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What are merlot's applications?

The Merlot suite is a complete organizational management solution offering all aspects of airline resource planning and control to ensure the safety, efficiency and quality of your crew and operational environment.

Merlot is a comprehensive suite of applications covering all aspects of your airline needs. It has been developed with the entire business process in mind, including the customer process from the moment ticket sales are planned until the point the passenger reaches their destination.

For your convenience, Merlot applications are divided into two main categories:

- Aircraft Applications
- Crew Applications

There are several applications under these two main categories.

Aircraft applications include:

- AircraftSchedule
- AircraftFollow
- AircraftPortal
- AircraftMobile

Crew applications include:

- CrewPlan
- CrewBuild
- CrewRoster
- CrewPortal
- CrewMonitor
- CrewFollow
- CrewPayroll



Introduction

What is AircraftPortal?

AircraftPortal captures aircraft operations data to provide ground services with up-to-date information. Aircraft data is captured via standard Internet browsers for distribution to other merlot systems. AircraftPortal is designed for light, read-only interaction. There are some instances where airline designated users may have permission to update actual arrival and departure times and delay information.

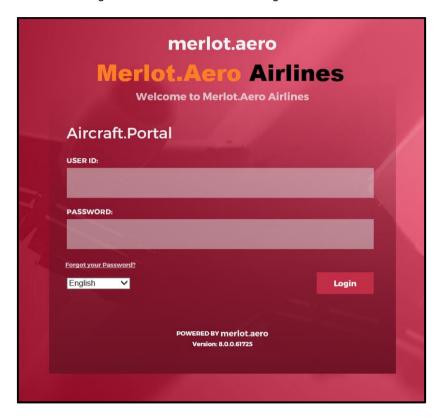
What is the difference between AircraftPortal and AircraftFollow?

AircraftFollow provides a real-time graphical representation of your airline's live status for the day. It reports on disruptions, such as late running aircraft, and provides accurate and timely information to improve the decision support process. AircraftFollow also includes comprehensive Minimum Equipment List (MEL) and Maintenance planning management data. AircraftFollow is designed for interaction in the airline's Operations Control Centre (OCC).

AircraftPortal is designed for light access and read-only interaction for ground services.

Logging In

The Login section details AircraftPortal login for first time users and existing users.



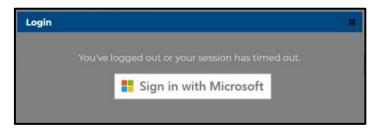
Single Sign On via Microsoft Azure Active Directory (AD)

All merlot.aero applications can be accessed through a user's Microsoft account. Customers with multiple operators have the option to use either a merlot.aero account or a Microsoft account for logging in.

Once Azure AD is set up, the administrator must configure all user and employee accounts. Every user and employee has an Azure AD Login and SSO Only option. If they are required to login via SSO only, the checkbox must be selected, and their login ID must be placed in the Azure AD Login field. These options are available for new and existing users and employees.

When the user or employee's login is authenticated, the home page will display immediately.

The login prompt below is displayed whenever an active session times out.

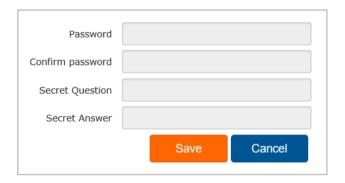


If a user's account is not associated with an Azure AD Login, an error message will be displayed.



First Time User

To login to AircraftPortal for the first-time and without using a Microsoft account, access the website link provided by merlot.aero or your administrator. You can click on the web link provided and enter, or you can copy and paste the web address into your browser and login to AircraftPortal.



To login for the first time are as follows:

- 1. Enter your employee ID in the User ID field.
- 2. As a first-time user, leave the Password field blank
- 3. Click on the **Login** button to continue.
- 4. Enter a password in the Password field and re-enter the password in the Confirm Password field.
- 5. Enter a secret question and answer in the **Secret Question** and **Secret Answer** fields.

The answer to the secret question will allow you to use the Forgot your Password functionality to reset your password if you ever forget it.

6. Click Save to save the information or click Cancel to close the form without generating action.

Now that you have followed these simple steps you have successfully completed the process for first-time login. You can now enter AircraftPortal as an existing user.

Existing User

Access your airline's AircraftPortal website through the link provided by merlot aero or your administrator. Use your login credentials to login to AircraftPortal.



To access AircraftPortal enter the following information:

- 1. Enter your User Id.
- 2. Enter your Password.
- 3. Click on the **Login** button.

Once logged in, you are directed to the AircraftPortal Home page.

Incorrect Username or Password

If the user name or password entered is incorrect, the following Validation Summary will display.



Enter the correct username and password to access the application.

Forget your password?

