T3Scheduler

This program creates random schedules for Tower Simulator 3 based on existing schedules already included, it can also import real world schedules from FlightAware website. The program manages schedule files for you, on first run for an airport it creates a backup of original schedules present for this airport for selected database (e.g. default or Nyerges Design), this backup is the base for future random schedule generation. You have several options to choose to control your random schedules (see screenshots below), but the program will always use proper airplanes, destination/departure airport, and such, based on the info from original schedules.

When started for the first time accept disclaimer and select location of Tower Simulator 3 on your disk. T3Scheduler will remember both choices.

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IMPORTANT: If your Tower Simulator 3 is installed in a system folder (for example "C:\Program Files\") you will have to run T3Scheduler as an administrator, otherwise it cannot write to Tower Simulator 3 directories. It will ask you to do so if needed. There are two options here: (1) right click T3Scheduler.exe and select "Run as administrator", (2) right click T3Scheduler.exe and select "Properties", then "Compatibility", then check "Run this program as an administrator" checkbox. Program ships with "Run this program as an administrator" bit switched on.

Select airport and database and click "read original schedule", the statistics for the schedule will be displayed as a plot and in the text line below.



You have two options now: generate new randomized schedule or import new schedule from files generated from FlightAware website.

In order to generate randomized schedule you need choose profile option. The default is to have the same amount of flights and GA flights every hour with the same arrivals/departures ratio. If you are OK with that select options you want and click "Generate New Schedule", new schedule info will be displayed below, but the plot will not change. To plot new schedule, click "Plot New Schedule".

If you want to have different number of flights/GA flights and/or different ration of arrivals/departures each hour choose "Variable flight number [...]" instead of "Constant flight number [...]". Now "flights per hour" and "GA flights per hour" define maximum number of flights of each type (rounded up to the next number dividable by 10), ARR/DEP is the default ARR/DEP. Choose number of hours for schedule and starting hour, then click on "flights and ARR/DEP hourly profile".





Now you can adjust hourly values. Once done click Apply. As long as you don't change number of hours for schedule and/or starting hour the profile will be remembered until the program is closed, you can plot it and tweak. When ready click "Generate New Schedule", new schedule info will be displayed below, but the plot will not change. To plot new schedule, click "Plot New Schedule".

You are now ready to use the new schedule in Tower Simulator 3. If you want to go back to the original schedule, click "Restore Original Schedule".



To import new schedule, you need to prepare input files first. This example shows how to import schedule for KLGA, related files are in "import_example" folder included in the zip. First go to the folder where you want your input files to be and create two empty text files, in this example KLGA_arr_20220122.txt and KLGA_dep_20220122.txt. Open arrivals file in a text editor like Notepad (NOT Word or anything like it). Then open https://flightaware.com/ in your browser (I use Firefox) and search for airport, here KLGA. On the resulting page scroll down and click "Arrivals (MORE)". This page shows top 40 arrivals on and before current time. Select the arrivals in the table with mouse as shown below on screenshots, make sure ONLY flights are selected, nothing else. Copy them and paste them to the file KLGA_arr_20220122.txt, press enter so you are in a new line, go back to website, click "Next 40" and repeat until you collect flights for all day. Copy and paste each 40 to the file. Once done make sure your flights in the file end on or before the first arrival time at the beginning of the file, delete any extra flights as needed. You can create a schedule form files from two days, say starting 3pm day 1 and ending 3pm day 2. Or you can make sure only one day is used. Just make sure there is no overlap. Repeat with

the departures: click "Departures (MORE)" etc. The files I have generated preparing this example are in "import_example" folder, compare them to what you are getting if in doubt. The whole procedure shouldn't take more than 10 minutes.



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In principle it is possible to harvest this data automatically, but FlightAware doesn't like it and protects the website, trying to harvest too much will result in IP/user blocking and/or blacklisting so I didn't go that way. If you have spare \$750 you can buy 1 month of data from FlightAware in csv format, let me know and I will add an option to read it O.

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Now you can click on "Import New Schedule", new form pops up. You need to select arrivals and departures files first. Let's leave "Mapping File" for now, it is a file where you can specify what should be used to replace missing airplanes, airlines and liveries. Missing liveries can be also ignored, you will get a warning while loading the game, but the only result will be some white planes with no paint. On the other hand, missing airlines or airplanes result in dropped flights. Click on "Analyze files" to analyze your data.

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We got a few problems, and we should address them top-down. First is unknown airport KSUT. It is not in TS3 database and neither in mine. The easiest solution is to Google it (good place for US is https://www.airnav.com/airport/KSUT) and add it to the file airports-iata-icao.csv that comes with the T3Scheduler.exe (same directory). The format is

"country_code", "region_name", "iata", "icao", "airport", "latitude", "longitude"

and for KSUT it is

"US","North Carolina","SUT","KSUT","Cape Fear Regional Jetport","33.9308156","-78.0733636"

Please note that I have already added the missing airports to the file, so in order to generate same problems on the example files you will need to remove them first \bigcirc (last three lines).

Save the file and re-run "Analyze files". Now the airports are fine, but we have missing planes and airlines. Missing liveries are not that important, they just result in white airplanes, however they can be also addressed. The place to address all these issues is mappings file.

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Click on "Generate mappings file template" and select place where you want it, default name is mappings.txt. I have saved original mappings template for you to look into as mappings-template-original.txt, while I worked on mappings.txt. There are some suggestions in the file, and it is quite self-explanatory.

Mappings file is additive, i.e. if you have one already and work on a new airport the template generated will include all existing entries, plus new ones needed for new missing things, provided that you selected it first. This way you can grow one over time (along with airports file).

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Replace placeholders with appropriate codes as suggested or found online, what I got is

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I have skipped some liveries that are missing, they will show up as white airplanes. Now is time to select mappings file and re-run "Analyze files".

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Looks better, but now we have unknown airport N12, previously it was ignored due to the missing airline. Just follow the same procedure and add it to airports-iata-icao.csv file, this time it is

"US","New Jersey","N12","N12","Lakewood Airport","40.0668889","-74.1775556"

Note I used N12 for both ICAO and IATA. Re-run the form.

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All looks good now! We can now generate schedule, but first let's decide on "update airport list". If it is unchecked the missing airports will be replaced by geographically closest airports present in TS3. If you check it, the missing airports will be permanently added to TS3 airport list, and they will be used in the schedule directly.

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You can go either way. Generate schedule now and close the form. You will see the plot of the new schedule just imported. You are ready to use it now.



Important note: If you need to upgrade airport information and schedules from Feel There or Nyerges, you should first restore original schedules in each airport/database as described above. After the upgrade you need to click" more ..." and then click "recreate backup files ...", do it in each airport.

Installation: extract all files in T3Scheduler.zip into a folder somewhere you want it and double click T3Scheduler.exe to start.

Enjoy!

NOTE: This program is released 'as-is' without any warranty, responsibility, or liability. Use at your own risk!