VAM Virtual Airlines Manager

Version 2.5



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1. What is VAM?

VAM (Virtual Airlines Manager) is a manager of virtual airlines, the goal is to provide a tool for the creation, management and maintenance for virtual airlines websites.

The pilot groups who want to create a virtual airline in a simple way with VAM have an ideal tool to instantly create the web and the management system without any programming skills.

VAM is not focused only on civil aviation, also can be used in military aviation.

VAM is divided into two parts:

- VAM CORE: is the core of the system lies the functionality of the main entities of the system: pilots, routes, aircraft routing, etc. This part is directly related to the administration of the VA, so only accessible by users who are administrators or staff.
- VAM: website where lies all the functionality unrelated to the administration except airline flight validation and jumping part.

YouTube link for system explanation

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCa77cf44LNhjB8GVrrM5jaw

2. Contact

The web for VAM is www.virtualairlinesmanager.net. For questions, bug report or customization of the system send an email or use the forum. In case of issues please read the FAQ in the forum before post your issue. Most probably the same issue you have has been treated in the forum and a solution has been provided.

- admin@virtualairlinesmanager.net
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3. VAM modules

The VAM system consists of the following modules:

VA administration :

- VA global parameters: define global parameters used in the system, the parameters affect the VA behavior.
- o Hubs manager.
- o Fleet manager.
- o Route manager.
- o Route & Fleet assignation.
- Pilot manager.
- User type manager.
- Rank manager.
- Email configuration: configure the welcome email message for new pilots and define emails address that will have copy of the email sent automatically by the system
- o Flights validator.
- o Jumps validator.
- o NOTAMS manager.
- o Event manager.
- o Languages manager.
- VAM ACARS flight rating manager.
- Financial manager.
- o Tours manager.
- Awards manager.

• Pilots functionalities:

- Registration of new users/pilots.
- Managing user profile including pilot picture.
- o Password recovery.
- Flight report (charter or regular)
 - Manual flight report
 - VAM ACARS: new ACARS developed by me, fully integrated with VAM
 - FS Keeper.
 - FS ACARS. From version VAM 2.2 FS ACARS is not recommended, it is much better to use the new VAM ACARS. New functionalities will not added to FS ACARS within VAM since VAM 2.2
- o Reserve routes.
- Internal messaging.
- Financial system based on flights / jumps performed.

4. Requirements

Software and hardware requirements:

- Hosting or dedicated server.
- PHP 5.5 or greater
- MYSQL Server database.
- Ability to upload files to your hosting via FTP or Web-FTP

5. Installation

The zip you downloaded contains the following files:

- index.php
- vam folder with public web part and pilot functionality. Contains files php, js, css, images
- vamcore folder with the core system administration. Contains files php, ctp, js, css, images
- Data_Base_Scritps/db_schema.sql: sql file with the structure of the database.
- Data_Base_Scritps/db_data_1.sql , db_data_2.sql, db_data_3.sql, db_data_4.sql, db_data_5.sql: sql files with the minimum data to initialize the VAM system. Apply them in order via phpMyAdmin
- VAM documentation in English.
- Version.txt

VAM installation is very simple, just follow these steps:

- Create a MYSQL database
- 2. Run the script db_schema.sql in your data base to create the tables and views
- 3. Run the scripts db_data1.sql , db_data2.sql , db_data3.sql , db_data4.sql and db_data5.sql in your data base to initialize the VAM system.
- 4. Upload to your hosting FTP the folders vam and vamcore and index.php both folders must be at the same level.



- 5. Change the connection string to your database, this must be done in the following files:
- vam\db_login.php
- vamcore\app\Config\database.php

6. Change the email sender for administration panel functionalities. Some emails are sent from the administration panel, these emails must pass by the cakephp framework, it is mandatory that you modify a file and put your email (a valid email from your hosting). The file to be edited is in vamcore\app\Config\email.php

You must edit the line 42: change that email address and your VA email address (leave the quotes)

'from' => 'admin@virtualairlinesmanager.net',

```
37 */
38 class EmailConfig {
39
40 public $default = array(
41 'transport' => 'Mail',
42 'from' => 'admin@virtualairlinesmanager.net',
43 'charset' => 'utf-8',
44 'headerCharset' => 'utf-8',
45 );
```

7. Edit your index.php outside vam folder and put the correct default language. For example if your default language is Spanish put this: Location: ./vam/index.php?lang=es in line 2

```
1 <?php
2 header( 'Location: ./vam/index.php?lang=es' );
3 exit();
4 ?>
```

With these simple steps you have installed VAM, remember to point your domain to VAM file /index.php which is the entry file to the system.

After installation there is a user created: the first thing to do is to edit this user and then change the password. This user will be the first pilot but also an administrator. You can change the callsign without any problem, you can adapt it to your company.

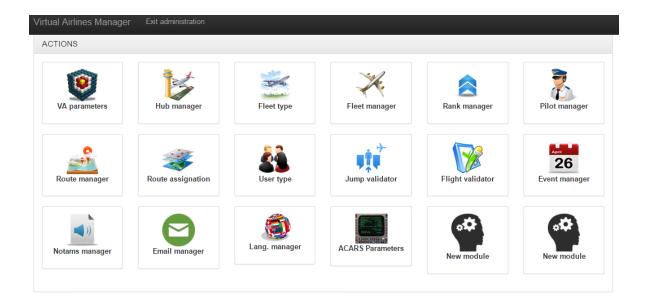
Callsign: vam100
Password: 123456

8. VAM administration

The VAM administration module is the core of the system, it is programmed based on the architectural pattern called MVC (Model-View-Controller).

Administration module is accessed if the following conditions are met:

- The user must be logged in and validated in VAM.
- The user must be assigned to the user type Administrator. This type of user is in the default installation of VAM and is very important not to remove from the system. (user_type=3 in table grausers).



9. Administration entities

i. VA Global parameters

It is mandatory the existence of a single record in the table va_parameters, this register contains the main parameters governing the behavior of the system. The list of parameters is the following:

- VA name.
- Airline ICAO.
- IVAO: Defines whether the VA operates in IVAO.
- VATSIM: Defines whether the VA operates in VATSIM.
- Number allowed pilots: maximum number of active pilots. If the number of active pilots reaches this value the option of registering new pilots is disabled.
- Cost jump type 1: price for jumps type 1. For example when the pilot moves as a
 passenger to and from the same country.
- Cost jump type 2: price for jumps type 2. For example when the pilot moves as a passenger to and from the same continent.
- Cost jump type 3: price for jumps type 3. For example when the pilot moves as a
 passenger to and from different continent.
- Plane Status Hangar: defines the status of the aircraft when passing to maintenance mode.
 If the status of an aircraft is less the value of the parameter the plane pass to the
 maintenance mode and may not be used until after X days defined in another parameter
 (see Maintenance Hangar Days).