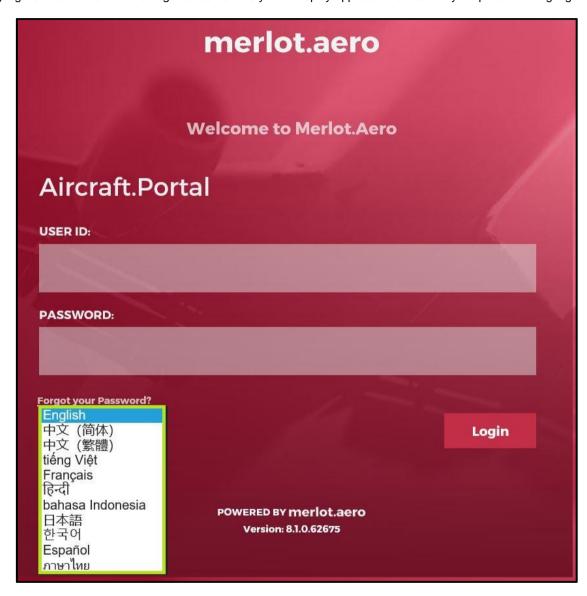
If you have forgotten your password and want to recover it, click on the Forgot your password? link.



To recover your password, you will be asked to enter the answer to the secret question that you set up initially.

Localisation

The language selection menu in the Login screen allows you to display application content in your preferred language.

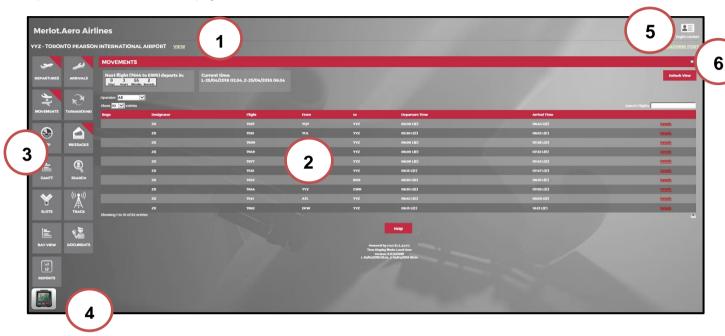


Translation is not provided for the following:

- Gantt and map controls
- Reports
- Crew data such i.e. port, rank and equipment group names
- Error messages, e.g. rules engine validation results
- Custom display text
- User-generated content, e.g. messages sent by users, swap title and descriptions entered by users

The Graphical User Interface (GUI)

The merlot.aero suite of applications eliminates the use of text commands by employing a Graphical User Interface (GUI). Let's explore the AircraftPortal Home page.



The AircraftPortal Homepage is divided into the following sections:

- 1. **Airport Information Bar** Displays airport information including airport name, terminal, gate, turnaround information and curfews through a series of tabs. The airports displayed here reflects the <u>airport associated with the user's account</u>.
- 2. Main Display Area Displays AircraftPortal tabular information. The default display is the Movements Tab.
- 3. AircraftPortal Tabs (Navigational links) Functional tabs such as Movements, Departures, Arrivals, Turnaround, OTP, Messages, Gantt, Search, Slots, Bay View, Documents and Reports as well as other <u>tabs can be displayed</u>, based on your application setting.
- 4. **Widgets** Customised functional widgets designed to meet airline requirements. <u>Widgets displayed</u> here include the **Weather, Twitter, Calendar** (i.e., clock) and **Currency Conversion**.
- 5. **AircraftPortal Login Center** The AircraftPortal Login Center contains links to logout, help resources, application version information, a reconfiguration refresh button and a link to the Home page.
- 6. **Set Machine Port** Set machine port for the user location. It also contains setup for an authentication token and smart card.

It should be noted that AircraftPortal features are customised to meet airline requirements, so the number of AircraftPortal tabs and tab functionality may vary from airline to airline.

The features of the AircraftPortal Home page are covered in the AircraftPortal Feature Familiarity section. The tab features are discussed in the applicable how-to sections.



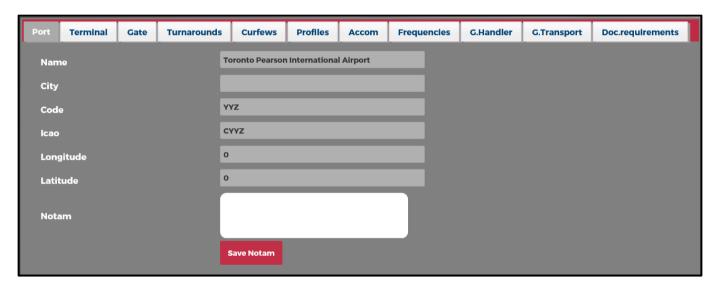
AircraftPortal Feature Familiarity

The features of the AircraftPortal Homepage are detailed in this section including the Airport Information Bar, the main display area, the Aircraft Portal functional tabs, widgets and the Login Center. Refer to the AircraftPortal Home page for an overview of the graphical user interface (GUI).

Airport Information Bar



Click the **View** link in the Airport Information Bar to access airport specific information based on the location where the user is currently associated with . There are read-only tabs as well as tabs with editable fields. Each tab will be discussed below.



