

Binding the AR8000 Receiver:

1>Make sure the throttle stick is in the down position

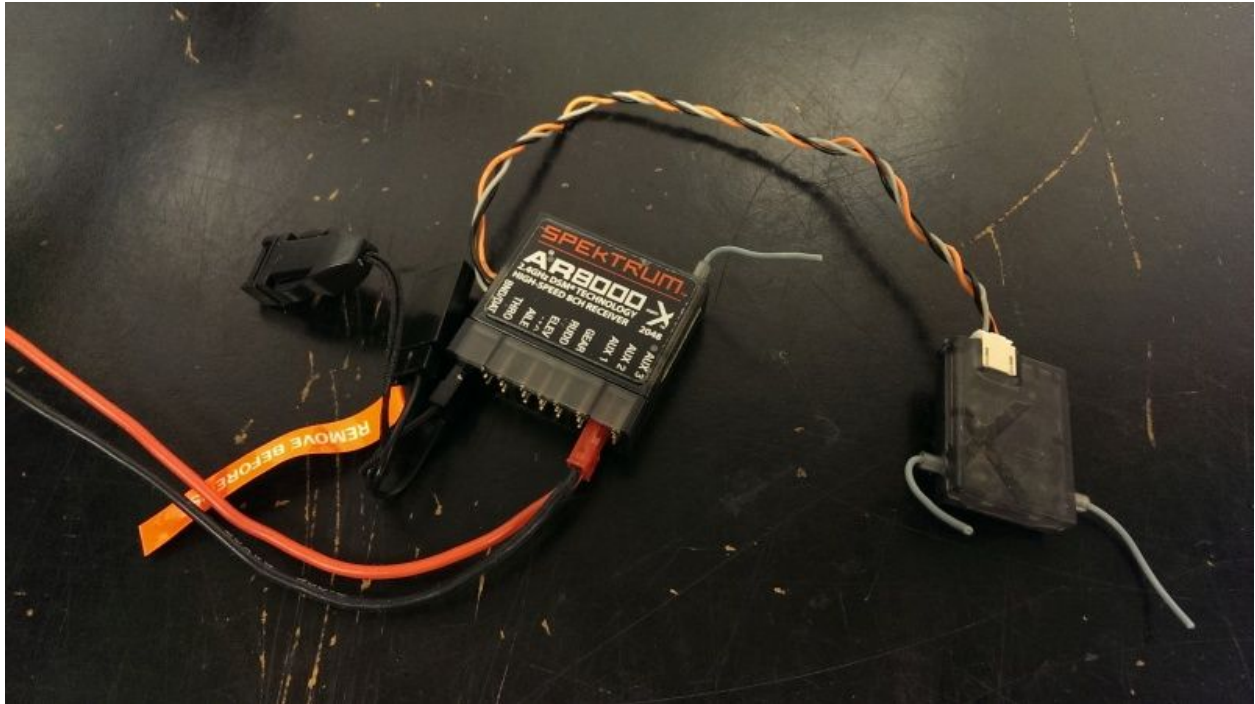
2>turn off controller



3>Insert the bind plug into the bind pins on the main receiver

4>Power the main receiver using a 5v power source, I just used the 4.8v battery pack from another dx7s receiver(The operating voltage for the main receiver is 3.5v-9.6v)





