

# THE EXPLORER

The background of the entire page is a vibrant orange and gold color scheme. At the top, the title 'THE EXPLORER' is written in a large, white, serif font, arched over the top of a central globe. The globe itself is a stylized representation of Earth, with continents and oceans in shades of orange and brown. A white silhouette of a commercial airplane is shown in flight, crossing the globe from left to right. Below the globe, a compass rose with multiple points is visible, and several white lines representing flight paths or orbits curve across the scene. The overall aesthetic is modern and aviation-themed.

Sabre Holdings® recently acquired *Flight Explorer*®, the leading provider of commercial aircraft situation display, or ASD, solutions providing real-time tracking, reporting and display of enroute aircraft.

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– Steve Clampett, president of Airline Products and Solutions, Sabre Airline Solutions

Last September, *Flight Explorer* and its industry-leading solutions became part of *Sabre Airline Solutions*®, the world’s leading provider of integrated solutions and services for airlines, airports and other air transportation-related businesses.

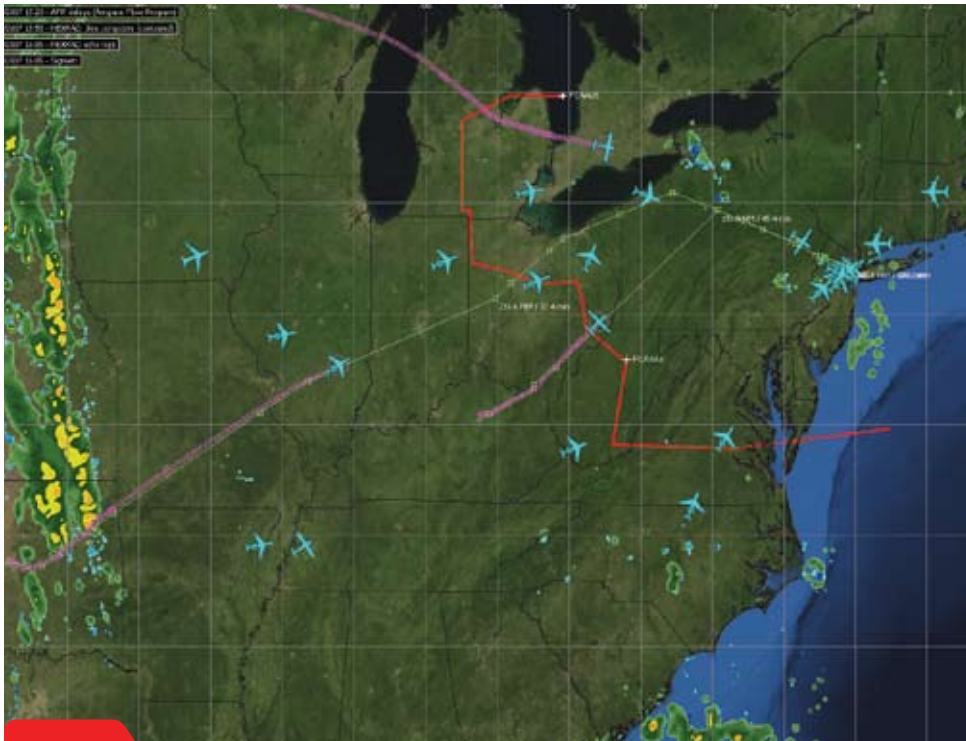
With only a personal computer and access to the Internet, customers can use the *Flight Explorer* solution to manage and track all of their aircraft, anywhere in the world. *Flight Explorer* also goes beyond just flight tracking, incorporating multiple data feeds, dynamic weather overlays, situational alerts, and predictive weather and air traffic tools to make it an essential, reliable flight operations management tool.

*Flight Explorer* was first introduced in 1997, and it immediately gained recognition as the premiere real-time flight tracking and management system in the industry. It’s the world’s leading aircraft situation display in terms of performance, value, reliability, sales and reputation.

*Flight Explorer* provides its ASD services to more than 800 corporate customers with an installed base of more than 2,300 systems. Its corporate customers include:

- 85 percent of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration’s collaborative decision making, or CDM, participants;
- 85 percent of North American major airlines including Northwest Airlines, American Eagle Airlines, Air Canada, jetBlue, US Airways and Continental Airlines;
- 17 of the top 20 regional airlines;
- 80 percent of the Air Transport Association membership;
- The top five cargo carriers including FedEx, UPS, Airborne Express, TNT Express and DHL Express;
- International carriers such as British Airways, Copa Airlines and Aer Lingus;
- The 12 largest executive jet operators including NetJets, Flight Options, Gulfstream and Bombardier;
- Major airports including Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Chicago O’Hare International Airport, New York Port Authority, Los Angeles International Airport and Miami International Airport;
- More than 200 corporate flight departments, air charter operators and fixed-base operators.

*Flight Explorer’s* success is based on a solid, technical approach that provides a high level of security and reliability to meet the stringent requirements of a 24/7 airline operation, the FAA, the U.S. Department of Defense and airports, combined with a robust architec-



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“The addition of *Flight Explorer*, with its outstanding flight tracking and airspace monitoring capabilities, to our comprehensive portfolio of solutions positions us to be the unique provider of a fully integrated, world-class flight planning and aircraft tracking solution,” said Steve Clampett, president of Airline Products and Solutions for *Sabre Airline Solutions*. “We have enjoyed a strong working relationship with *Flight Explorer* for many years and are now proud to make them a part of *Sabre Airline Solutions*.”

The *Flight Explorer* solution, which will also be available to global aviation customers as a stand-alone solution, will be fully integrated with *Sabre Airline Solutions’* dispatch management solution, *Dispatch Manager*. The integrated solution will provide airlines the technology they need to access critical, real-time operational information and world-class flight plan optimization, helping pre-empt delays, among other benefits.

The combined solution will leverage the powerful graphic components and proactive alerting capabilities of *Flight Explorer* with the robust flight planning capabilities of *Dispatch Manager* to help airlines choose the most efficient, cost-effective flight plan.

Later this year, *Flight Explorer* and *Sabre Airline Solutions* will launch *Airspace Flow Manager*, a tool that will give airlines or general aviation an opportunity to reap the benefits offered by the integration of collaborative decision making tools into the *Flight Explorer* ASD. Prior to flight departure, *Airspace Flow Manager* will proactively alert the airline if its flights are going to be affected by any traffic management initiative, analyze the impact of the initiative and help the airline explore its options. *Airspace Flow Manager* is expected to significantly improve on-time performance, aircraft utilization and fuel efficiencies across carriers and general aviation. 

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