GCR standard format

The GCR standard request consists of 3 main components

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GCR
/FLT
LOWW
NABC0123 08JUN 010SF3 LOWL0900 D / IDA.LOWWAABC012300 RE.OETEST/
N ABC5678 09JUN 010SF3 1200LOWL D / IDD.LOWWDABC567800 RE.OETEST/
NABC9876 ABC5432 10JUN 010SF3 LOWL1430 1455LOWL DD
/IDA.LOWWAABC987600 IDD.LOWWDABC543200 RE.OETEST/
GI SCA – Schedule Coordination Austria
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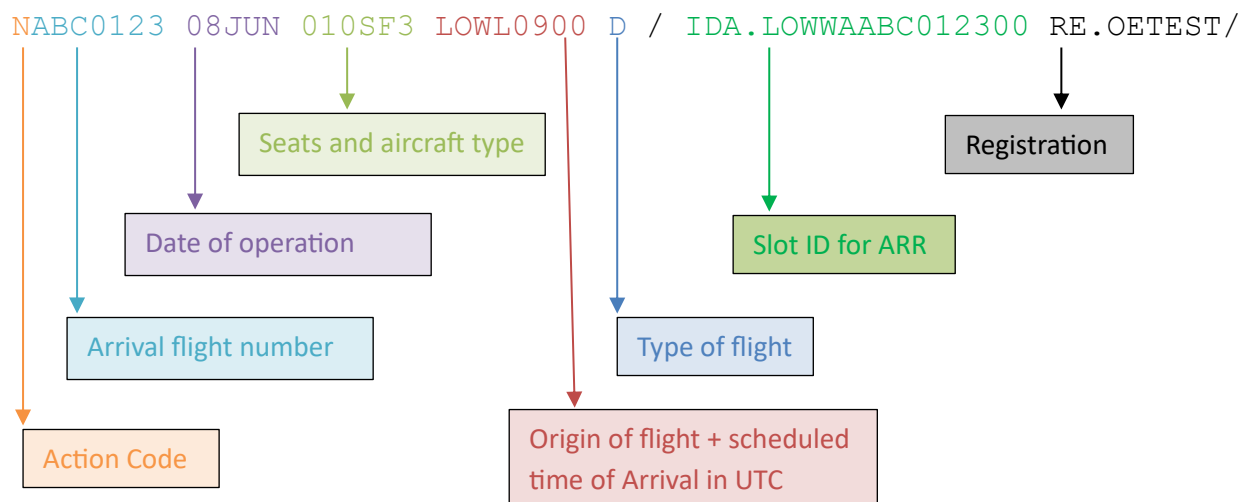
1. Message Header

GCR   Type of request: GCR – General aviation Clearance Request / Reply

/FLT   Message type using flight designator plus flight number

LOWW   Airport at which slots are being requested, ICAO Code (e.g. LOWW, LOWI, …)

2. Flight detail line(s), with Airport Slot ID and Registration Tag
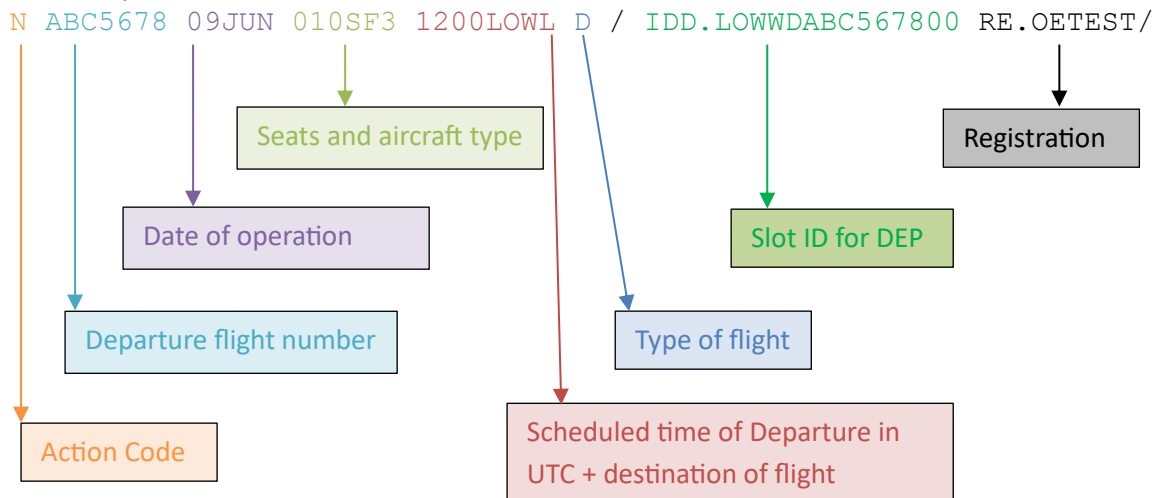
The flight detail lines contain all necessary schedule information. The following examples show the different formats required to request an arrival slot / departure slot.

