

## **Game Changer: WBidValet – discover how easy it is to bid on your iPhone!**

Because the concept is so easy to grasp, and the iPhone is so easy to use. It is our prediction that most of you will eventually use just the iPhone and WBidValet to bid.

The WBidValet concept:

1. Write down the kind of lines you want to fly (be thorough).
2. Set Filters to tell the app what kind of lines you want to fly.
3. Set a SORT method for the different groups of lines.
4. Submit your desired number of line choices.

That is it.

### **Homework**

While it was our goal to produce a bid app that was so simple that no home work would be required, it was simply not possible to produce an app that allowed 90% of users to create their perfect bid without creating multiple Filters with multiple options. As a result, to effectively use this app, it is recommended that you read the **“The Filters for the Bid Automator and WBidValet”**. You can read the 12 page document in less than 10 minutes, and after doing so, your mind will grasp the concept of telling the app what kind of lines you want to fly.

### **WBidValet has 12 Filters.**

<b>Am – Pm</b>	<b>Days of the Week – Some</b>	<b>Overnight Cities</b>
<b>Commutable Lines</b>	<b>DH First – Last</b>	<b>Rest</b>
<b>Days of the Month</b>	<b>Equipment Type</b>	<b>Start Day of Week</b>
<b>Days of the Week – All</b>	<b>Line Type</b>	<b>Trip – Block Length</b>

### **Fantasy Bid**

You should always bid the kind of lines you want to fly as if you could get any line. We call this the “Fantasy Bid”. It is a “Fantasy Bid” because only number 1 on the seniority list can get any line they want. However, here is the problem. If you bid for what you think you can hold, you will soon find out that you could have gotten a better line if you had submitted a fantasy bid.

When you submit a “Fantasy Bid”, your seniority will give you the absolute best line your seniority can get. **ALWAYS SUBMIT A FANTASY BID!**

Step 1: Write down the kind of lines you want to fly

You will not need to do this when you become proficient, but writing down your line priorities helps insure you set all the Filters needed to produce the lines you desire.

### **Example**

I’m a mid level line holder, and my fantasy bid for April is like this:

1. I want to fly Tu-We-Th if possible, if not, then I want to fly Mo-Tu-We, if not then I want to fly We-Th-Fr. After that, I want to fly Mo – Fr (weekends off). Finally, I am willing to fly on Sunday if needed, but NO Saturdays, and if I have to fly on Sunday, make sure I fly the least amount of Sundays possible. Oh, I almost forgot, I need the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month off. Oops, I also prefer PMs over Ams. Finally, sort each of the above groups by most pay.

Whew! That is a lot, and amazingly, you will see that WBidValet will find all those groups of lines, put them in order and sort by most pay.

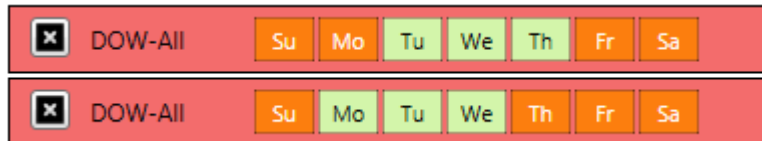
OK, let's set the filters. I am going to use screen shots from the Bid Automator in the PC, but remember, they Filters in the Bid Automator are the same as in WBidValet.

#### Set Filters

The first filter I am going to set is "Days of the Week – All". When I first add the filter to the filter list, all the days of the week will be green. Since I want to fly Tu-We-Th, I will set Su, Mo, Fr, and Sa orange by touching the button on the iPhone.

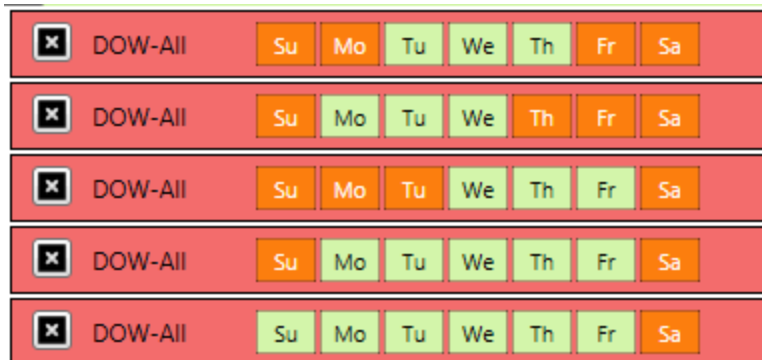


Now, you will see how we can add multiple filters of the same type. Let's add another DOW – All filter.



As you can see, the second filter will now look for lines that fly Mo-Tu-We, after the app finds the lines that fly Tu-We-Th.

Let's add 3 more DOW-All filters

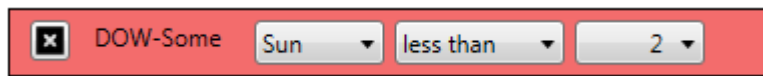


As you can further see, we are now looking for lines that fly We-Th-Fr, and then lines that fly Mo-Fr (no weekends), and finally Su-Fr (no Saturdays)

Well, we have made pretty good progress, but we are not done. We have other filters that need to be set.

Specifically, if we fly on a Sunday, we want to fly on the fewest Sundays possible.

To accomplish this, we will set a “Days of the Week – Some” filter



A red filter bar with a close button (X) on the left. It contains the text "DOW-Some", a dropdown menu showing "Sun", a dropdown menu showing "less than", and a dropdown menu showing "2".

This filter will find lines that fly less than 2 Sunday's.

Shown next, is how we would find all the lines that fly between 1 and 5 Sundays, with the lines being grouped by the fewest Sundays.