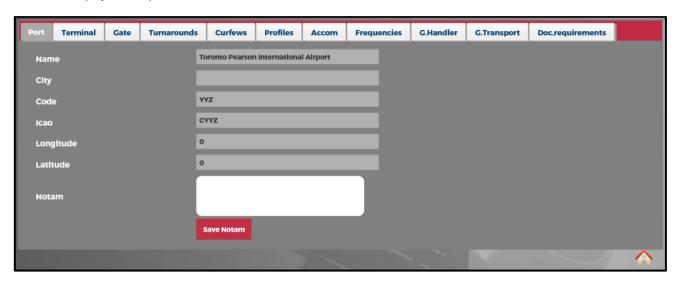
The View tab allows users to view port details as follows:

- Port
- Terminal
- Gate
- Turnarounds
- Curfews
- Profiles
- Accom
- Frequencies
- G. Handler
- G. Transport
- Doc Requirements

Note: For security permissions and privileges, contact your administrator.

Port

The Port tab displays basic port information.



The Port field descriptions are as follows:

Field	Description
Name	Full name of airport.
City	City where airport is located.
Code	International Air Transport Association code, YYZ displayed above.
Icao	International Civil Aviation Organization code, CYYZ displayed above.
Longitude	Airport longitude, if supplied
Latitude	Airport Latitude, if supplied
Notam	View and add a Notam for the port. Notice to Airman (Notam) are written notices issued to pilots prior to flight regarding potential hazards.

To add or edit information in the Port tab, enter information in the applicable fields and click **Save Notam**. A **Validation Summary** pop-up window will indicate that information has been updated.



Terminal

The **Terminal** tab lists airport terminal information.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.

To add a terminal:

- 1. Click **New** from the *Actions* menu.
- 2. Select the applicable terminal from the **Terminal** drop-down menu.
- 3. Click on the Insert button to insert the terminal.

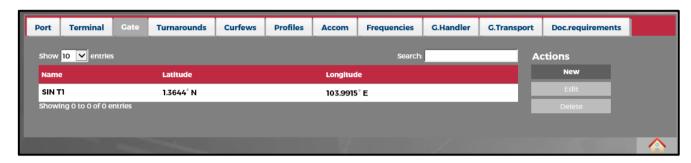
To edit or delete existing terminal information:

- Select the row in the grid for editing. Click on the **Edit** link in the *Actions* menu. Make the necessary edits using the drop-down terminal menu and click on **Save**.
- To delete existing terminal data, select the desired row and then click on the **Delete** link from the *Actions* menu. You will be asked, "*This item will be permanently deleted and cannot be recovered. Are you sure?*" Click on **Delete** to permanently delete the data or **Cancel** to close the dialogue box.



Gate

The Gate tab lists airport gate information.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.

To add a gate:

- 1. Click on the **New** link from the *Actions* menu.
- 2. Select the applicable gate from the **Gate** drop-down menu.
- 3. Enter gate latitude and longitude information.
- 4. Click on the **Insert** button to insert gate information.

To edit or delete existing terminal information:

- Select the row in the grid for editing. Click on the **Edit** link in the *Actions* menu. Make the necessary edits using the drop-down terminal menu and click on **Save**.
- To delete existing terminal data, select the desired row and then click on the **Delete** link from the *Actions* menu. You will be asked "*This item will be permanently deleted and cannot be recovered. Are you sure?*" Click on **Delete** to permanently delete the data or **Cancel** to close the dialog box.



Turnarounds

The Turnarounds tab is a read-only table of scheduled turnaround times for available equipment types.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.

The Turnaround Tab fields are as follows:

Field	Description
Equipment Type	Aircraft equipment type, for example A320, A330 or Boeing 737-300.
Previous Route Type	Inbound route type domestic, International or default.
Route Type	Outbound route type domestic, International or default.
Scheduled	Scheduled turnaround time.
Operational	Operational turnaround time.
Active From/To	A record of the time incurred during turnaround activities.

Curfews

The **Curfews** tab is a read-only table of curfews per equipment type for the specified airport.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.

The Curfews Tab fields are as follows:

Field	Description
Equipment Type	Aircraft type.
Departure Start Time	Start time when aircraft can depart the airport.
Departure End Time	End time when aircraft can depart the airport.
Arrival Start Time	Start time for arrivals into the airport.
Arrival End Time	The end time for arrivals into the airport.
Rule level	Allow override, critical or critical planning. See definitions below.
Service Type	Domestic, International or default.
Active From/To	Active from/to curfew dates.

Rule Level Definitions

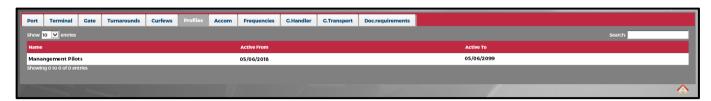
Rule Level	Definitions
Allow Override	A user may have the authority to override a warning or violation.
Critical	Cannot be overridden or go past the values safely
Critical - Planning	Same as critical, however, occurs during the planning stage only.



Click on the Home icon in the bottom right corner of the form to return to the AircraftPortal Home page.

Profiles

The **Profiles** tab is a read-only table of profiles.



The following navigational aids are available:

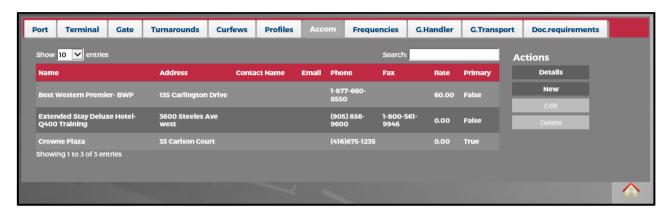
Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.