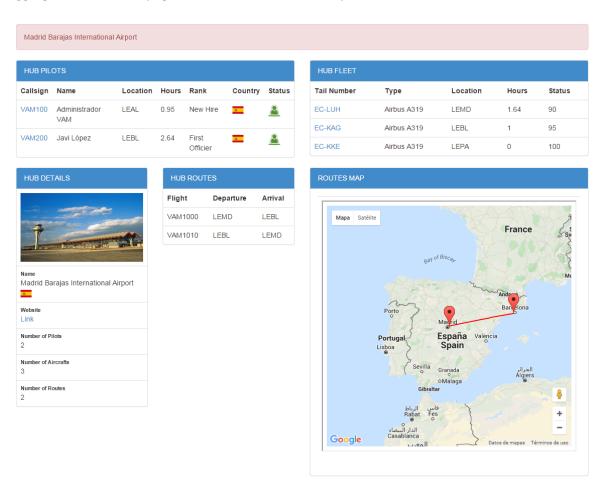
- Landing Crash: defines the VS (vertical speed) which is considered an accident on landing, the aircraft moves to the hangar and may not be used until after the days defined in another parameter (see Hangar Crash Days).
- Landing Penalty 1: Defines the aircraft wear based on the vertical speed in the touch down See section aircraft wear (chapter 9).
- Landing Penalty 2: Defines the aircraft wear based on the vertical speed in the touch down See section wear aircraft. 3: Define wear level 3 aircraft based on the VS landing. See section aircraft wear (chapter 9).
- Landing VS Penalty 1: vertical speed affecting the Landing Penalty 1.
- Landing VS Penalty 2: vertical speed affecting the Landing Penalty 2.
- Flight Wear: fixed aircraft wear for each flight.
- Number days for plane maintenance: number of days for aircraft's maintenance.
- Cost for repair an aircraft after crash: cost for the VA in case of crash. Impact in finance module.
- Number days after crash: number of days needed to repair an aircraft after crash.
- Pilot Crash Penalty: economic penalty when a pilot crashes a plane.
- Charter_reduction: percentage of salary reduction if the flight is charter.
- Currency: eur, dollar, pound ...
- No Count Rejected: if value YES is selected VAM will not count rejected flights. This affects
 VA and pilot flight and hour counters. Data is not deleted. If value NO is selected VAM will
 recalculate counters.
- Pilot Public: if value YES is selected VAM will allow non registered users see pilots and flights information.
- Allow Select Aircraft for Charter: if value YES pilots will be able to use aircrafts from fleet for charter and regular flights. This is possible only using SIM ACARS and based on the pilot location, certifications and free aircrafts in that location.
- Activate Finance Module: if value YES the financial module and calculations is activated. More information in finance module chapter.

ii. Hub manager

Creates Hubs and then assign pilots to a hub. A hub may contain more than one pilot but a pilot can only be assigned to a hub.

Hubs Hub Madrid http://www.allmetsat.com/es/metar-taf/espana-portugal.php?icao=LEMD © [a Dubai http://es.allmetsat.com/metar-taf/asia.php?icao=OMDB © Delete Buenos Aires http://es.allmetsat.com/metar-taf/argentina.php?icao=SAEZ © Delete Lima http://es.allmetsat.com/metar-taf/peru.php?icao=SPIM © Delete http://www.allmetsat.com/es/metar-taf/espana-portugal.php?icao=LEVC Valencia © Delete Page 1 of 1, showing 5 records out of 5 total, starting on record 1, ending on 5

Since VAM 2.5 the pilots, aircrafts and routes are assigned to a HUB. This information is aggregated in the HUB page outside the administration panel.



Fleet type iii.

Create and manage the aircrafts models for the VA. The fleet type is used by the following entities:

- Aircraft certifications for pilots: a pilot can be certified to fly more than one aircraft type, it influences in booking scheduled flights (explained in another section).
- Routes and fleet type assignation. A route can be assigned to more than one aircraft type. For example the route Madrid - London (LEMD-EGLL) can be flown by an A320, a B738 or a MD82.

Fleet types Plane Icao A320



New parameters has been added in VAM 2.5, new attributes can be added to the fleet type.

leet Type	
Plane ICAO	A319
Type Description	Airbus A319
PAX	125
Cargo capacity	8500
Length	120m
MZFW	61500
MLW	51000
MTOW	66500
Service ceiling	41000
Cruising Speed	M78
Crew Members	5
Image url	http://barrieaircraft.com/images/airbus-a319-06.jpg
Price	85000000

IMPORTANT: PAX, cargo capacity (in weight units) and price will affect the financial module calculations.

The information about fleet type is applied to all aircraft for the same type and it is visible in the aircraft details:



Number of PAX Maximum range Cargo capacity Aircraft length 120m

Maximum zero-fuel weight (MZFW) 61500

Maximum landing weight (MLW) 51000

ATT.	Date
A319	07-10-2015
AIREUSHA	08-10-2015
Name	
Luarca	
Location	
LEMD	
Madrid Barajas International Airport	
Hub	
LEMD	
Madrid Barajas International Airport	
Туре	
Airbus A319	
Hours	
1.64	
Booked	
Free	
Status	
90	

FLIGHTS FOR	R AIRCRAFT WITH	TAIL NUMBER	EC-LUH				
Date	Pilot	Callsign	Flight	Departure	Arrival	Distance	Fuel
07-10-2015	Javi López	VAM200	CHARTER	LEMD	LEBL	293.4	2628.09
08-10-2015	Javi López	VAM200	VAM1010	LEBL	LEMD	278.5	2803.29

iv. Fleet manager

Create, edit and delete aircrafts. Each aircraft must be associated to an aircraft type (Fleet type).

The **Booked** attribute indicates whether the aircraft is reserved by a pilot.

The **Hangar** attribute indicates whether the aircraft is in maintenance or repair mode. In this mode the aircraft cannot be used.



v. Rank Manager

Manages the ranks associated with the pilots, each rank has salary per flight hour. The rank affects the salary of the pilot.



Since VAM 2.5 administrator do not need to update the rank for each pilot. This is done automatically during the reports validation. The ranks are revised by the system and assign the rank based on the flight time validated each pilot has.

vi. Pilot Manager

Pilot's management:

- Activation of new pilots: new registered pilots have the callsign _NEW_ . To activate a
 new pilot change the callsign and assign the Activation as Active. VAM system will send
 automatically an email to the pilot with the new callsign assigned.
- Rejection of new pilots: press Delete button.
- Inactivate a pilot: press **Inactivate** button. An inactivated pilot cannot enter into the system but it can be activate again if needed.
- Administrators can transfer hours from previous system adding a value in the field
 Transfered Hours

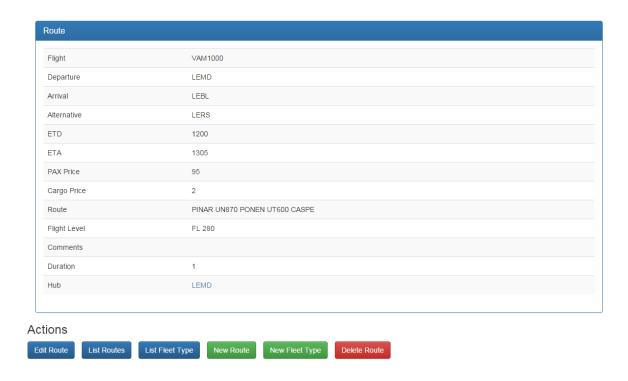
IMPORTANT: to keep the historical data it is recommended to do not delete a pilot with reported flights.



vii. Route Manager

Create, edit or deleted the VA's routes. A route is associated with one or more type of aircraft. The values of fuel, price and PAX have not any functionality. In a future release of VAM they will be used in the financial system of the VA.

Since VAM 2.5 routes are associated to a hub.



viii. Routes-Fleet Assignation

VAM system does not associate a particular aircraft to a route, VAM is more flexible because allows to associate an aircraft type to a route. For example the route EGLL-OMDB can be associated to the fleet type B777 and A330, it means that any B777 or A330 can fly this regular route.



ix. User Type

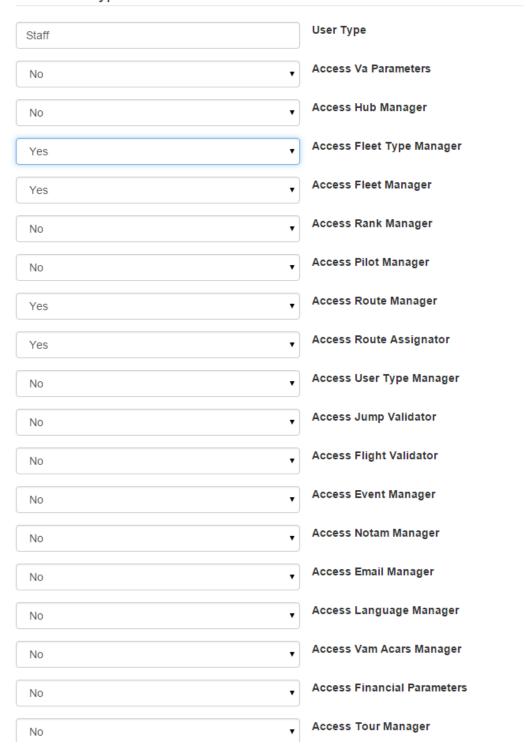
Create, edit and delete user types. Each pilot is associated to a user type (role): Administrator, pilot, staff ... There is a default user type in the system that must not be deleted under any circumstances: the type of admin user is user_type = 3 in grausers table.