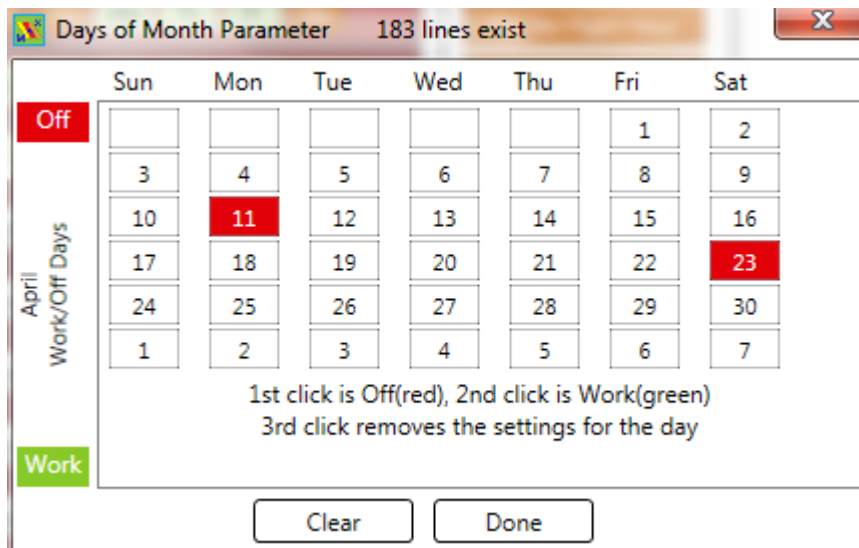


Five stacked red filter bars, each with a close button (X) on the left. Each bar contains the text "DOW-Some", a dropdown menu showing "Sun", a dropdown menu showing "less than", and a dropdown menu showing a value: 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (the last one is highlighted with a dashed border).

Remember, the higher in the list a filter exists, the higher the priority for that filter.

Are we done?

Nope, not quite yet. We still need to find the lines that have the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> off, and also we prefer PMs over AMs



A dialog box titled "Days of Month Parameter" with a close button (X) on the right. It says "183 lines exist". Inside is a calendar for April with columns for Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, and Sat. The 11th and 23rd are highlighted in red. Below the calendar is a legend: "1st click is Off(red), 2nd click is Work(green), 3rd click removes the settings for the day". At the bottom are "Clear" and "Done" buttons.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Off						1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

As you can see, we want the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month off.

The next page shows how this filter (“Days of Month”) appears when it is set.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOW-All	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOW-All	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOW-All	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOW-All	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOW-All	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun			less than		2	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun			less than		3	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun			less than		4	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun			less than		5	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun			less than		6	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Days Of Month	off[11,23]						

Note the “Days of Month” shows the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> off.

Finally, we can set an Am-PM Filter to insure we put PM lines at the top.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AmPm	AM	PM	Mix
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This filter will look for PM lines first then AM and Mix lines.

The next page will take a look at our filters as they have been set, and discuss the priority for the filters.

### Filters as currently set.

<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-All	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-All	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-All	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-All	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-All	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun						2
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun						3
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun						4
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun						5
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun						6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Days Of Month	off[11,23]						
<input type="checkbox"/>	AmPm	AM	PM	Mix				

Here is what I wrote down before I started to set my filters:

*I want to fly Tu-We-Th if possible, if not, then I want to fly Mo-Tu-We, if not then I want to fly We-Th-Fr. After that, I want to fly Mo – Fr (weekends off). Finally, I am willing to fly on Sunday if needed, but NO Saturdays, and if I have to fly on Sunday, make sure I fly the least amount of Sundays possible. Oh, I almost forgot, I need the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month off. Oops, I also prefer PMs over Ams. Finally, sort each of the above groups by most pay.*

When we review our bid requirements above, we can see that we accomplished what we wanted, but as I looked at the list, I realized the having the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> off was

too low in the Filter priority list.

Because of family commitments, I really need the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> off. And if I cannot get both days off, then my first choice is to have the 11<sup>th</sup> off. So, I will move the Days of Month filter to the top and I will add another Days of Month filter for just the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The next page shows the changes. Remember, to move a filter up or down in the list, just click on the filter and drag up or down. In the iPad or iPhone, touch the move icon (three horizontal lines) and drag the filter up or down.

## Changed Priorities

<input type="checkbox"/>	Days Of Month	off[11,23]
<input type="checkbox"/>	Days Of Month	off[11]
<input type="checkbox"/>	AmPm	<input type="radio"/> AM <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Mix
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-All	<input type="radio"/> Su <input type="radio"/> Mo <input type="radio"/> Tu <input type="radio"/> We <input type="radio"/> Th <input type="radio"/> Fr <input type="radio"/> Sa
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<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun <input type="text"/> less than <input type="text"/> 2 <input type="text"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun <input type="text"/> less than <input type="text"/> 4 <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun <input type="text"/> less than <input type="text"/> 5 <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOW-Some	Sun <input type="text"/> less than <input type="text"/> 6 <input type="text"/>

As can be seen now, the app will first find all lines that have the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> off and then meet all the other parameters.

Since all of the lines will never meet all of your filters, you will want to move the filters that are most important to the top.

I will produce another article called: **“Deep Dive into the logic of WBidValet”**, for those interested in knowing how WBidValet iterates through the different combination of lines.

Happy Bidding!

P.S. since this App is new, there will likely be problems. Please insure you check of the bid list for any submitted bid and also review your bid receipt with what is received by the company.

P.P.S. Remember you can always review your submitted bid on SwaLife:

For pilots: Flight Ops => our business => bid info => bidinfo => search bids

For flt att: Inflight => bidding => bidinfo => bidinfo => search bids