2.1. Arrival slot format

`NABC0123 08JUN 010SF3 LOWL0900 D / IDA.LOWWAABC012300 RE.OETEST/`

Seats and aircraft type

Date of operation

Registration

Slot ID for ARR

Arrival flight number

Type of flight

Action Code

Origin of flight + scheduled time of Arrival in UTC

> **!** For an ARRIVAL slot , there is NO blank space between action code and flight number. The scheduled time of arrival (STA) is stated without blank after the airport of orgin.

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2.2. Departure slot format

`N ABC5678 09JUN 010SF3 1200LOWL D / IDD.LOWWDABC567800 RE.OETEST/`

Seats and aircraft type

Date of operation

Departure flight number

Action Code

Type of flight

Slot ID for DEP

Registration

Scheduled time of Departure in UTC + destination of flight

❗ For a DEPARTURE slot, there MUST BE a blank space between action code and flight number. The destination airport is stated without a blank after the scheduled time of departure (STD).

➡ **Action code**

The action code defines the exact intention of the GCR sender and is always at the beginning of the line. Depending on the sender, following codes are possible in the GCR format

Handling Agent	Slot Coordinator
N new request of slot	K confirmation
D delete confirmed slot	X cancellation
C slot to be changed	H holding
R revised slot request	U unable / refusal
	W wrong

➡ **Flight number**

A flight number combines a maximum of 7 letters and digits (2-3 letters followed by 1-4 digits with an optional letter as a suffix).

➡ **Date of operation**

The date of operation refers to the scheduled UTC departure and arrival times at the airport to be coordinated only.

➡ **Seats and aircraft type**

Here, information consists of
- Number of seats (3 digits, leading 0)
- Aircraft type in IATA format (3 digits), ICAO format (4 digits) or "GAA" if code is unknown

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➔ **Routing + Time of flight in UTC**

- Routing information consists of the origin or destination airport (ICAO Code, 4 letters) in regard to the airport being coordinated. If code is unknown, please use "XUDC"
- the requested arrival or departure time at the airport being coordinated, stated in UTC

➔ **Type of flight**

The following service type codes can be used to define the flight:
- D for General Aviation
- N for Business Aviation / Air Taxi
- E for Special Government
- I for VIP flights (State / Diplomatic)
- U Air Ambulance / Humanitarian
- P Positioning flights – non revenue (ferry/delivery/demo)

➔ **Airport Slot ID**

The Airport Slot ID is composed of 14 alphanumeric characters
- **1-4:** ICAO airport code
- **5:** A... Arrival; D... Departure
- **6-14:** Flight number (given by Coordinator), padded with leading and trailing zeros

E.g.

LOWWAABC012300

➔ **Registration**

The Flight detail line also contains the Aircraft-Registration, starting with tag "RE."

e.g. RE.OETEST

3. Footnote

Footnote must start with "GI" or "SI"

GI General information (e.g. BRGDS)
SI Supplementary information (free text)

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