User Types User Type Actions Staff © Delete Piloto Administrador

Since VAM 2.5 new administration levels can be created, for example you can create a user type that can only access to the route and fleet management. Other administration modules will be locked. This is done via switching on / off the security functions for each user type.

See below an example:

Edit User Type



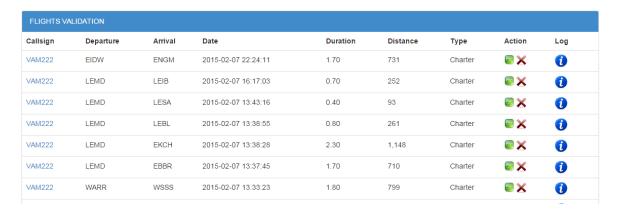
x. Jump Validator

To validate jumps click on the jump type you want to associate. Read VA parameters chapter for more information about jump cost.

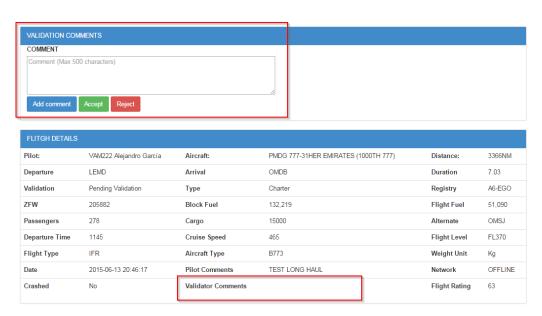


xi. Flight Validator

Allow validate or reject flights reported by any method (manual or via ACARS). In this page tours legs reports can be also validated.



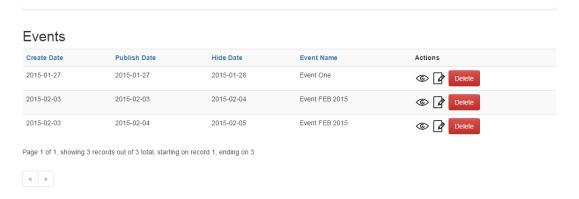
Validators can add comments:



- Add comment: just add a comment
- Accept: add the comment, validate the flight and perform the payment to the pilot.
- Reject: add the comment and reject the flight.

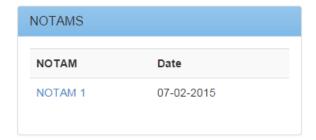
xii. Event Manager

Create, edit, or delete events. Events are displayed on the home page of the website. The events will be visible if the current date is between the dates "publish date" (date when the event is visible) and "hide date" (date on which the event is hidden).



xiii. Notams Manager

Create, edit, or delete NOTAMS. NOTAMS are displayed on the home page of the website. The NOTAMS will be visible if the current date is between the dates "publish date" and "hide date" (date on which the NOTAM is hidden).



xiv. Email manager

You can create templates for the welcome email when a user registers into the system. Mail is sent and a copy will be sent also the CEO and staff email address defined in the email manager.

IMPORTANT: by default the value for the staff email is vamrrh@virtualairlinesmanager.net, in some hosting there is a validation of the email address, please change these email addresses to correct ones based on your hosting. Use your own emails address.

IMPORTANT: some emails are sent from the administration panel, these emails must pass by the cakephp framework, it is mandatory that you modify a file and put your email (a valid email from your hosting). The file to be edited is in vamcore\app\Config\email.php

You must edit the line 42: change that email address and your VA email address (leave the quotes)

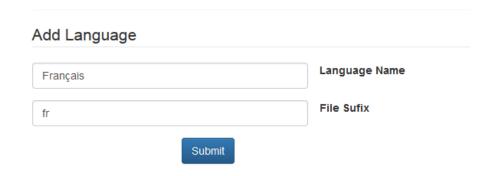
'from' => 'admin@virtualairlinesmanager.net',

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37 */
38 class EmailConfig {
39
40 public $default = array(
41 'transport' => 'Mail',
42 'from' => 'admin@virtualairlinesmanager.net',
43 'charset' => 'utf-8',
44 'headerCharset' => 'utf-8',
45 );
46
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xv. Languages manager

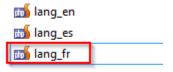
VAM is a Multilanguage system, each registered user can select a language. The initial VAM installation provides two languages (English and Spanish) but you can add as many languages as you need. Follow the next steps to add new languages:

In the administration panel add a new language



In this example we are adding the French language.

Add a new file called lang_fr . The name of the file must be lang_ and the suffix. In this
case lang_fr.php



It is recommended to copy the lang_en and rename based on the suffix for the new language.

• Now simple translate all the labels in the new file:

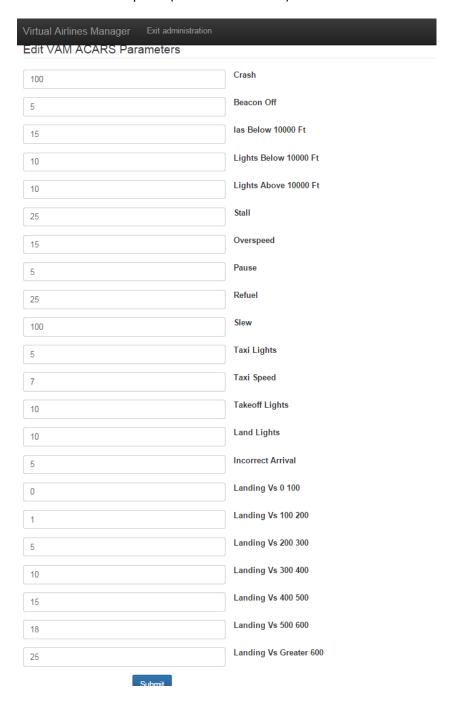
```
🔚 lang_fr.php 🗵
        □<?php
                // NavBar options
                define ('ABOUT' ,
define ('PILOTS' , 'Pilot Roster');
   3
   4
                define ('FLEET' , 'Fleet');
define ('ROUTES' , 'Routes');
   5
   6
                define ('STAFF' , 'Staff');
                define ('RULES' , 'Rules');
define ('SCHOOL' , 'School');
   8
  9
                define ('REGISTER' , 'Register');
 10
                define ('FORUM', 'Forum');
define ('LANGUAGES', 'Language');
define ('LANGUAGE_ES', 'Español');
 11
  12
  13
                define ('LANGUAGE_EN' , 'English');
  14
  15
```

• Add a new row for your new language:

```
define ('LANGUAGE_EN' , 'English');
define ('LANGUAGE_FR' , 'Français');
```

xvi. ACARS parameter manager and flight rating (added in VAM 2.3)

Since VAM 2.3 and SIM ACARS 1.2.0 administrators can set up rules to perform an automatic flight rating. Depending on the flight failures some percentages are discounted. The final result will be based on the discount applied per each type of failure. The discount per failure type is set up from the Administration panel (ACARS Parameters).



The list of parameters is:

- Crash detected
- Beacon light off while engines are running
- IAS >250 below 10.000 FT (actually the failure is detected at 260 KIAS)
- Lights below 10.000 FT: landing light off
- Lights above 10.000 FT: landing light on
- Stall
- Over speed
- Pause
- Refuel (detected if increments or decrements is bigger than 500 units)
- Slew done in the simulator
- Taxi lights off while taxi
- Take off lights: landing lights off while taking off
- Land lights: landing lights off while landing
- Incorrect arrival: pilot landed in a different airport from the planned one.
- Landing VS 0 100: penalty for landing at vertical speed between 0 − 100 ft/min
- Landing VS 100 200: penalty for landing at vertical speed between 101 200 ft/min
- Landing VS 200 300: penalty for landing at vertical speed between 201 300 ft/min
- Landing VS 300 400: penalty for landing at vertical speed between 301 400 ft/min
- Landing VS 400 500: penalty for landing at vertical speed between 401 500 ft/min
- Landing VS 500 600: penalty for landing at vertical speed between 501 600 ft/min
- Landing VS greater 600: penalty for landing at vertical speed > 601 ft/min

xvii. Financial manager (added in VAM 2.5)

In versions previous to VAM 2.5 there was a very basic financial system only related to the income for the pilots based on the flight hours and the "jump seats" done.

