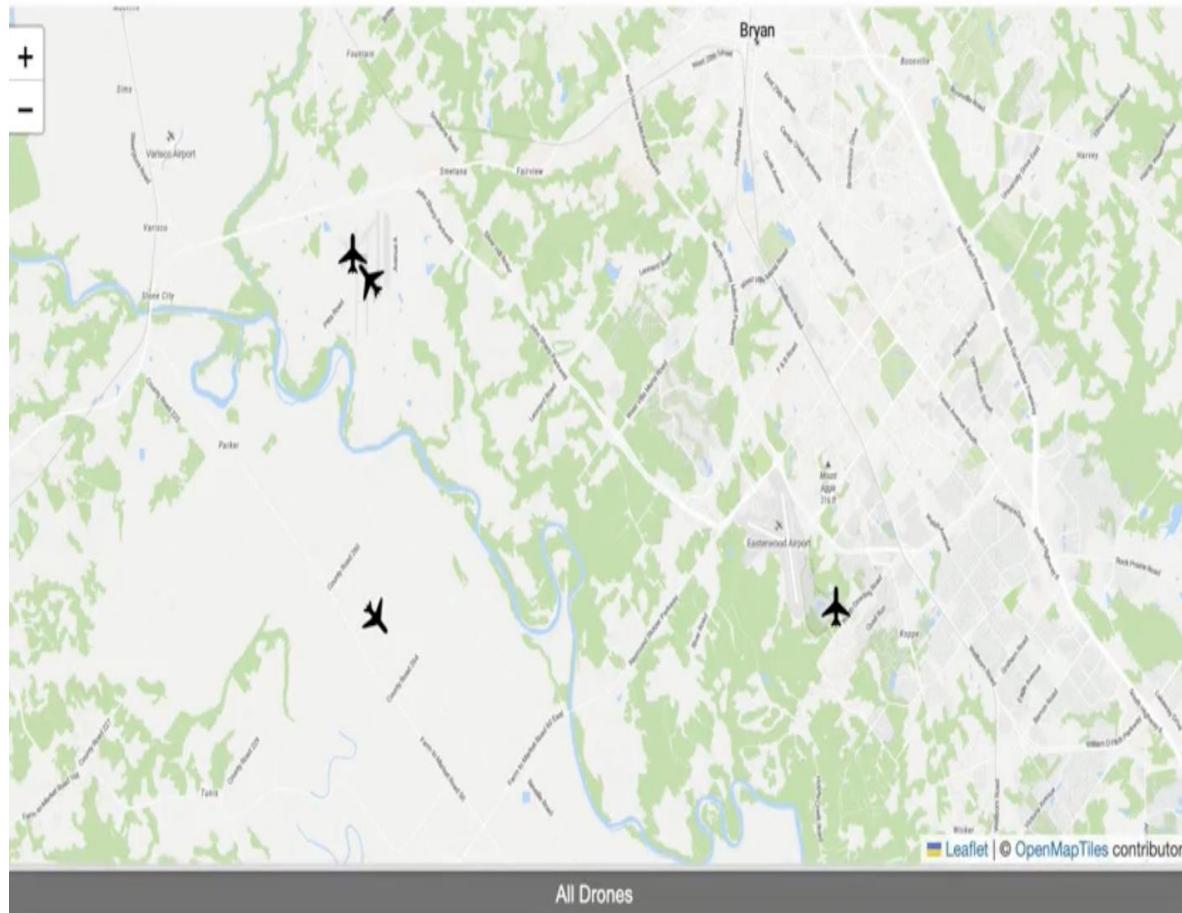


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DUSKY18

30.6336, -96.4812

DUSKY21

30.6379, -96.4860

DUSKY24

30.5751, -96.4790

DUSKY27

30.5770, -96.3474

# Current Website Layout – Main page graphs

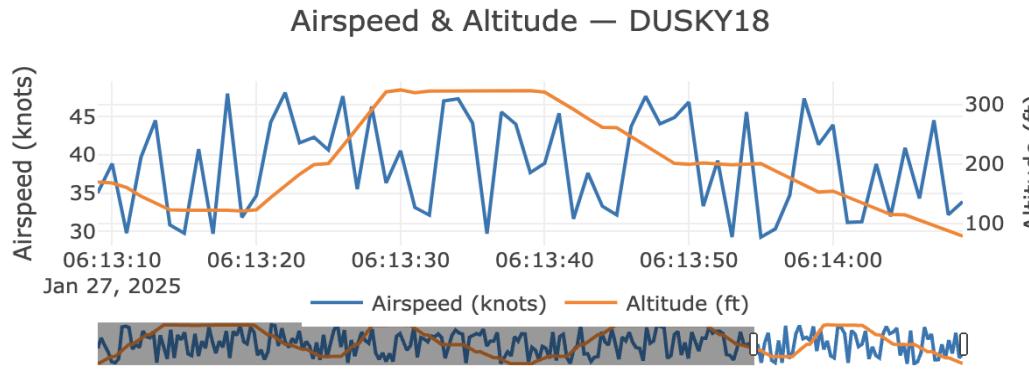


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## Airspeed & Altitude

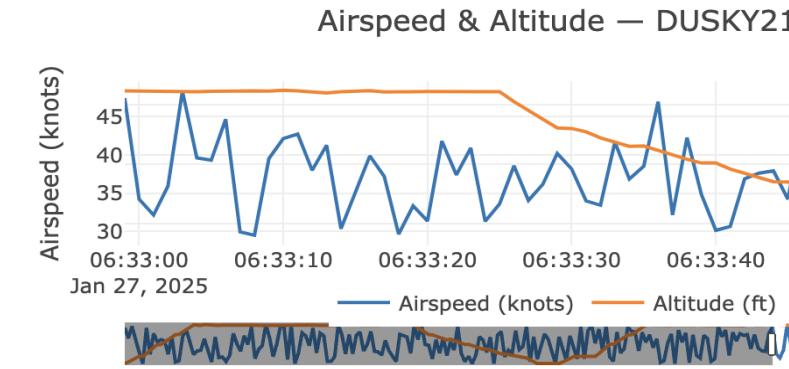
Drone DUSKY18

Airspeed: 33.90 kt  
Altitude: 79 ft



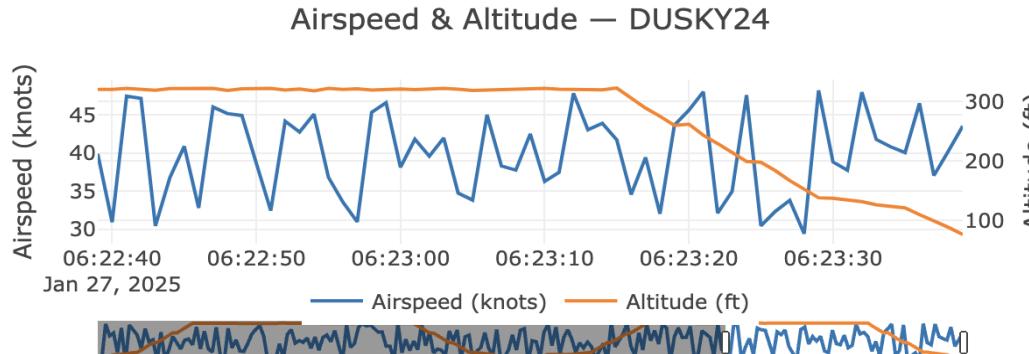
Drone DUSKY21

Airspeed: 29.88 kt  