The Profiles tab fields consist of the following:

Field	Description
Name	The assigned name of the profile.
Active From	Profile active from date.
Active To	Profile active to date.

Accom

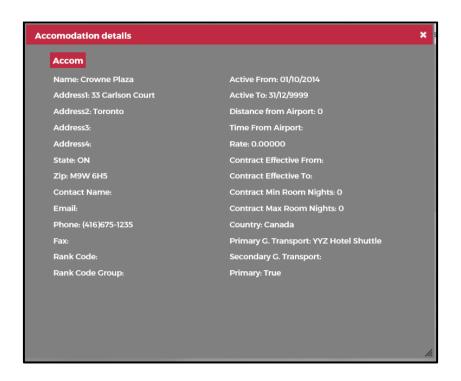
The **Accom** tab is a display of crew accommodations for the specified airport location. Accommodation information can be added, edited, deleted and viewed in detail.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.

To view existing accommodation information, select the applicable row in the grid and click on the **Details** link from the *Actions* menu.



The contracted rate, hotel address, rate information and ground transportation details are included.

To add a new accommodation:

- 1. Click on the **New** link from the *Actions* menu.
- 2. Complete the following fields:

Field	Description
Name	Hotel property name
Address	Hotel address
State	Hotel state
Zip	Hotel zip
Email	Hotel email contact
Phone	Hotel phone contact
Fax	Hotel fax number
Rank	Employee rank who can stay at the property, if applicable
Active From/To	Start and end dates of the hotel contract.
Distance from the Airport	Distance from airport to hotel.
Time from Airport	Travel time from airport to hotel
Rate	Contracted hotel rate, if applicable

Contract Effective From	Start date of hotel contract.
Contract Effective To	End date of hotel contract
Contract Min Room Nights	Minimum stay requirements
Contract Max Room Nights	Maximum stay requirements.
Country	Country where property is located.
Primary G. Transport	Primary ground transportation
Secondary G. Transport	Secondary ground transportation
Primary	Check if this is the primary hotel property at the destination.

3. Click on the **Insert** button to insert the hotel.

To edit or delete existing terminal information:

- Select the row in the grid for editing. Click on the **Edit** link in the *Actions* menu. Make the necessary edits using the drop-down terminal menu and click on **Save**.
- To delete existing terminal data, select the desired row and then click on the **Delete** link from the *Actions* menu. You will be asked "*This item will be permanently deleted and cannot be recovered. Are you sure?"* Click on **Delete** to permanently delete the data or **Cancel** to close the dialog box.



Frequencies

The Frequencies Tab is a read-only table of radio frequencies at the port.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.

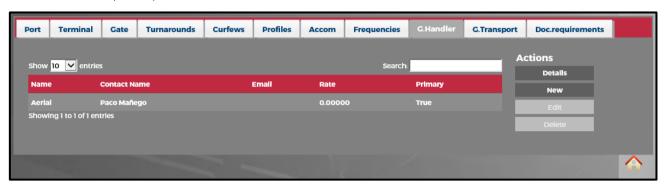
The Frequencies tab fields consist of the following:

Field	Description
Name	Name assigned to a frequency.
Frequency	Radio frequency assignment.
Active From/To	Active from and to dates of the frequencies.
Primary	Primary, if the radio frequency is the primary frequency.



G.Handler

The **Ground Handler** Tab is a display of ground handling companies or personnel for the specified airport location. Ground handlers can be added, edited, deleted and viewed in detail.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.

To view existing ground handler information, select the ground handler company in the grid and click on the **Details** button from the *Actions* menu.

To add a new ground transportation company:

- 1. Click on the **New** link in the Actions menu.
- 2. Complete the following fields:

Field	Description
Name	Ground handler name.
Contact	Ground handler local address.
Email	Ground handler email address.
Rate	Contracted ground handling rate.
Primary	Select the Primary check box, if this provider is the primary ground handler.

3. Click on the **Insert** button to insert the ground handler.

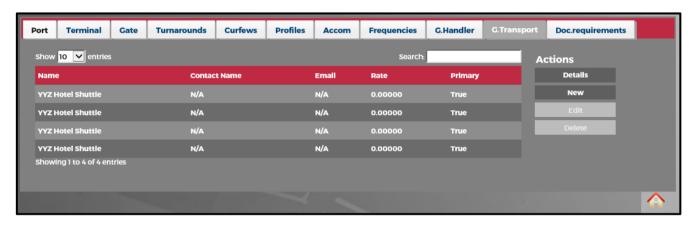
To edit or delete existing terminal information:

- Select the row in the grid for editing. Click on the **Edit** link in the *Actions* menu. Make the necessary edits using the drop-down terminal menu and click on **Save**.
- To delete existing terminal data, select the desired row and then click on the **Delete** link from the *Actions* menu. You will be asked "This item will be permanently deleted and cannot be recovered. Are you sure?" Click on **Delete** to permanently delete the data or **Cancel** to close the dialog box.

Click on the **Home** icon in the bottom right corner of the form to return to the AircraftPortal Home page.

