Using an X90-OPUS Receiver as an RTK Base

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Thesis: The X90-OPUS receiver (Part Number 1190403026, distributed by iGage Mapping Corporation) can be used as a L1/L2 (Dual Frequency) RTK Base. The base position is determined on startup from an average of the uncorrected initial position. It is not possible to key in a Lat/Lon, only a 'Get GPS' style coordinate can be used.

- Download the HCLoader tool http://x90gps.com/out/hcloader/HcLoader.exe and place it in an empty folder.
- 2. Connect the GPS receiver to the computer with the serial port (DB-9) connector on the interface cable supplied with the GPS receiver. Turn ON the GPS receiver.
- 3. Start the HCLoader program.

If you start the HCLoader.exe program and you see Mandarin Chinese characters (and if it is a problem):

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you can switch to English by clicking on the menu option 'L' and then 'E'.

- 4. The Loader program assumes that the GPS is connected on your PC's COM Port 1. If the GPS is not connected on COM1, click on 'Close', then 'Connection: Setup' and choose the correct PC COM port, then click on 'Link'.
- 5. Click on the 'Update' button, the top bar of HCLoader should display the GPS receiver serial number:



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6. The current receiver configuration will be shown:

Item	Parameter	<u>U</u> pdate
Model of the receiver	1904	
Receiver No.	18692	Apply
Date of manufacture	2014-05-06	
Option	No	<u>R</u> egister
Version	8.01	
Memory	16MB	
Sample Interval(second)	5 s	
Mask Angle(degree)	0	
Data Log	Auto	
Data Log Session	Manual	
Port Configration	Normal mode	
Work Mode	No auto base	
Correction Port	Port 1	
Format of Correction	CMR	
Remain battery	A:50%	
Register Code	13366-12168-32076	<u>D</u> efault
Expired Date	No Limit	

This is the default X90-OPUS configuration. 5 second intervals, automatic data logging on boot, no Sessioning (automatic ending of recording.) Note: The memory total is not shown correctly.

7. To turn on Auto-Base, make these changes:

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Date of manufacture	2014-05-06	
Option	No	<u>R</u> egister
Version	8.01	
Memory	16MB	
Sample Interval(second)	5 s	
Mask Angle(degree)	0	
Data Log	Auto	
Data Log Session	Manual	
Port Configration	Normal mode	
Work Mode	Auto Base	
Correction Port	Port 2	
Format of Correction	CMR+	
Remain battery	A:50%	
Register Code	13366-12168-32076	<u>D</u> efault
Expired Date	No Limit	

Then press the 'Apply' button.

- 8. Click the 'Exit' button, then close the HCLoader program.
- 9. The X90-OPUS receiver will now automatically begin recording an observation file and sending CMR+ corrections out the hardware COM port at 9600 baud after the GPS receiver is powered on and a 'solid' position is detected.

Note: The use of the X90-OPUS receiver as a base is marginally supported. iGage recommends that you consider an X900+ or X91+ receiver as a base. They both support GNSS signals, which will provide for much better performance under canopy and with low SV counts. Additional details can be found here:

http://x9gps.com

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