# **Contest Log Analyzer**

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--- Revision History ---

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Changed

- Synchronized the "Available Reports" list with the current codebase

by correcting one report ID and adding a missing report name.

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- Initial release.

## **Key Features**

- **Data-Driven Architecture**: Uses simple JSON files to define the rules, scoring, and exchange formats for each contest, making the tool highly extensible.
- Run/S&P Heuristics: A sophisticated, multi-pass heuristic analyzes QSO timing and frequency to classify each contact as "Run," "Search & Pounce," or "Unknown," providing a clear picture of operating strategy.
- **Unique vs. Common QSO Analysis**: The analyzer precisely identifies "unique" QSOs (worked by only one of two logs) and "common" QSOs (worked by both), breaking them down by Run/S&P status to reveal strategic advantages.
- **Cumulative Difference Plots**: Goes beyond traditional rate graphs by presenting QSO and Point rate data in "Cumulative Difference Plots," which visualize performance trends and momentum shifts much more clearly.
- **Animated Hourly Replay**: Generates an MP4 video that visualizes the entire contest on an hour-by-hour basis, showing cumulative scores, QSO rates, and band-by-band totals for up to three logs.
- **Annotated CSV Output**: Generates detailed, "annotated" CSV files from the processed logs, perfect for loading into Excel or other tools for custom analysis and prototyping.
- **Contest-Specific Scoring**: A modular system calculates QSO points based on the official rules for supported contests (ARRL-DX, ARRL-SS, CQ-WPX, CQ-WW).
- **Dynamic Reporting Engine**: A flexible, "plug-and-play" system for generating a wide variety of text, plot, and chart-based reports.

## **Usage**

The analyzer is run from the command line using main\_cli.py.

#### **Basic Syntax**

python main\_cli.py --report <ReportID|all|chart|text|plot|animation|html> <LogFile1> [<LogFile1]</pre>

#### **Examples**

• Generate all available reports for two logs:

python main cli.py --report all Logs/2024/cq-ww-cw/k3lr.log Logs/2024/cq-ww-cw/kc1xx.log

• Generate a specific report (Score Summary) for a single log:

python main cli.py --report score report Logs/2024/cq-ww-cw/k3lr.log

• Generate a Missed Multipliers report for CQ WW Zones:

python main\_cli.py --report missed\_multipliers --mult-name Zones Logs/2024/cq-ww-cw/k3lr.log [

# **Supported Contests**

The analyzer uses the CONTEST: field in the Cabrillo header to apply contest-specific rules. The following contests are currently supported:

- ARRL 10 Meter
- ARRL DX (CW & SSB)
- ARRL Field Day
- ARRL Sweepstakes
- CQ 160-Meter
- CQ WPX (CW & SSB)
- CQ World Wide DX (CW & SSB)
- IARU HF World Championship
- North American QSO Party (NAQP)

# **Available Reports**

All generated files are saved to a structured directory under  $reports/YYYY/CONTEST_NAME/$ .

## Animation Reports (animations/)

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hourly\_animation: Hourly Rate Animation

#### HTML Reports (html/)

• html\_qso\_comparison: HTML QSO Comparison Report

#### Chart Reports (Charts/)

- chart\_point\_contribution: Point Contribution Breakdown
- chart\_point\_contribution\_single: Point Contribution Breakdown (Single Log)
- chart\_qso\_breakdown: QSO Breakdown Chart

### Plot Reports (plots/)

- band\_activity\_heatmap: Band Activity Heatmap
- comparative\_band\_activity: Comparative Band Activity
- comparative\_band\_activity\_heatmap: Comparative Band Activity Heatmap
- comparative\_run\_sp\_timeline: Comparative Activity Timeline (Run/S&P)
- cumulative\_difference\_plots: Cumulative Difference Plots
- point\_rate\_plots: Point Rate Comparison Plots
- qso\_rate\_plots: QSO Rate Comparison Plots

#### Text Reports (text/)

- comparative\_continent\_summary: Comparative Continent QSO Summary
- comparative\_score\_report: Comparative Score Report
- continent\_breakdown: Continent QSO Breakdown
- continent\_summary: Continent QSO Summary
- $\bullet \ {\tt missed\_multipliers} : {\tt Missed Multipliers \, Report} \\$
- multiplier\_summary: Multiplier Summary
- multipliers\_by\_hour: Multipliers by Hour
- qso\_comparison: QSO Comparison Summary
- rate\_sheet: Hourly Rate Sheet
- rate\_sheet\_comparison: Comparative Rate Sheet
- score\_report: Score Summary
- summary: QSO Summary

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