From VAM 2.5 a complete, flexible and configurable financial module is available. By default this module is not active. To activate the module go to VA Parameters and select "YES" to activate it.

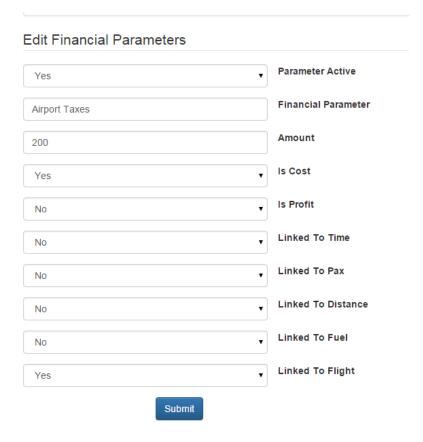
From the date and time your financial module is activated all the flight reports inserted in the system will be affected by the financial parameters. Previous flights will not be part of the financial calculations, the reason of this is because some internal changes has been done in system, in any case I will provide some files as a software upgrade for VAM 2.5 to perform financial calculations based on the data already inserted in the system.

Financial Parameters

Parameter Active	Financial Parameter	Amount	Is Cost	Is Profit	Actions
Yes	Airport Taxes	200	YES	NO	© Delete
Yes	Meal on board	8	YES	NO	© Delete
Yes	Extra charge	5	NO	YES	© Delete
Yes	Fuel	0.5	YES	NO	© Delete

Actions

New Parameter



You can create as many financial parameters as you want, there is no restriction.

Creation and editing financial parameters

- Parameter active: You can switch ON/OFF a parameter when you want, those ones with value NO (inactive) will not be part of the financial calculations.
- · Financial parameter: Is the name of the parameter, for example "Meal for passengers", "Aircraft cleaning", "Publicity on board" ...
- Amount: value used to calculate. *Use always positive values, do not put negative values*.
- · Is Cost: Put as YES if the parameter is accost of the VA. For example "Meal for passengers"
- Is Profit: Put as YES if the parameter is accost of the VA. For example "Publicity on board"
- · Linked To Time: Put as YES if the parameter is linked to the flight time, in this case the amount will be multiplied by the flight duration.
- · Linked To Pax: Put as YES if the parameter is linked to the number of passengers, in this case the amount will be multiplied by the number of passengers.

- · Linked To Distance: Put as YES if the parameter is linked to the flight distance, in this case the amount will be multiplied by the flight distance.
- · Linked To Fuel: Put as YES if the parameter is linked to the fuel burned, in this case the amount will be multiplied by the fuel burned in the flight.
- · Linked To Flight: Put as YES if the parameter is **not** linked to the flight duration, number of passengers, fuel burned or distance. If YES it will be applied to any flight.

You can combine all those settings as you need, there is not restriction, I did not add any restriction for the possible combinations, just to make a very flexible module. But make sure you set up the financial parameter correctly. In my opinion the same parameter should not be cost and profit at the same time.

Example of use:

Parameter Active	Financial parameter	Amount	Is Cost	Is Profit	Linked to Time	Linked to Pax	Linked to Distance	Linked to Fuel	Linked to Flight
YES	Airport Taxes	200	YES						YES
YES	Ground Handling	500	YES						YES
YES	Meal on board	10	YES			YES			
YES	Publicity	1000		YES					YES
YES	Engine wear	700	YES		YES				
YES	Fuel	0,38	YES					YES	
YES	Wi-Fi connection	750	YES		YES				YES
YES	Extra charge	5		YES		YES			

The financial calculations are executed only for those flights with date & time greater than the date & time of the financial module activation and with status validated.

This calculation is executed when the flights validation is displayed. So when a validator is accepting a report when he/she comes back to the validation page the calculation will be done.

The financial calculations are done for flights reported via VAM ACARS, FS Keeper and manual report. FS ACARS is no longer supported in VAM for new modules due to VAM ACARS are the right alternative (free and much better than FS ACARS).

Example of calculation for a regular flight reported with VAM ACARS:

- LEMB-LEMD
- Duration 0.85 h
- Distance 278 NM
- Fuel 2803 Kg
- PAX: 135
- Cargo 5500 Kg

Since VAM 2.5 each route has a price per pax: in this case 80, also a price per cargo weight unit, in this case 11.

Remark: price per pax and cargo is only affecting regular routes, because a charter flight has not stored this information because there is no route.

Routes Flight Departure Alternative Pax Price Cargo Price Duration Hub Actions VAM1010 LEBL LEMD LEZG 1530 1630 11 0.95 LEMD

Costs for flight:

- 200 (Airport Taxes)
- 500 (Ground Handling)
- 750 (Wifi) Subtotal 1450

Costs for PAX:

- 135 x 10 = 1350 (Meal on board) Subtotal 1350

Costs for time:

- 0.85 x 700 = 595 (Engine wear) Subtotal 595

Costs for fuel:

- 0.38 x 2803 = 1065.14 Subtotal 1065.14

TOTAL COSTS= 4.460.14

Profit for flight:

- 1000 Publicity Subtotal 1000

Profit for PAX & Cargo:

- 135 x 5 = 675

- 135 x 80 = 10800

- 5500 x 11 = 60500

Subtotal 71975

TOTAL PROFIT= 72975

TOTAL BALANCE= 72975-4460.14 = 68514.86

If you are using the payment for pilots that is implemented in VAM since version 2.0 that amount will be affected by the pilot salary. For example if the pilot has a salary (based on his/her rank) of 200 per hour, the salary for the pilot will be $0.85 \times 200 = 170$

So the final result of the flight will be an income for the VA of 68514.16 -170 = 68344.86

In order to provide more reality to the financial module when new aircrafts are inserted in the fleet it means a cost for the VA. The cost for each aircraft is configured in the fleet type. In this case an A319 has a cost of 85.000.000

Fleet types

Plane Icao	Plane Description	Pax	Crew Members	Cargo Capacity	Unit Price	Actions
A319	Airbus A319	125	5	8500	85000000	© Delete

So any time you add an A319 to your VA it will affect the VA finances in 85.000.000

There is a VA parameters affecting the finance module: "Cost for repair an aircraft after crash": cost for the VA in case of crash

Each flight has associated a financial report:

FLIGHT FINANCIAL REPORT	
Extra charge(5). Number of PAX: 106	530.00
Cargo:4600 .Price per Cargo Unit:11	50,600.00
Number of PAX:106 .Price per PAX:80	8,480.00
Fuel(0.5). Fuel used: 2803.29	-1,401.65
Meal on board(8). Number of PAX: 106	-848.00
Airport Taxes	-200.00
TOTAL	57,160.35

A global view of the VA finances is also available the information is aggregated at financial parameter or type of cost/profit

VA GLOBAL FINANCIAL REPORT	
COSTS	
Airport Taxes	-600.00
Meal on board	-2,008.00
Fuel	-2,651.65
INCOME	
Extra charge	1,255.00
INCOME REGULAR ROUTES	
Cargo in regular routes	50,600.00
PAX in regular routes	8,480.00
AIRCRAFT PURCHASE	
A319 EC-LUH Luarca	-120,000,000.00
A319 EC-KAG Teide	-120,000,000.00
A319 EC-KKE Ibiza	-120,000,000.00
FINANCIAL BALANCE	-359,944,924.65

xviii. Tour manager (added in VAM 2.5)

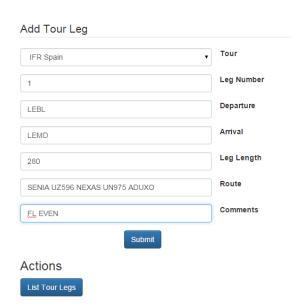
Tour module has been added in VAM 2.5. Each tour has 1 or more legs. The tours have a start and end date. Only during that period of time the pilots can report pireps for each tour to get the tour medal.

