Contest Log Analyzer

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--- Revision History ---

[0.88.0-Beta] - 2025-09-21

Fixed

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

baseline to add one missing report and correct two report IDs.

[0.86.5-Beta] - 2025-09-18Changed

- Corrected the report ID for the comparative rate sheet to align

with the source code.

[0.86.4-Beta] - 2025-09-15

Changed

- Synchronized the "Supported Contests" and "Available Reports"

sections with the current project baseline.

[0.55.1-Beta] - 2025-09-03

Changed

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

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

[0.55.0-Beta] - 2025-08-29

- 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> [<LogFile3]</pre>

Examples

• Generate all available reports for two logs:

CODE_BLOCK python main_cli.py --report all Logs/2024/cq-ww-cw/k3lr.log Logs/2024/cq-ww-cw/kc1xx.log CODE_BLOCK

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

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} {\bf CODE_BLOCK} & python & main_cli.py & --report & score_report & Logs/2024/cq-ww-cw/k3lr.log & {\bf CODE_BLOCK} \\ \end{tabular}$

• Generate a Missed Multipliers report for CQ WW Zones:

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{CODE_BLOCK} & python & main_cli.py & --report & missed_multipliers & --mult-name & Zones & Logs/2024/cq-ww-cw/k3lr.log & Logs/2024/cq-ww-cw/kc1xx.log & \textbf{CODE_BLOCK} \\ \end{tabular}$

Supported Contests

The analyzer uses the CONTEST: field in the Cabrillo header to apply contestspecific 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)
- WAE (CW & SSB)

Available Reports

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

Animation Reports (animations/)

• 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)
- qso_breakdown_chart: QSO Breakdown Chart

Plot Reports (plots/)

- band_activity_heatmap: Band Activity Heatmap
- comparative_band_activity: Comparative Band Activity

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- 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
- rate_sheet_comparison: Comparative Rate Sheet
- comparative_score_report: Comparative Score Report
- continent_breakdown: Continent QSO Breakdown
- continent_summary: Continent QSO Summary
- missed_multipliers: Missed Multipliers Report
- multiplier_summary: Multiplier Summary
- multipliers_by_hour: Multipliers by Hour
- qso_comparison: QSO Comparison Summary
- rate_sheet: Hourly Rate Sheet
- score_report: Score Summary
- summary: QSO Summary
- text_wae_comparative_score_report: WAE Comparative Score Report
- text_wae_score_report: WAE Score Summary

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