

Summary

Carmen CMS is responsible for creating hotel reservations and forecasts. The process and the different reports are described shortly in the following sections.

Change History

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1.0	Leo Wentzel	2007-05-02	Added Hotel Reservation documentation.
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1 Hotel Reports

1.1 *Reservation/Forecast generation*

Forecasts are generated one time every month after schedule release and cover the next month. Orders are generated automatically every day and cover the following two days. How to run the forecasts and orders manually are described later in this document. Forecasts and reservations are generated for every “preferred” hotel for each SAS region. Hotels with no demand receive a reservation with a message indicating that there is no demand for rooms.

It is possible to generate forecasts, performed list and reservations manually through the studio menu.

1.2 *Forecast Reports*

Forecasts are generated in PDF format. A hotel forecast contains information of the expected room demand for a hotel for a period. The forecast holds no personal information. The report shows information about the flight that crew is arriving and departing with how many rooms that there are demand for and how many nights crew will stay. An example of the forecast PDF is shown below:

2 Process

The reservation process is automated. Reservations are sent nightly to the hotels but the reports can also be generated from the Studio Editor.

A hotel reservation is created for each duty that ends away from home base. If connection time between flights is shorter than 8 hours but more than 5 hours reservations will be made at hotel at the airport, also known as day at hotel. This rule is also applied for crew on simulator training away from home base. Hotels used are defined in two tables which lists all the preferred hotels. There it is also possible to mark if a hotel is to be used as a day hotel.

2.1 Hotel Reservation

The hotel reservation process is divided in two phases. First, the demand for rooms is calculated for the entire plan for the coming two days. Second, a hotel reservation report is generated for each hotel and directly sent to the hotels for booking. This process is done automatically by the system each night.

The system takes into consideration all duties with need for hotel rooms in that period, both duties assigned to crew and currently not assigned. The reservation data is also stored in the database to enable updated reservations to be generated.

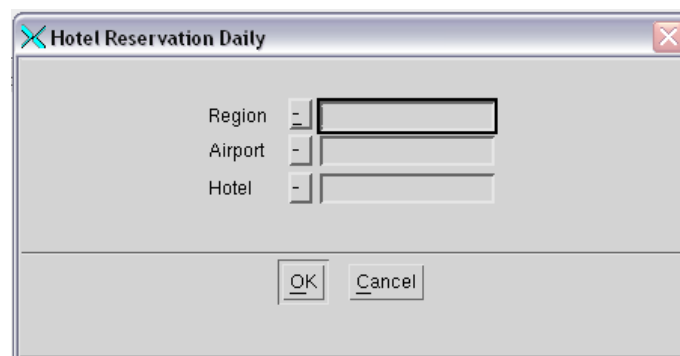
When there has been a change to the plan and the plan is saved an update of hotel reservations is performed. This update process will look at all modified rosters and open trips to see if there are any differences to the currently stored hotel reservations and update the reservations so that they will correspond to the updated plan.

Once every hour, updates will automatically be sent to the hotels if the changes require an update.

2.1.1 Manually create hotel reservations report

Hotel reservation reports can be run manually through the 'Reports' menu in Studio. A report can be generated for a SAS region and a hotel for a specific date, which must be in the planning period loaded in Studio.

Select Menu 'Reports', and 'Hotel Reservation Report'. Select Region and Hotel. Enter the date, which must be in the planning period loaded in Studio, and click 'Ok'.

The image shows a software dialog box titled "Hotel Reservation Daily". It has a standard Windows-style title bar with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The main area of the dialog contains three vertically stacked input fields. Each field has a small dropdown arrow on its left side. The labels "Region", "Airport", and "Hotel" are positioned to the left of their respective input fields. At the bottom of the dialog, there are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel".

Picture [4] Form for creating hotel reservations manually

2.2 *Hotel Forecast*

The hotel forecast report is automatically created each month. A forecast is calculated based on the current plan.

2.3 *Hotel Performed*

Hotel performed report can be created manually. A performed report is calculated based on the performed schedule/plan.

2.3.1 *Manually create hotel performed report*

The hotel performed report is automatically created at the beginning of each month and covers the last month performed. A performed report is calculated based on the current plan.