

CHEOPS Scheduling Feasibility Checker (SFC)

Download Guide

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We recommend the following approach for downloading the SFC image via the FTP protocol, which should take about 5 minutes:

- 1) Download and install standalone free-to-use FTP tool, for example the “FileZilla Client” [here](#)
- 2) Open the FileZilla Client
- 3) In the top panel, enter host, username, and password
 - host = ssh.esac.esa.int
 - username = cheops_fc
 - password = [see here](#)

Note: To access the password website, you must be logged into the Cosmos system (sign in at the top right of this website) and be a registered member of the Guest Observers Group (click [here](#) if you are not yet registered).
- 4) In the top panel, click “Quickconnect”

Note: The connection requires a non-secure FTP protocol; the explicit SFTP protocol will not work. As a result, you might see the message "Insecure FTP connection: This server does not support FTP over TLS.", which you can simply ignore by clicking “OK”.
- 5) In the middle left panels, select the folder in which you want to store the download
- 6) In the middle right panels, double click “cheopsfcvm09.ova” (SFC image 9) to start the download

For any questions, please [contact us](#) and we will be happy to help.