In the creation of the Tour VA administrators can set up the following attributes for each tour:



Each Tour can have associated an image and an image for the tour medal. Use external links or upload your images to your hosting and write the internal URL. In the example I just put some examples from IVAO Spain IFR Tour.

Once you have added a tour it is time to create the legs. Press in New Leg button and fill the Tour leg form

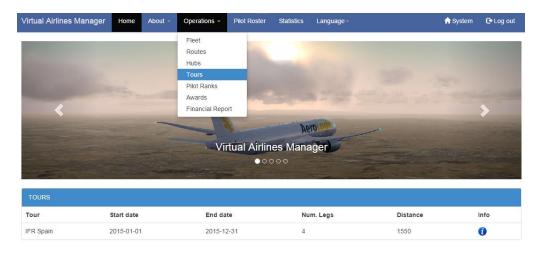


You can see the list of Tour Legs

Tour Legs

Tour	Leg Number	Departure	Arrival	Leg Length	Actions
IFR Spain	1	LEMD	LECO	350	© Delete
IFR Spain	2	LECO	LEAL	500	© Delete
IFR Spain	3	LEAL	LEZL	450	© Delete
IFR Spain	4	LEZL	LEMD	250	© Delete

Tours information is available for visitors from the main navbar



Also detailed information about the tour is visible for pilots and visitors



TOUR LEGS				
Departure	Arrival	Distance	Route	Comments
LEMD	LECO	350	LEMDLECO	COMMENT LEG 1
LECO	LEAL	500	ROUTE LECOLEAL	COMMENT LEG 2
LEAL	LEZL	450	ROUTE LEALLEZL	COMMENT LEG 3
LEZL	LEMD	250	ROUTE LEZLLEMD	COMMENT LEG 4

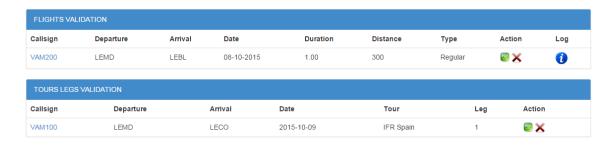
VA pilots can see the status of their leg reports. In this example the tour has 4 legs. The pilot has reported 3 flights, but so far only one has been accepted, the other is still pending to be validated.



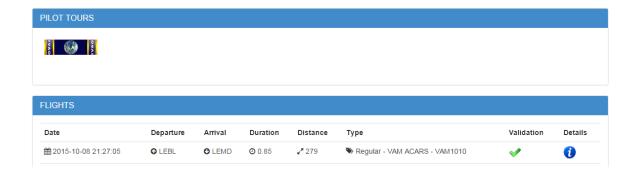




Validators can see the tour legs reports pending to be accepted. Take in mind the pilots must report the real flight via VAM ACARS or any other option available in VAM. In this case we are only describing how a pilot reports a tour leg.



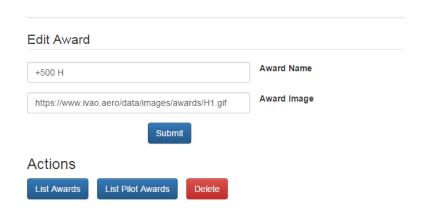
Once all the tour legs have been validated, VAM assign automatically the tour medal. This is visible from the pilot profile page.



xix. Awards manager (added in VAM 2.5)

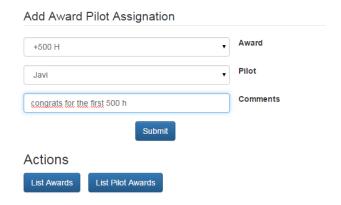
In addition to the medals pilots can get from the tours completed, new medals can be created and assigned to the pilots. In this case the medal assignation is a manual task to be done by administrators.

With the new awards manager VA administrators can create/edit awards. Only two attributes are needed. The name and the image. In this case image is also a link. You can use external links or upload your images to your hosting and write the internal URL. In the example I just put an example from IVAO.



xx. Awards assignation manager (added in VAM 2.5)

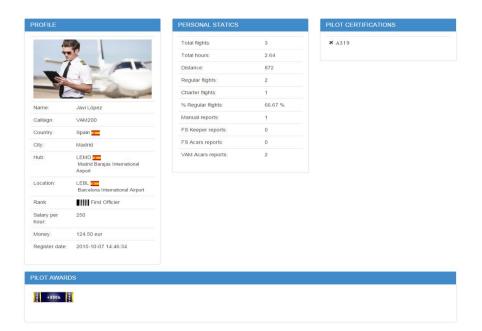
Once the awards are created administrators can assign medals/awards to pilots. This is as easy as select the award, the pilot and if desired add a comment.



The comments can be reviewed by other administrators



The new assigned award will be visible automatically in the pilot profile page



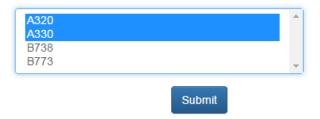
10. Regular flights (Scheduled flights)

VAM tries to encourage VA pilots to fly regular routes. Regular routes are managed by administrators. Each route is associated to one or more fleet type. For example:

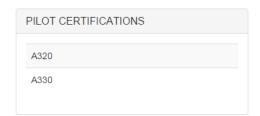
Route: Madrid-London is assigned to Fleet type B738, A320.

This means that any B738 or A320 can fly the route.

Each pilot is certificated to one or more fleet type. Administrators assign the certification for each pilot. Keep the CTRL button pressed to assign more than one fleet type to the pilot.

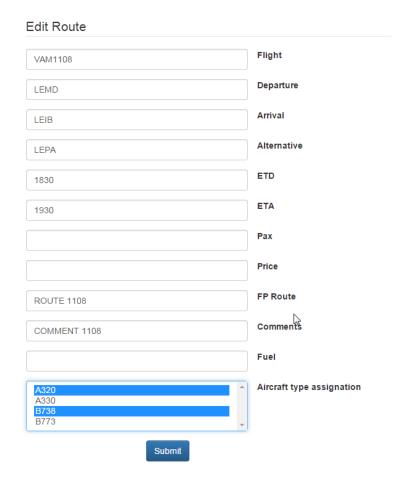


The pilot certifications are visible in the pilot home page.



The assignation of fleet type to routes can be done via two options:

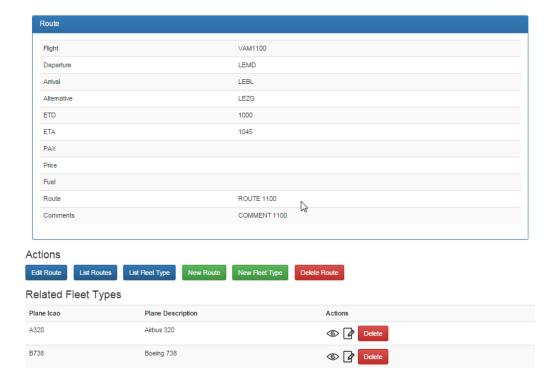
• Options 1: From Route manager, edit or create a route and keep the CTRL button pressed to assign more than one fleet type.



• Option 2: From Route Fleet assignation, in this case the assignation is done one by one, a record is created for each croute-fleet type couple.

Fleet Type & Routes





A pilot can fly a regular route if meets the following conditions:

- Condition 1: The pilot must be in a location that is departure of a regular route.
- Condition 2: Regular routes from that location must be associated with a type of aircraft for which the pilot must be certificated.
- Condition 3: at least one aircraft must be free in that location.

Example:

- Route: Madrid-London (LEMD-EGLL) assigned to fleet type A320 and B738.
- Pilot VAM200 is certified only for MD82
- Pilot VAM200 location is Madrid (LEMD)
- At Madrid there are free aircraft with fleet type A320, B738 and MD82

In this case the pilot cannot fly the regular route because does not meet the condition 2. He is not authorized to fly A320 or B738.

