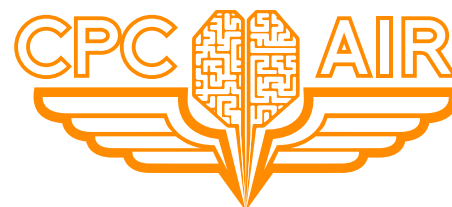


# READY FOR DEPARTURE



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This is the meta puzzle. You will hopefully have noticed that the number of rows in the table of flights increased as you solved more and more puzzles. Here is the full list of flights:

Airline	Fl. No.	Destination	Boarding time	Departure time	Gate
CPC	753	Chicago - O'Hare	08:01	08:26	17
CPC	16	Frankfurt	08:02	08:27	16
CPC	631	Phoenix	08:09	08:34	12
CPC	754	Indianapolis	08:14	09:09	20
CPC	807	Denver	08:35	09:00	8
CPC	856	Raleigh/Durham	08:38	09:33	14
CPC	25	Seoul - Incheon	08:53	09:18	1
CPC	301	Washington - Dulles	08:55	09:50	9
CPC	29	Singapore	08:56	09:51	17
CPC	41	Paris - Charles de Gaulle	08:57	09:22	16
CPC	312	San Jose	09:02	09:57	4
CPC	8	Taipei	09:04	09:29	12
CPC	941	Houston - Bush	09:11	10:06	19
CPC	62	Ulaanbaatar	09:13	10:08	6
CPC	39	Hong Kong	09:30	09:55	8
CPC	796	San Francisco	09:33	09:58	3
CPC	657	Detroit	09:34	09:59	2
CPC	766	Anchorage	09:37	10:02	7
CPC	579	Boston	09:39	10:34	20
CPC	814	Idaho Falls	09:48	10:43	1
CPC	24	Reykjavik	09:52	10:47	16
CPC	197	Dallas/Fort Worth	09:59	10:24	12
CPC	186	Las Vegas	10:01	10:26	11
CPC	5	Sydney	10:03	10:28	14
CPC	32	Istanbul - Ataturk	10:14	10:39	13
CPC	380	New York - JFK	10:21	10:46	17
CPC	825	Atlanta	10:25	10:50	8
CPC	27	Beijing	10:27	10:52	4
CPC	96	Edmonton	10:28	11:23	3
CPC	11	London - Heathrow	10:36	11:01	19
CPC	846	Nashville	10:38	11:03	6
CPC	651	Miami	10:54	11:49	12
CPC	15	Auckland	11:04	11:59	20
CPC	273	Philadelphia	11:13	11:38	1
CPC	918	Albuquerque	11:16	11:41	17
CPC	19	Tokyo - Narita	11:17	11:42	16
CPC	948	Minneapolis/St. Paul	11:22	11:47	4
CPC	504	El Paso	11:33	11:58	6

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The first clue that should be noticed is the inclusion of the words “dash” and “dot” in the flavor text. This indicates that Morse code may be involved in the puzzle. The next clue that one might eventually notice once enough rows have appeared in the table is that the departure time is either 25 minutes or 55 minutes after the boarding time. In addition, there are various mentions to gates in the flavor text.

Because this is the meta-puzzle, solvers are expected to solve the puzzle without the complete flight table. There are some additional clues in the puzzle that should help the solver determine whether all flights from a particular gate have departed or not. The first clue is that the boarding time for each flight is exactly 30 minutes after the departure of the previous flight from the same gate, so any gate with no flight boarding 30 minutes after the last departure is guaranteed not to have any further flights. The second clue is that, as mentioned in the flavor text, the table only contains flights before noon, so any flight departing less than 55 minutes before noon (there are 30 minutes between a flight's departure and the next flight's boarding, and it takes at least 25 minutes to board) is guaranteed to be the last flight from the gate.

For each gate, the list of flights departing from that gate form a letter in Morse code. The flights with 25 minutes between boarding and departure are dots, and the flights with 55 minutes between boarding and departure are dashes. The letters form the phrase “READ DEST EVEN FL NO”. This indicates that one should look at the destinations for flights with even flight numbers. The first letters of these destinations spell out the phrase “FIRSTUSAIRLINENAME”, indicating that one should look for the first US airline.

The solution for this puzzle, the first US airline, is the **ST. PETERSBURG-TAMPA AIRBOAT LINE**.