5>The unbound receivers should have a blinking orange light now

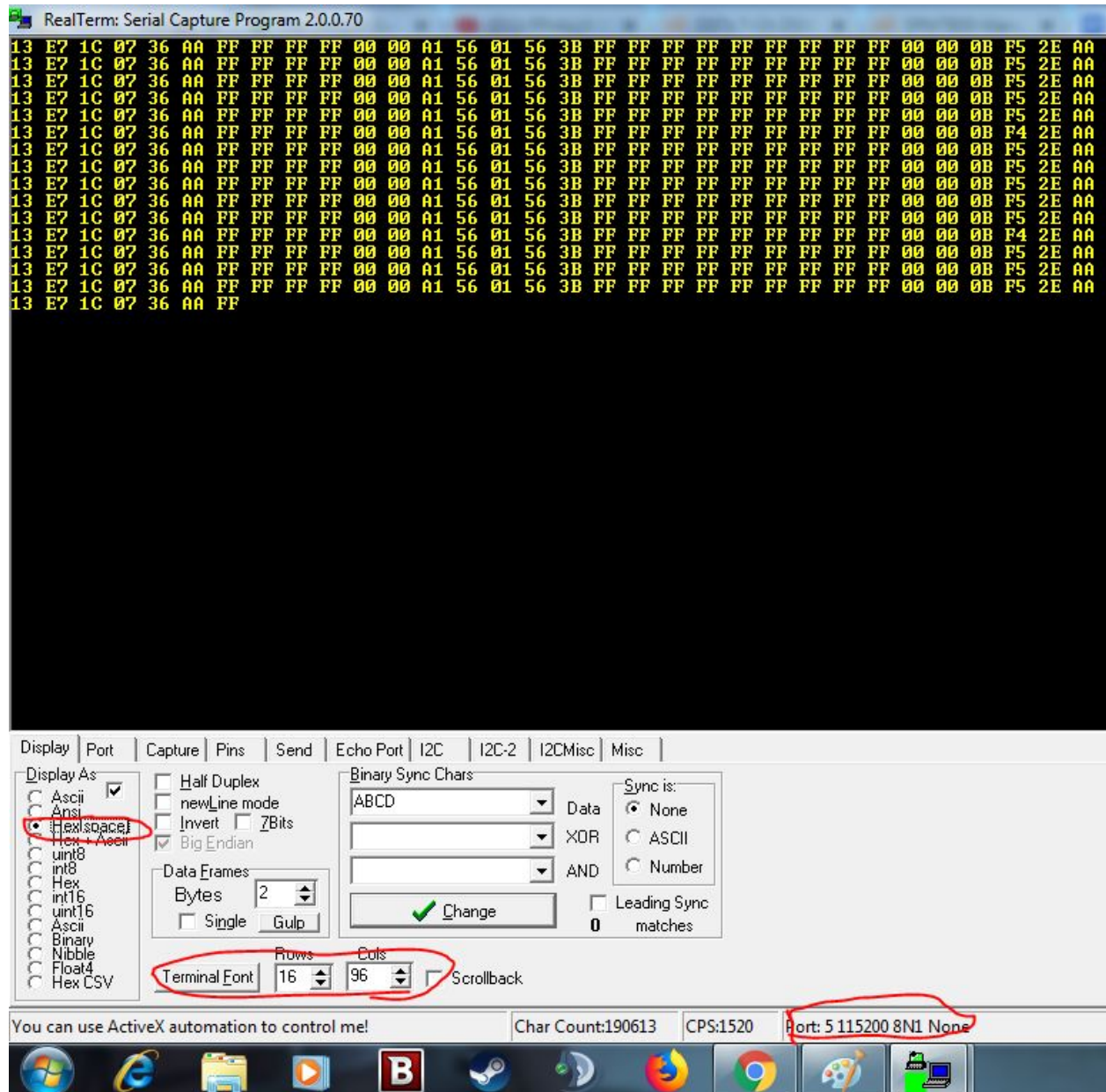
6> Hold the trainer/bind button down and power on the controller. Release the trainer bind button when the orange light stops blinking and you get a solid orange light.



The receivers are now binded to that controller. You will have to repeat this process if you want to bind the receiver to a different controller or vise versa.

7>You can now connect the secondary receiver directly to a UART port on a microcontroller or connect to the FTDI board or UART to usb adapter. Orange wire to 3.3v, Black wire to Ground, Grey wire to RX on a UART port.

8>Data is sent in the format: Baud rate 115200, Data bits 8, 1 Stop bit, No Parity, No Flow Control







Decimal value of each 2 byte channel:

Example :