G.Transport

The **Ground Transport** tab is a display of ground transportation companies for the specified airport location. Ground transportation companies can be added, edited, deleted and viewed in detail.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.

To view existing ground transportation information, select the ground transportation company in the grid and click on the **Details** link in the *Actions* menu.

To add a new ground transportation company:

- 1. Click on the **New** link in the *Actions* menu.
- 2. Complete the following fields:

Field	Description
Name	Ground transportation company name.

Contact	Ground transportation company contact name.
Address	Ground transportation company address.
Email	Ground transportation email address.
Country	Country name.
Fax/Phone	Fax/Phone number of ground transportation.
Rate	Contracted rate.
Primary	Select the Primary check box, if this provider is the primary Ground transportation company.

Click on the Insert button to insert the ground transportation company.

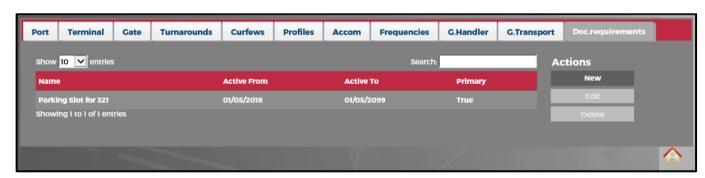
To edit or delete existing terminal information:

- Select the row in the grid for editing. Click on the **Edit** link in the *Actions* menu. Make the necessary edits using the drop-down terminal menu and click on **Save**.
- To delete existing terminal data, select the desired row and then click on the **Delete** link from the *Actions* menu. You will be asked "This item will be permanently deleted and cannot be recovered. Are you sure?" Click on **Delete** to permanently delete the data or **Cancel** to close the dialog box.

Click on the Home icon in the bottom right corner of the form to return to the AircraftPortal Home page.

Doc.requirements

The **Doc.requirements** tab is a display of document requirements for the specified airport location. Document requirements can be added, edited and deleted.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.

Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with
	up/down arrows to sort column entries.

To add a new document requirement:

- 1. Click on the **New** link in the *Actions* menu.
- 2. Complete the following fields:

Field	Description
Name	Document name.
Active From/Active To	Active to and from dates for the document requirements.
Primary	Select the Primary check box, if the document requirement is the primary document requirement. If primary, the Primary column displays True .

3. Click on the Insert button to insert the document requirement.

To edit or delete existing terminal information:

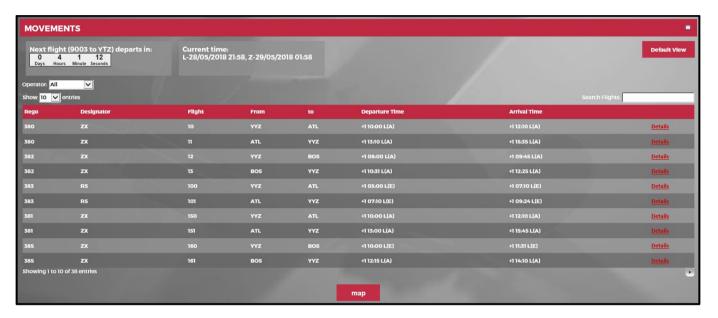
- Select the row in the grid for editing. Click on the **Edit** link in the *Actions* menu. Make the necessary edits using the drop-down terminal menu and click on **Save**.
- To delete existing terminal data, select the desired row and then click on the **Delete** link from the *Actions* menu. You will be asked "This item will be permanently deleted and cannot be recovered. Are you sure?" Click on **Delete** to permanently delete the data or **Cancel** to close the dialog box.



Main Display Area

The **Main Display Area** shows information based on the tab clicked in the *AircraftPortal Tabs* area. The core functionality of AircraftPortal is divided throughout these tabs or navigational links.

The default display is the aircraft movement information from the **Movements** tab.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a flight quickly.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.

Movement specific fields are discussed in the **Movements** section.



AircraftPortal Tabs Area

The **AircraftPortal Tabs** area contains functional tabs that display on the Home page such as *Movements, Departures, Arrivals, Turnaround, OTP, Messages, Gantt, Search, Slots, Bay View, Documents* and *Reports*.



The number of AircraftPortal tabs and tab functionality may vary for each airline.

The highlighted number is the number of outstanding items awaiting your attention. These are items that need to be viewed to stay up-to-date with operational events.



Individual tab features are discussed in detail in the applicable how-to sections of the manual.

Widgets

Widgets are components embedded in the GUI of merlot's mobile applications which enable a user to perform a specific function or access a relevant software service.

The widgets are located at the bottom left corner of the screen and under the main navigational tabs. Widgets can be customised by administrators to meet airline requirements.



The **Weather** widget provides a forecast for four cities that pertain to your location and airline. The current temperature, conditions, high/low projected temperatures and wind direction/speed are included.

The Calendar widget provides the current time for four cities or countries relevant to you and your airline.



The Currency Converter widget

is displayed here.

Enter the amount for conversion in the Amount field, click on the **Convert** button and the conversion rate displays in the **Price** column.



