ADS-B EXPERIMENT

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Introduction

What is ADS-B?

Automatic Dependent Surveillance–Broadcast (ADS-B) is a surveillance technology in which aircraft broadcast their position, altitude, velocity, and other data.

Widely used in air traffic control and aircraft tracking.

Objective of the Experiment:

To receive and decode ADS-B signals from aircraft using a Software-Defined Radio (SDR) setup and visualize them using a virtual radar.

Tools and Equipment Required

Hardware

RTL-SDR Dongle: A low-cost USB-based Software-Defined Radio receiver.

Antenna: 1090 MHz antenna for receiving ADS-B signals.

Computer: For running decoding software and visualizing data.

Software

Dump1090: An open-source ADS-B decoder.

Virtual Radar Server: Software for visualizing decoded ADS-B data on a map.

RTL-SDR Drivers: Necessary drivers for the RTL-SDR dongle.

Procedure (Step 1 - Setup)

Install RTL-SDR Drivers

Install the required drivers to make the RTL-SDR dongle work with your system.

Set Up Antenna and Dongle

Connect the 1090 MHz antenna to the RTL-SDR dongle.

Plug the RTL-SDR dongle into the USB port of the computer.

Procedure (Step 2 - Software Installation)

Download and Install Dump1090:

Install the Dump1090 software for decoding ADS-B signals.

Install Virtual Radar Server

Set up the Virtual Radar Server to visualize aircraft positions.

Procedure (Step 3 - Running the Experiment)

Start Dump1090

Run Dump1090 to begin receiving and decoding ADS-B signals from aircraft.

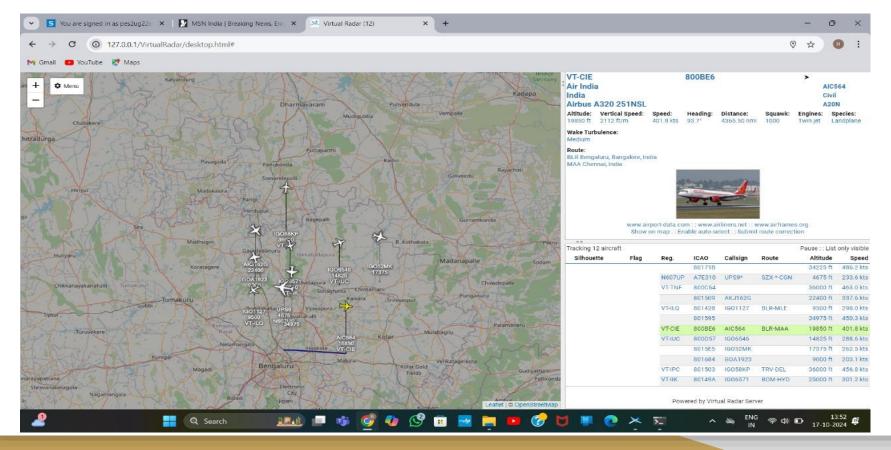
Configure Virtual Radar Server*

Use the decoded data from Dump1090 to display aircraft positions on a map.

Real-Time Aircraft Tracking*

Observe the positions, altitude, speed, and other parameters of nearby aircraft.

Results and Observations



Conclusion

Successfully received and decoded ADS-B signals using RTL-SDR and Dump1090.

Demonstrated real-time aircraft tracking and visualization using Virtual Radar Server.