

Quick Guide to Using the Database

Below are basic examples of how to get a few different types of information from the database. The guide assumes the user has downloaded the database and opened it using Excel.

To find the information on a given satellite

1. Ctrl-F to open a “find” window or
2. Scroll through; database will download with rows sorted alphabetically by satellite name.

To find out how many satellites are owned by a given country

1. Make sure no rows or columns are selected, *or* that you have selected *all* of them by clicking on the upper left-most box.
2. Under the “Data” pull-down menu, select “Sort.”
3. In Sort window, under “My list has”, select “Header row.”
4. Under “Sort by”, select “Country of Operator.”
5. Optionally, sort within this country by another criterion. For example, under “Then by”, select “Users.” The database will be sorted by country and within the country, by users (government, civil, military, commercial, etc.).
6. Click “OK.”
7. Database will now be sorted for the purpose. Use row numbers to count satellites.

To find when the oldest active satellite was launched

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2. Under the “Data” pull-down menu, select “Sort.”
3. In Sort window, under “My list has”, select “Header row.”
4. Under “Sort by,” select “Date of Launch.”
5. Click “OK.”
6. Database will be sorted from oldest to newest satellites.