Now we add the certification for A320 to this pilot, then he will be able to book an A320 at Madrid to fly the route LEMD-EGLL. In this case the A320 is reserved. Other pilot cannot use this particular A320. The reservations are canceled automatically 24 hours after the reservation is done if the flight is not performed.

When the pilot reports the flight VAM system is able to detect if the flight is regular or charter. In the case of regular flight VAM system will do the following actions:

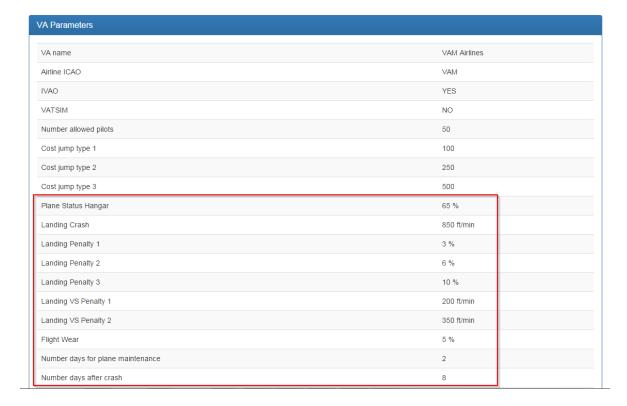
- Change the location of the pilot: the destination of the route (also changes if you report a charter flight).
- New location of the aircraft: aircraft's location is the destination of the route.
- The status of the aircraft is decreased based on the VA parameters (see next chapter)
- The number of flights and hours for the pilot and the aircraft is updated.
- The aircraft is unlocked.

11. Wear and maintenance of aircraft

VAM system simulates the wear of the aircraft. In any regular flight the aircraft status is decreased, this wear value is configurable by the administration on the VA parameters. Additional decrease is calculated based on the vertical speed during the touch down. Aircraft crash during the landing can be also detected based on a parameter.

It is important to remember that the aircraft status is only decreased when scheduled flights are reported, for charter flights the system is not able to recognize what aircraft has been used. (Note: Future versions of VAM will allow to use fleet aircraft for charter flights).

In red the parameters involved in the aircraft wear:



- Flight wear: is the fixed wear on each flight.
- Landing penalty 1: extra wear when the vertical speed during touch down is between Oft/min and the value of the parameter **Landing VS Penalty 1.**
- Landing penalty 2: extra wear when the vertical speed during touch down is between the parameter **Landing VS Penalty 1** and the value of the parameter **Landing VS Penalty 2**.
- Landing penalty 3: extra wear when then vertical speed during touch down value is between the parameter Landing VS Penalty 2 and the value of the parameter Landing Crash
- If the vertical speed during landing is greater than the value of the parameter **Crash Landing** the system detects an accident.

The aircraft is moved to the hangar for maintenance or repair in the following cases:

- If the accident is detected: vertical speed in the landing is greater than the value of the parameter **Crash Landing**. The aircraft is blocked for the number of days defined by the parameter **Number days after crash**.
- If after applying the wear the status of the aircraft is below the value of parameter hangar
 Plane status. The aircraft is blocked for the number of days defined by the Number
 parameter days for plane maintenance.

12. Jumps validator

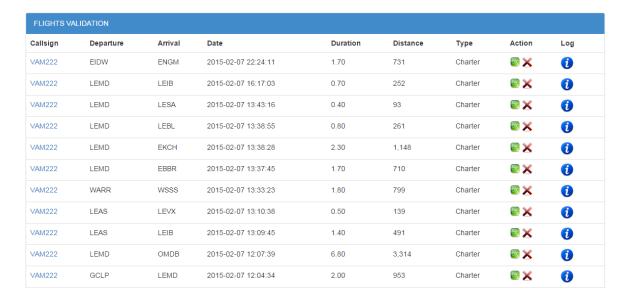
Pilots can move from the current location performing jumps. Jumps have cost for the pilot, this cost depends on the distance of the jump. To simplify the process, VAM system is designed to handle three types of jumps:

- National jump: when the departure and destination are the same country. The cost for the pilot is defined by the **Type 1 Jump Cost** parameter.
- Continental jump: when the departure and destination are the same continent. The cost for the pilot is defined by the **Type 2 Jump Cost** parameter.
- Intercontinental jump: when the departure and destination are in different continent. The cost for the pilot is defined by the **Type 3 Jump Cost** parameter.



13. Flights validator

Flight validators can validate or reject the flights reported. On the same page all flights regardless of the report method are displayed.



The money to be paid to the pilot is based on the following rules

- Every hour of flight is paid based on the rank of the pilot: the pilot's rank is assigned in the administration of pilots.
- The salary per hour is different for each rank, this is configured in the rank manager.

Ranks

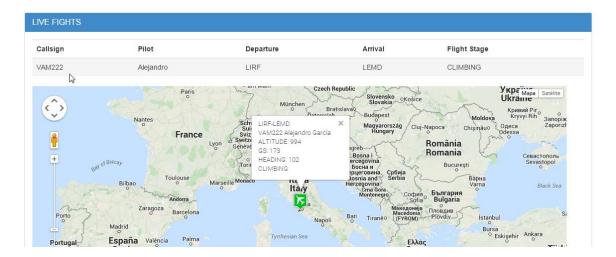


• For the charter flights there is a reduction on the money earned, this reduction is defined by the parameter **Charter Reduction**.

14. VAM ACARS (new in VAM 2.2)

VAM ACARS is a new ACARS developed 100% by me. It is free software and totally integrated with VAM. VAM ACARS can be used with FS2004, FSX, P3D and XPLANE. VAM ACARS monitors every 100 milliseconds the main flight parameters, detect and store the main flight events.

Flights using VAM ACARS are displayed in the VAM home page as "LIVE FLIGHTS" the table and map associated is refreshed every 2 minutes.



Once the flight is reported using VAM ACARS all the details, events and ACARS information is available in the VAM system.

FLITGH DETAILS					
Pilot:	VAM222 Alejandro García	Aircraft:	PMDG 777-31HER EMIRATES (1000TH 777)	Distance:	3366NM
Departure	LEMD	Arrival	OMDB	Duration	7.03
Validation	Pending Validation	Туре	Charter	Registry	A6-EGO
ZFW	205882	Block Fuel	132,219	Flight Fuel	51,090
Passengers	278	Cargo	15000	Alternate	OMSJ
Departure Time	1145	Cruise Speed	465	Flight Level	FL370
Flight Type	IFR	Aircraft Type	B773	Weight Unit	Kg
Date	2015-06-13 20:46:17	Pilot Comments	TEST LONG HAUL	Network	OFFLINE
Crashed	No	Validator Comments		Flight Rating	63

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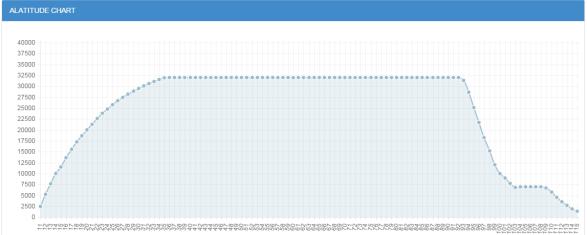
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FLIGHT FAILURES					
Crashed	OK	Beacon off & Engine Running	OK	IAS Above 250 Kts below 10000 FT	OK
Lights off below 10000 FT	OK	Lights off above 10000 FT	OK	Stall	OK
Overspeed	OK	Flight paused	OK	Refueling	Fail
Slew detected	OK	Taxi & Taxi lights off	Fail	Take off & lights off	OK
Landing & lights off	OK	Landed in not planned airport	OK	Taxi Speed	Fail

LANDING ANALYSIS			
Landing VS:	-229.92 ft/min	Landing IAS:	134.64 kt
Landing Force G	2.2 G	Landing Bank	-0.1
Landing Pitch	4.7	Landing Flaps	6
Navigation Lights	ON	Landing Lights	ON
Beacon Lights	ON	Strobe Lights	OFF





The pilots do not have to create any template file to use VAM ACARS, the only information needed is the VAM ACARS that must be the same as the Virtual Airline url + "/vam"

