

## **SIMBAD – Set of Identifications, Measurements and Bibliography for Astronomical Data – U. S. Gateway**

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### **Description**

SIMBAD is a complete database for observational data and bibliographic references accessible by the name or number of the astronomical object. It is nearly complete to 1950 for stars and to 1983 for non-stellar objects. It excludes solar system objects. It contains information from all major astronomical journals and catalogs and is also useful in providing a complete cross-reference of identifications for an object or for searches of known objects around a coordinate position. SAO is the official NASA agent in the U.S. for this resource. The database is maintained in France by the Centre de Donnees astronomique de Strasbourg (CDS). SAO provides administrative, network, and user assistance in the U.S.

### **Network Access**

Via the internet or NASA's NSI-DECnet network (details sent when an account is established). A BITNET request service and dial-in access may be offered in the future, as personnel time becomes available. (This is an interactive database.)

### **Who Can Use SIMBAD**

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