The 3rd channel of data: 0x36AA = 13994

Aile = Left = 3753      Right = 2391

Flap = pos0: 11964

pos1: 11264

pos2: 10582

Elev: Center: 5100      Down = 4439      Upper = 5801

Rudd: Left = 7849      Right = 6487

Flight Mode: pos0 = 13994

pos1 = 12630

Mix/Hold: pos0 = 42666

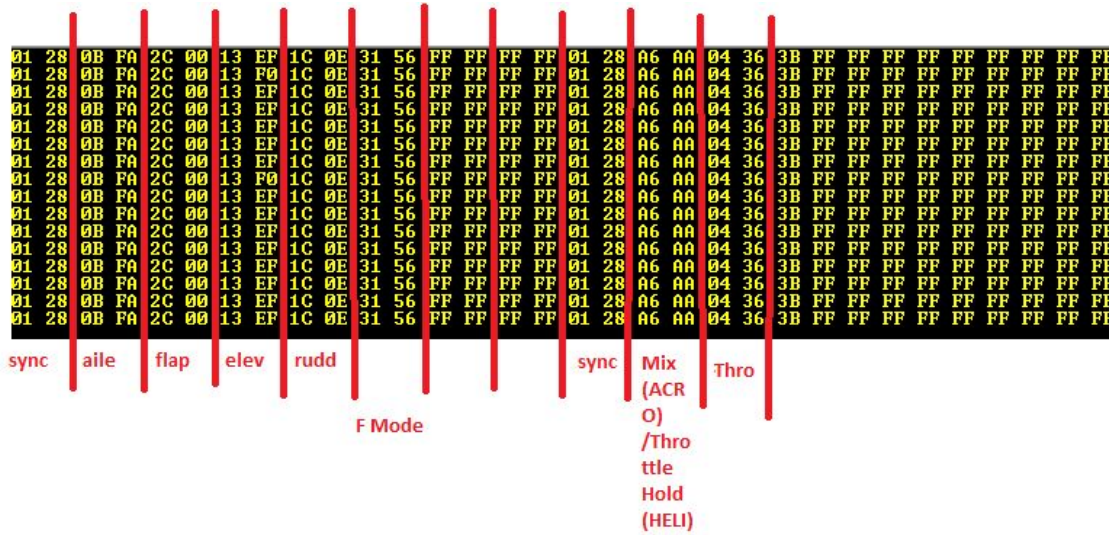
pos1 = 41302

Thro: Down: 342-1706

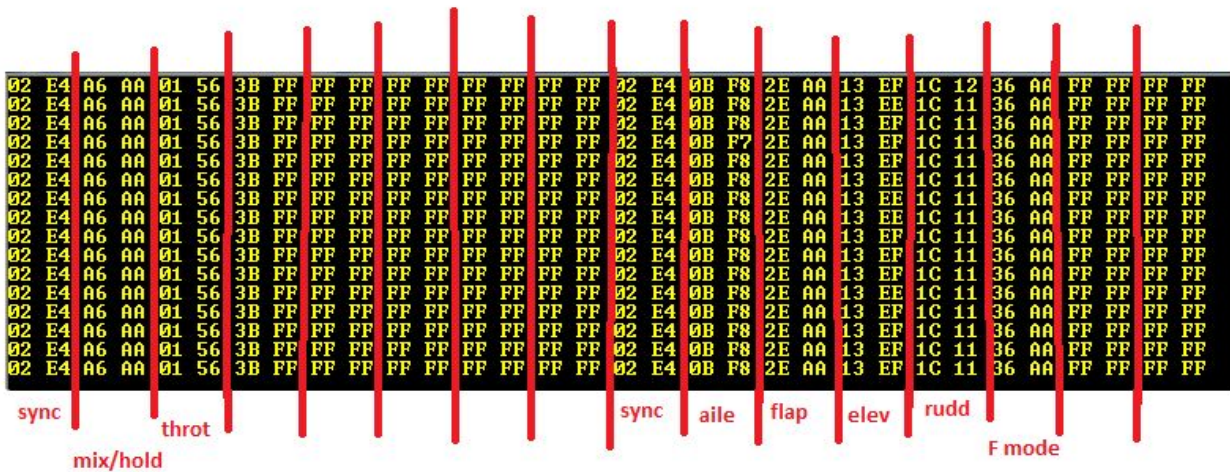
Note: The 4 sliders adjust the the range of values by +/- 25%. These values are taken from a controller that was calibrated to the center of each slider. Make sure every slider on your controller is centered. You'll hear a beep when it is.

32 Byte Packets are sent each containing 16 channels(2 bytes per channel)

\*\*\*Flight Mode 1\*\*\*

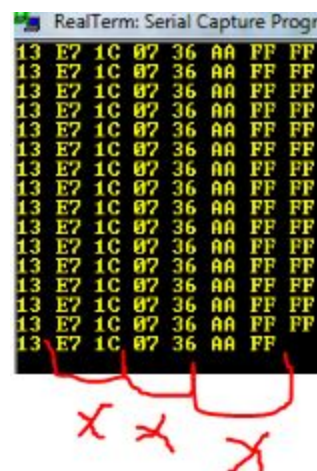
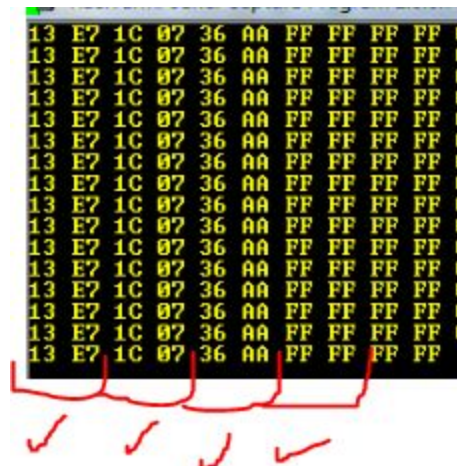


\*\*\*\*\*Flight Mode 0\*\*\*\*\*



Data is send every 11ms or 22ms depending on the frame rate you set on the controller(hold the clear and back button then power on the controller to access the System Setup menu the go to Frame Rate and choose when frame rate and mode you want to use. I'd recommend staying on 22ms and DSMX mode.

You want to write code to read the serial data in a way that it is aligned properly so you can use the correct data. So you have to know when a new packet starts and stops



Note that the sync bytes that tell you when a new packet starts repeats in the same packet twice and changed every time you turn the controller on and off. Using the sync bytes to determine the start of a new packet isn't consistent and won't work in my case. You have 2 options:

Detect when you see empty channels in my case : (3B FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF)

I know that following this sequence is the sync bytes of a new packet and I can use that to read in the correct data.

Read every 22ms in my case:

Some simple code can align the packets in the data stream:

```
data = None
ser.read(1)
dt = 0
dt_threshold = 0.005
while dt < dt_threshold:
    start = time.time()
    ser.read()
    dt = time.time() - start
ser.read(31)
```

(Python 2.7)

Full code:

<https://github.com/YawFrempong/AR8000-Serial-Data-Read>

Helpful links:

[https://github.com/samfok/remote\\_receiver\\_tutorial](https://github.com/samfok/remote_receiver_tutorial)

<http://darknrgy.typepad.com/darknrgys-blog/2015/02/ar8000-satellite-as-standalone-receiver.html>

<http://www.dogfight.no/2011/01/spectrum-receiver-satellite-to-arduino.html>