The Twitter

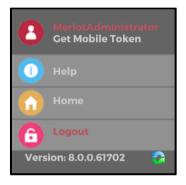
feature is available upon request.

AircraftPortal Login Center

The AircraftPortal Login Center contains a link to log out, a help information resource link and a link to the Home page. The current version of the AircraftPortal application is also listed here with a reconfiguration icon for reloading the AircraftPortal configuration.

To access the **Login Center**, click on the Login Center icon **L** GUI.

located in the top right corner of the AircraftPortal

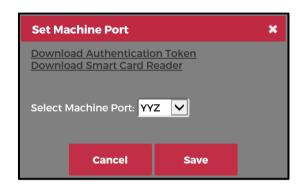


The following icons are available in the Login Center:

lcon	Description
Name	The name of person currently logged in.
Get Mobile Token	Provides information related to your assigned mobile token which is needed for logging into AircraftMobile and CrewMobile.
Help	The Help link connects you to available help resources for using AircraftPortal. This feature is currently under development.
Home	The Home link takes you to the Home page/GUI of AircraftPortal.
Logout	A link to log out.
Version	Version information reflects the version of the AircraftPortal application that you are using, such as version <u>8.0.0.61702</u> displayed here.
Reconfiguration	The Reconfiguration icon reloads AircraftPortal configuration. This is useful whenever there are changes in setup that should be reloaded without requiring the user to logout and login again.

Set Machine Port

Click on the **Set Machine Port** link to open the **Set Machine Port dialog** box.



This feature is used to set the machine port at the port location of the user. This process is needed in setting up a sign on machine for crew via CrewPortal. Links to **Download Authentication Token** and **Download Smart Card Reader** are available.

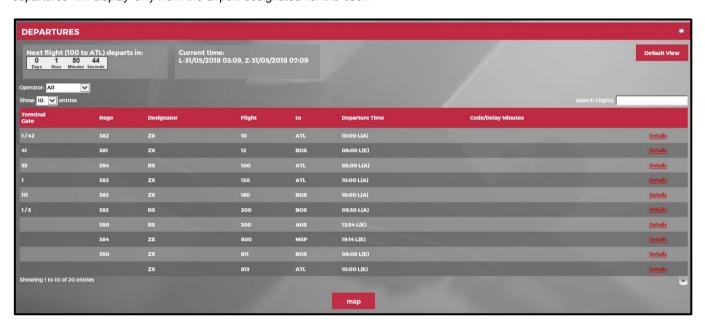
Select the Machine Port from the drop-down **Select Machine Port** menu and click **Save** after verifying the Select Machine Port location is correct.



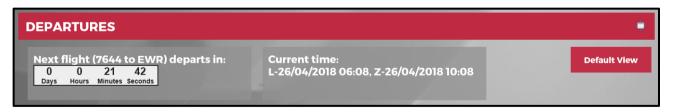
Departures

AircraftPortal enables you to view flight departures from your designated port.

To view flight departures, click on the **Departures** tab in the *AircraftPortal Tab* area on the Home page. Flight departures will display only from the airport designated for the user.

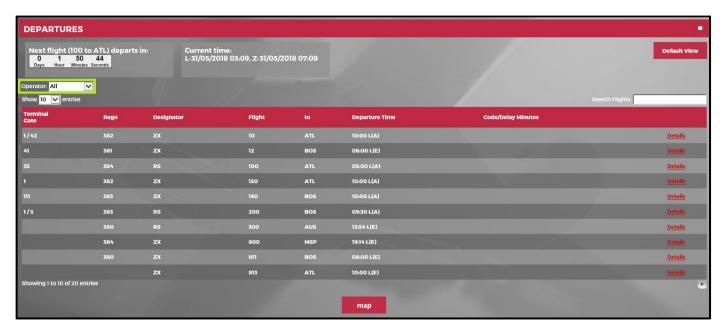


The features at the top of the Departures display are as follows:



Next Flight departs in: Displays flight number, destination/arrival port, and countdown timer to the departure time. **Current time:** Displays date and time in local time and Zulu time.





The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search Flights	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.
Expand Window	Click on the Expand Window button in the upper right-hand corner of the form to expand the size of the window to full screen, click again to return the window to the original size.

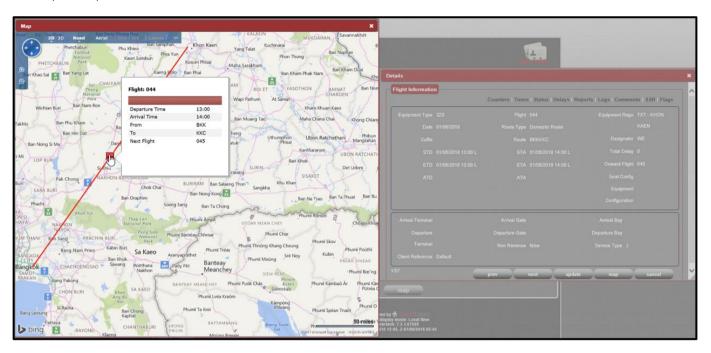
The columns displayed in the Departures grid are detailed here:

lcon	Description
Terminal Gate	The location at the airport where passengers embark and disembark.
Rego	Registration is the unique identifier given to differentiate each aircraft from all others worldwide.
Designator	The two or three letter code given to differentiate each airline or operations within an airline and from all others worldwide, <u>ZX</u> displayed here.
Flight	This is the specific flight that an aircraft is operating at a specific time.
to	The arrival airport.