Altitude: 79 ft



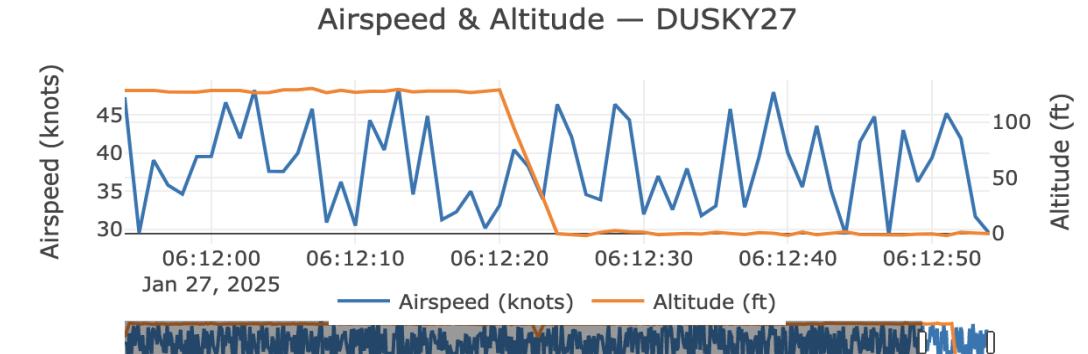
Drone DUSKY24

Airspeed: 43.54 kt  
Altitude: 77 ft



Drone DUSKY27

Airspeed: 29.39 kt  
Altitude: -0 ft



# Current Website Layout – Individual Drone pages

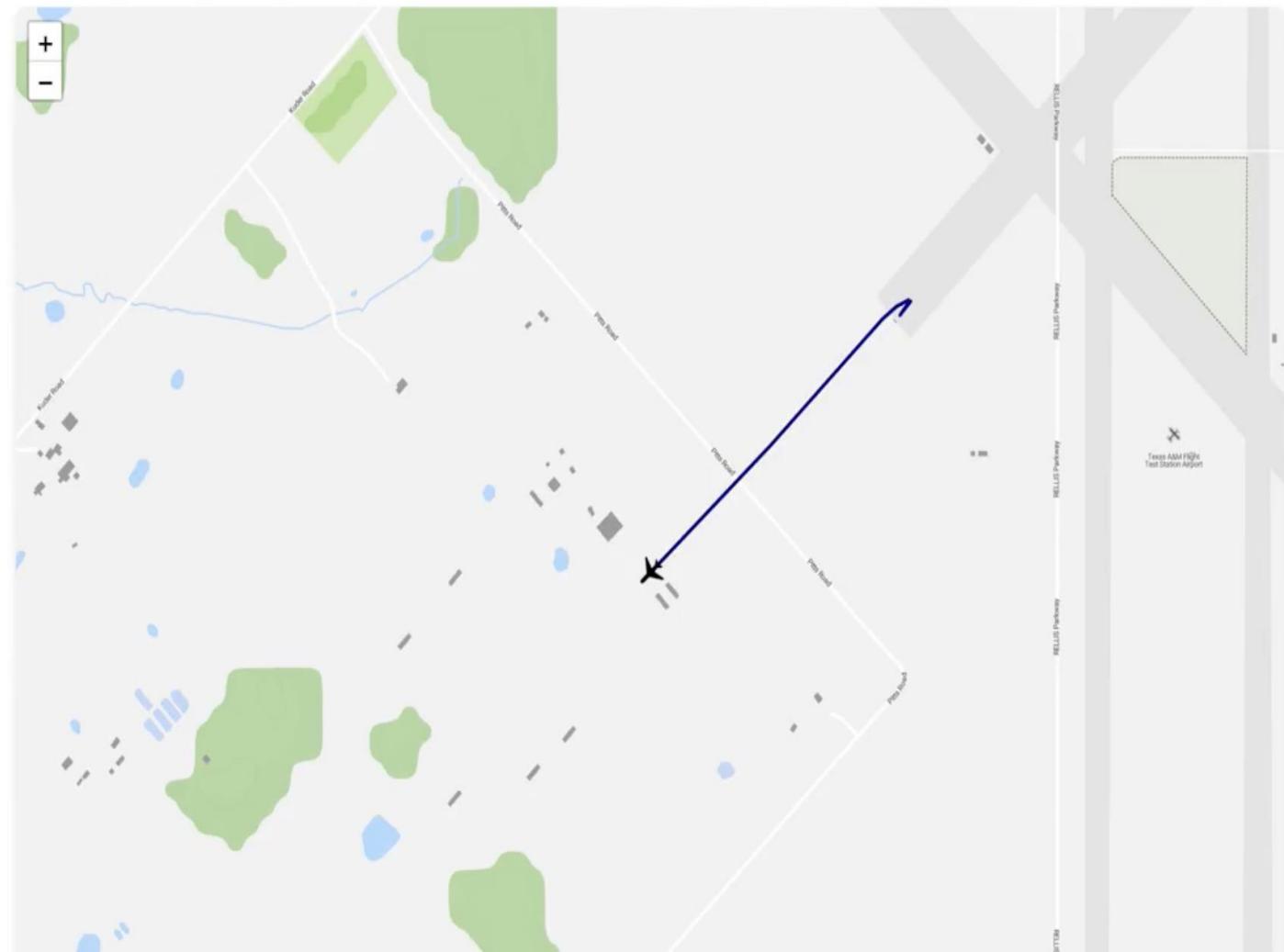
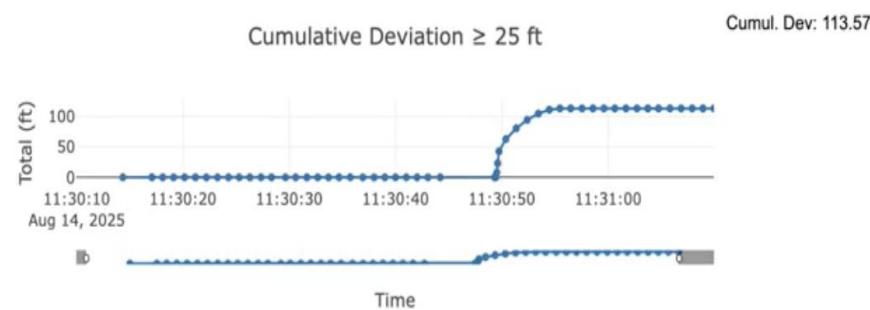
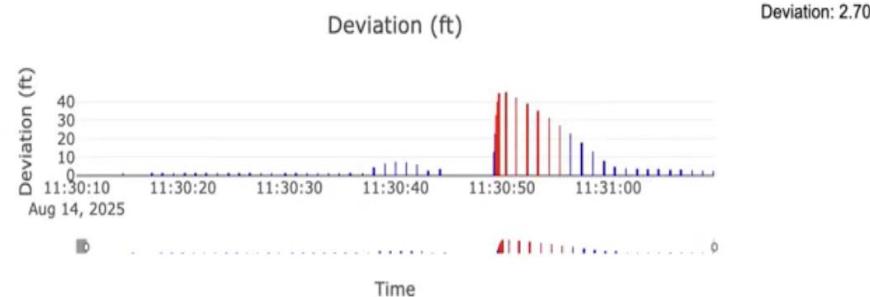
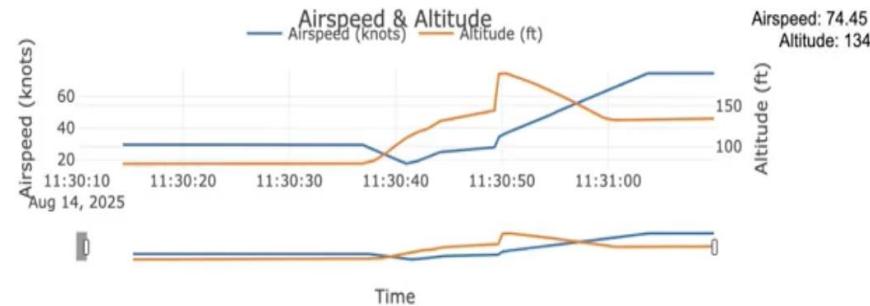


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## Drone DUSKY24 In-Depth



# Future Developments – What's next?



## BCDC Drone Tracker Current:

### Features:

- Live real-time map
- Tracks up to 4 drones at once
- Fully automated
- Dynamic Statistical Graphs
  - Airspeed vs Altitude
  - Deviation per point time
  - Cumulative critical deviation

Software Magic +  
Intern Tears



## BCDC Drone Tracker Future:

### Features:

- Same as current
- Database implementation
  - Can be done in PythonAnywhere
- Optimization upgrades
  - May require premium accounts
- Migrate to BCDC server?
- Mobile UI?
- Use for future BCDC projects?

# Summary – Current Website Standing & Info



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## BCDC Drone Tracker:

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### Features:

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- Fully automated
- Dynamic Charts
  - Airspeed vs Altitude
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## Technical Info:

### Website(pythonanywhere):

- Development: [Redacted]
- Production: [Redacted]

### Limitations:

- Storage: 512Mb
- CPU: 100s (not hard capped)
- Consoles: At most 2
- Capacity: < 100k hits/day