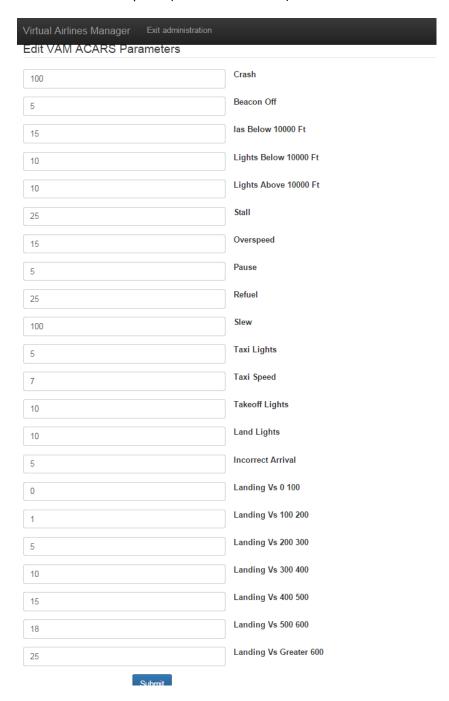
For example:

- http://yourvadomain.com/vam
- http://unitedva.com/vam

Users can download the VAM ACARS from the link download within pilot options, also it is available from www.virtualairlinesmanager.net and/or www.simacars.net. For detailed information visit www.simacars.net, it is the new web I created dedicated to the ACARS.

15. VAM ACARS Parameters & Flight Rating (new in VAM 2.3)

Since VAM 2.3 and SIM ACARS 1.2.0 administrators can set up rules to perform an automatic flight rating. Depending on the flight failures some percentages are discounted. The final result will be based on the discount applied per each type of failure. The discount per failure type is set up from the Administration panel (ACARS Parameters).



The list of parameters is:

- Crash detected
- Beacon light off while engines are running
- IAS >250 below 10.000 FT (actually the failure is detected at 260 KIAS)
- Lights below 10.000 FT: landing light off
- Lights above 10.000 FT: landing light on
- Stall
- Over speed
- Pause
- Refuel (detected if increments or decrements is bigger than 500 units)
- Slew done in the simulator
- Taxi lights off while taxi
- Take off lights: landing lights off while taking off
- Land lights: landing lights off while landing
- Incorrect arrival: pilot landed in a different airport from the planned one.
- Landing VS 0 100: penalty for landing at vertical speed between 0 − 100 ft/min
- Landing VS 100 200: penalty for landing at vertical speed between 101 200 ft/min
- Landing VS 200 300: penalty for landing at vertical speed between 201 300 ft/min
- Landing VS 300 400: penalty for landing at vertical speed between 301 400 ft/min
- Landing VS 400 500: penalty for landing at vertical speed between 401 500 ft/min
- Landing VS 500 600: penalty for landing at vertical speed between 501 600 ft/min
- Landing VS greater 600: penalty for landing at vertical speed > 601 ft/min

16. FS Keeper configuration

FS keeper is one of the most powerful ACARS for FS and P3D. To get information about this ACARS please visit the FS Keeper website: http://www.flightkeeper.net/

VAM is creating a report template for each user in the download page. You have to modify the file create_template_fskeeper.php in order to point to your domain. Remember that the file that is receiving the information from FS Keeper is YOUR_DOMAIN/FSFK/PIREPService.php

17. FS ACARS configuration

IMPORTANT Since VAM 2.2 a new ACARS has been integrated, VAM ACARS is better than FS ACARS, also due to FS ACARS is an abandoned project it is recommended to do not use it and use VAM ACARS.

FS ACARS is a free ACARS tool. It is free but a little bit old. To get the installers and more information visit http://www.satavirtual.org/fsacars/

VAM is creating a report template for each user. You have to modify the file create_template_fsacars.php in order to point to your domain. Remember that the file that is receiving the information from FS ACARS is YOUR_DOMAIN /fsacars/receive_pirep.php

18. Twitter Time Line configuration in home page

You should modify the file main_index.php the lines 468 and 478 in order to get your own twitter Time Line.

19. Changelog (from VAM 2.2)

VAM 2.2

- o Enhancements
 - Full integration of new ACARS (VAM ACARS)
- Bug Fix
 - Minor bug fixing

VAM 2.3

- o Enhancements
 - Full automatic flight rating based on flight failures. Exclusive for VAM ACARS flights. Rating is based on new parametrization: VAM ACARS parameters
 - New parameters for VA:
 - Administrator can decide if rejected flights count. Parameter: No Count Rejected
 - Administrator can decide if pilot information is public. Parameter:
 Pilot Public
 - Flight validators can add comments on each type of flight.
 - Captcha added on pilot register form.
 - Automatic clean of auto generated templates.
 - Securitization of links to prevent no registers users' action.
 - Enhancements on VAM ACARS interface.
 - Administrators can transfer hours from previous VA system.
- Bug Fix
 - Pilot profile page drop downs corrected.
 - Hours counters corrected in failing cases.
 - Minor bug fixing in layouts

VAM 2.4

- Enhancements
 - Information about airports available: runway information, frequencies,
 METAR and TAF.

METAR AND TAF INFORMATION

METAR FOR LEBB

(1433 UTC 05 July 2015)

Data provider http://aviationweather.gov/adds/metars/

METAR text:LEBB 051400Z 33009KT 9999 SCT009 BKN018 20/19 Q1022 NOSIG

Conditions at:LEBB (BILBAO/SONDICA, ES) observed 1400 UTC 05 July 2015

Temperature:20.0°C (68°F) Dewpoint:19.0°C (66°F) [RH = 94%]

Pressure (altimeter):30.18 inches Hg (1022.0 mb)

Winds:from the NNW (330 degrees) at 10 MPH (9 knots; 4.7 m/s)

Visibility:6 or more miles (10+ km)

Ceiling:1800 feet AGL

Clouds:scattered clouds at 900 feet AGL

broken clouds at 1800 feet AGL

Weather:no significant weather observed at this time

Forecast for:LEBB (BILBAO/SONDICA, ES)

Text:TAF LEBB 051100Z 0512/0612 35009KT 9999 SCT014 BKN028 TX24/0516Z TN19/0606Z Forecast period:1200 UTC 05 July 2015 to 1200 UTC 06 July 2015

Forecast type:FROM: standard forecast or significant change Winds:from the N (350 degrees) at 10 MPH (9 knots; 4.7 m/s)

Visibility:6 or more miles (10+ km)

Ceiling:2800 feet AGL

Clouds:scattered clouds at 1400 feet AGL

broken clouds at 2800 feet AGL

Weather:no significant weather forecast for this period

Runway	10	Runway length	6562 ft	Runway width	148 ft
Runway elevation	116 ft	Runway displaced threshold	0 ft	Runway heading	97
Runway	28	Runway length	6562 ft	Runway width	148 f
Runway elevation	129 ft	Runway displaced threshold	0 ft	Runway heading	277
Runway	12	Runway length	8530 ft	Runway width	148 f
Runway elevation	119 ft	Runway displaced threshold	0 ft	Runway heading	117
Runway	30	Runway length	8530 ft	Runway width	148 fi
Runway elevation	128 ft	Runway displaced threshold	1509 ft	Runway heading	297

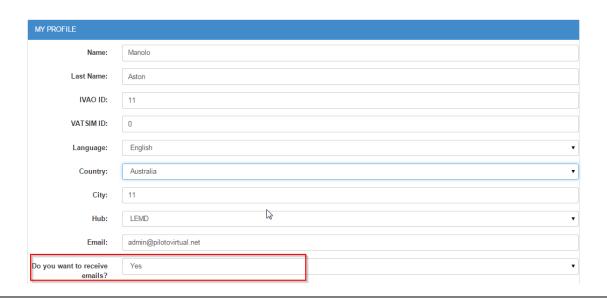
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Туре	APP	Name	APP	Frequency	120.7 MHZ
Туре	ATIS	Name	ATIS	Frequency	118.825 MHZ
Туре	GND	Name	GND	Frequency	121.7 MHZ