Departure Time	The scheduled or estimated off chocks time when a flight will push back from the departure gate. The minus sign indicates a flight with a delay.
Code/Delay Minutes	Delay code and total delay in minutes.
Details	Click on the Details links to access the Flight Information Window.

Мар

Click the **Map** button at the bottom of the screen and the system identifies the graphical position of flights in and out of the specified port.

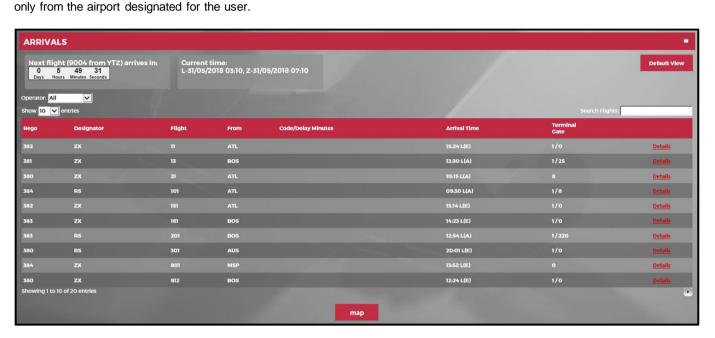


Hover the mouse pointer over the pin to show the appropriate flight information for each route displayed.

Arrivals

The Arrivals feature displays flights that arrive at your designated port.

To access the arrivals feature, click on the **Arrivals** tab in the AircraftPortal Tab area. Flight arrivals will display



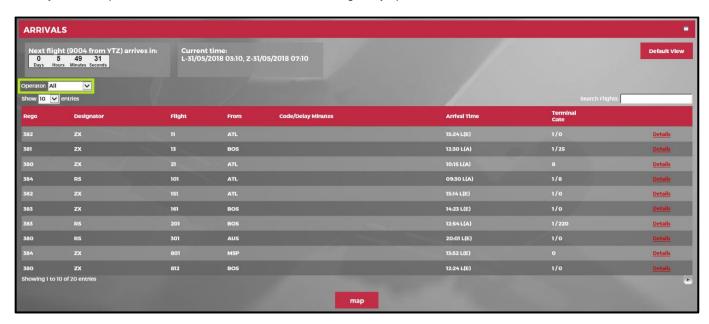
The features at the top of the Arrivals display are as follows:



Next Flight arrives in: Displays the flight number and departure port with a countdown timer to the next arrival flight into the user's designated port.

Current time: Displays date and time in local time and Zulu time.

The Operator drop-down menu enables users to filter arrival flights by operator.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search Flights	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.
Expand Window	Click on the Expand Window button in the upper right-hand corner of the form to expand the size of the window to full screen, click again to return the window to the original size.

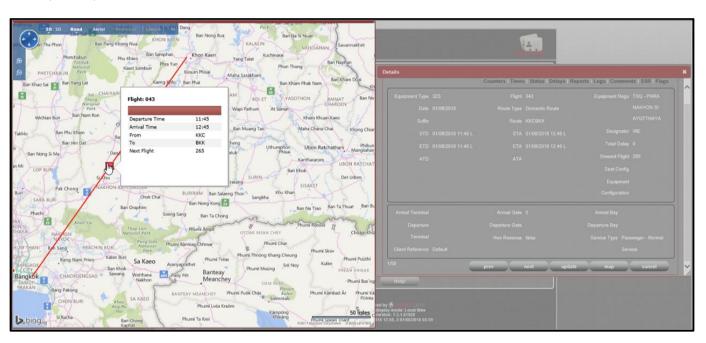
The columns in the Arrivals tab consist of the following:

Icon	Description
Rego	Registration is the unique identifier given to differentiate each aircraft from all others worldwide.
Designator	The two or three letter code given to differentiate each airline or operations within an airline and from all others worldwide, <u>ZX</u> displayed here.
Flight	This is the specific flight that an aircraft is operating at a specific time.
From	The name of the departure airport for the flight.
Code Delay Minutes	The number of minutes for the delay.

Arrival Time	The scheduled or estimated on chocks time at the parking place of the flight after landing.
Terminal or Gate	The arrival flight terminal or gate.
Details	Click the Details link to access the Flight Information window for more information about the flight.

Мар

Click the **Map** button at the bottom of the screen and the system identifies the graphical position of flights in and out of the specified port.

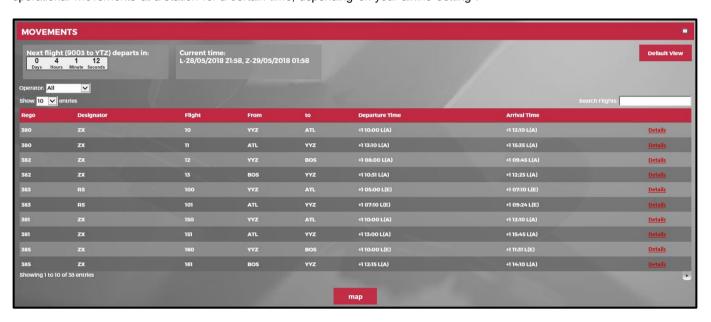


Hover the mouse pointer over the pin to show the appropriate flight information for each route displayed.