AIRPC	AIRPORT NEAR NAVIGATION AIDS						
Туре	VOR-DME	Name	Bilbao	Frequency	115900 KHZ		

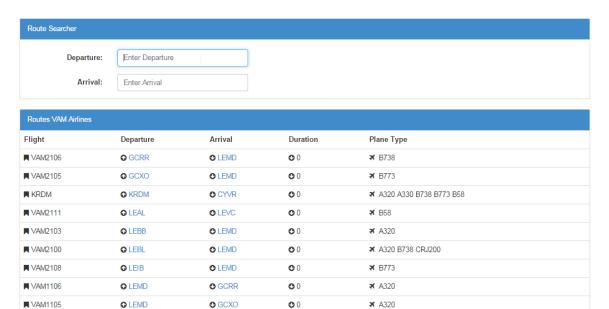
Added route and METAR information during the reserve of a regular flight



- Pilots will receive an email when the flights are accepted, rejected or deleted by the administrators
- Pilots will be able to set a flag in order to do not receive the automatics emails for flights validation. This is changes from "My profile"



- Staff email address will receive an email when the flights are reported.
- Dynamic search of routes:



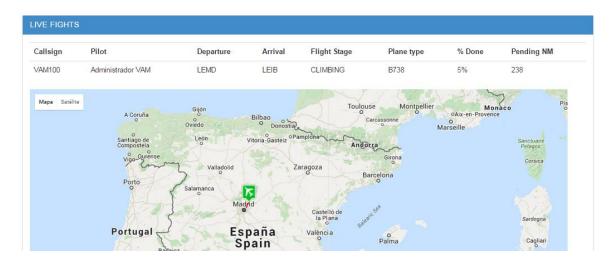
- New security enhancements in administration panel.
- Administrators are able to deleted reported flights.
- New languages: French, Czech
- Cosmetic enhancements.
- Responsive charts in statistics pages.
- Added a field in the routes for the route duration.

Bug Fix:

- Hide popup in charts, this will helps to see the charts properly.
- Deprecated php function in FS ACARS report migrated to a php 5.5 function.
- Fixed the issue with the message "warning: Notice: A session had already been started - ignoring session_start()"
- Fixed the issue with pilot privacy page for non-registered users. See new parameter in VAM 2.3

VAM 2.5

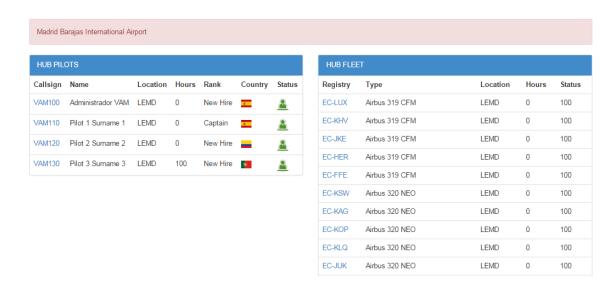
- o Enhancements
 - New module awards manager: administrators can create and assign awards/medals to pilots
 - New module financial manager: administrators can create dynamic financial parameters that will affect the financial balance of the VA.
 - New module tour manager: administrators can create tours and tours legs. Pilots will get automatically a tour award once all the legs are validated.
 - Home page: new data related to live flights: aircraft type, pending NM and % completed



Home page: New navbar items.



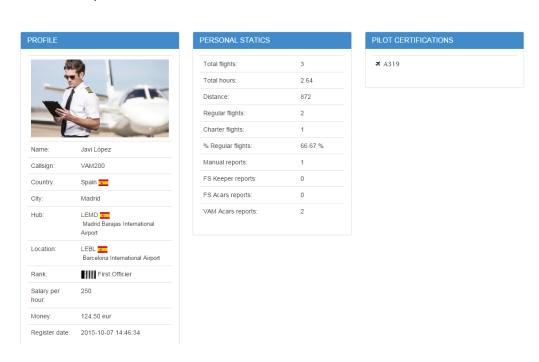
Hubs: now not only the pilots are linked to a hub, since VAM 2.5 the fleet and routes
are linked to a hub. This is will allow to big VA to manage hubs in better way.



 Ranks are associated to an image. VAM assigns automatically the rank for each pilot based on flights time validated.

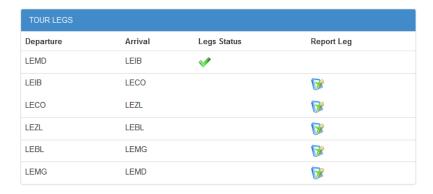


 Cosmetic enhancements in pilot profile page. Pilots can upload a picture for their profiles.



- New security on the administration panel. Now can be created several types of administrators with restricted access to administration modules.
- Pilots can check tour reports validation.





New information and cosmetic enhancements for aircrafts.







Aircrafts can be used also in charter flights. Same rules from regular flights about aircraft wear will apply. This is managed by the new parameter Allow Select Aircraft For Charter. If it is activated when a pilot is connecting from SIM ACARS to the web the list of available aircrafts in his/her position will appear in SIM ACARS.

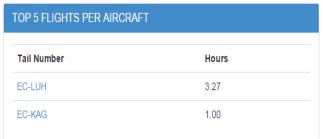


 New stats: hours per year and month, flights per year and month, flights per type of aircraft and hours per Tail registry

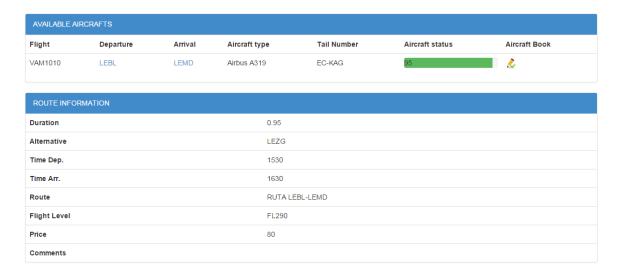
allsign	Pilot	Year	Month	Hours
VAM842	Sergey Ivanov	0	0	0.00
VAM200	Alejandro Garcia	2015	2	10.90
VAM210	Hartwig Fuhrmann	2015	2	1.90
VAM200	Alejandro Garcia	2015	5	7.82
VAM210	Hartwig Fuhrmann	2015	5	4.94
VAM100	Administrador VAM	2015	5	2.12
VAM100	Administrador VAM	2015	6	0.11
VAM200	Alejandro Garcia	2015	7	8.41
VAM200	Alejandro Garcia	2015	8	9.28
VAM842	Sergey Ivanov	2015	9	93.57
VAM200	Alejandro Garcia	2015	9	6.25
VAM928	yaya78 Kedjouti	2015	10	130.00
/AM842	Sergey Ivanov	2015	10	67.94

allsign	Pilot	Year	Month	Flights total	
/AM842	Sergey Ivanov	0	0	3	
'AM200	Alejandro Garcia	2015	2	6	
'AM210	Hartwig Fuhrmann	2015	2	1	
'AM200	Alejandro Garcia	2015	5	5	
'AM210	Hartwig Fuhrmann	2015	5	2	
'AM100	Administrador VAM	2015	5	1	
'AM100	Administrador VAM	2015	6	1	
'AM200	Alejandro Garcia	2015	7	4	
'AM200	Alejandro Garcia	2015	8	5	
/AM842	Sergey Ivanov	2015	9	7	
/AM200	Alejandro Garcia	2015	9	6	
/AM842	Sergey Ivanov	2015	10	4	
'AM928	yaya78 Kedjouti	2015	10	1	





 New information during the confirmation of a regular flight reserve. The number of PAX and cargo is dynamically assigned based on the fleet type information. This quantities affects in the financial calculations.



- SIM ACARS reports: new failures detected: incorrect altimeter setting during takeoff and landing.
- SIM ACARS reports: new landing analysis parameters: win direction & intensity, landing heading.



- Other minor cosmetic in several web pages.
- New language : German.

o Bug Fix:

- Solved an issue that mix aircraft registry and aircraft type when importing a regular flight to SIM ACARS.
- VA Parameters information corrected for aircraft maintenance duration
- Live maps: Solved an issue on some hostings (hostinguer)
- Pilot surname added in the stats