Movements

The Movements tab displays in grid format all flight movements arriving to and departing from the designated airport for the user.

To access Movements information, click on the **Movements** tab ______. The highlighted number is the number of operational movements at a station for a certain time, depending on your airline setting.

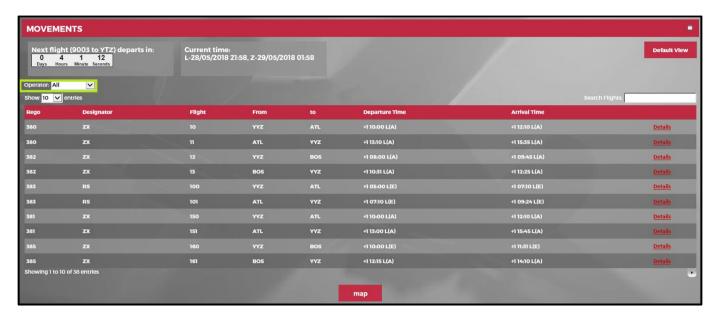


The features displayed at the top of the Movements are the following:



Next Flight arrives in: Displays flight number and countdown timer to next arrival to or departure from port. **Current time:** Displays date and time in local time and Zulu time.

The Operator drop-down menu enables users to filter departure/arrival flights by operator.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search Flights	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.
Expand Window	Click on the Expand Window button in the upper right-hand corner of the form to expand the size of the window to full screen, click again to return the window to the original size.

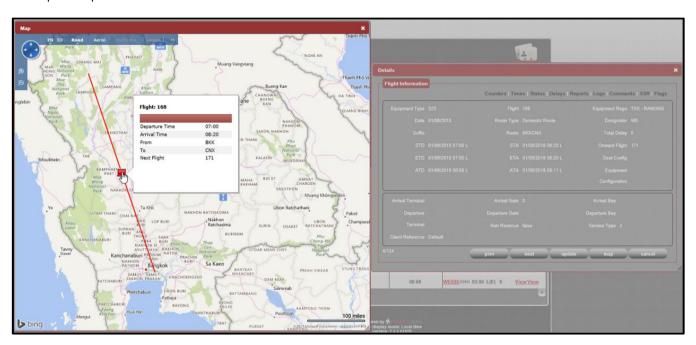
The fields in the Movements tab consist of the following:

Column Name	Description
Rego	Registration is the unique identifier given to differentiate each aircraft from all others worldwide.
Designator	The two- or three-letter code given to differentiate each airline or operators within an airline and from all others worldwide. ZX displayed here.
Flight	This is the specific flight that an aircraft is operating at a specific time.
From	The departure airport for the flight.
То	The arrival airport for the flight.
Departure Time	The scheduled or estimated off chocks time when a flight will push back from the departure gate. The minus sign indicates a flight with a delay.

Arrival Time	The scheduled or estimated on chocks time at the parking place of the flight after landing.
Details	Click the Details link to access the <i>Flight Information</i> window for more information about the flight.

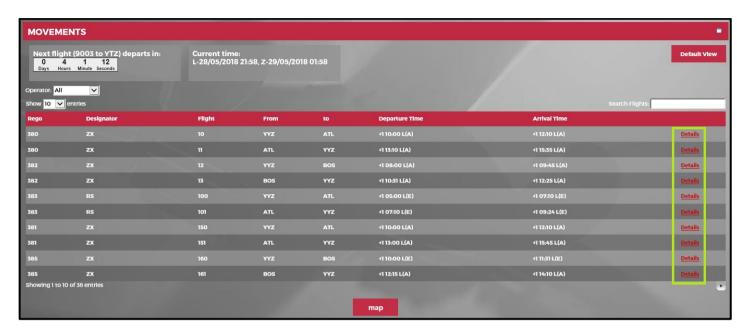
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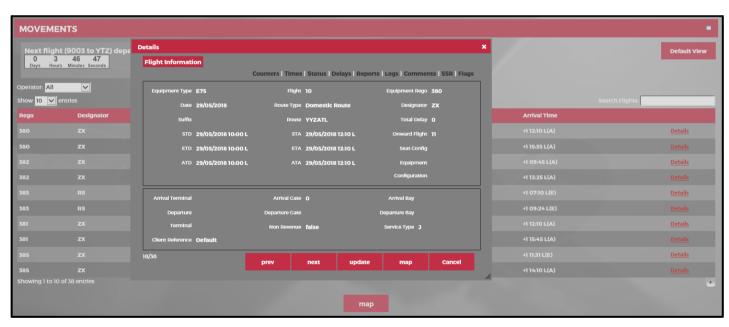


Hover the mouse pointer over the pin to show the appropriate flight information for each route displayed.

Details - Flight Information



Click the **Details** link to view the **Departure** and **Arrival** flight details in the *Flight Information* window.



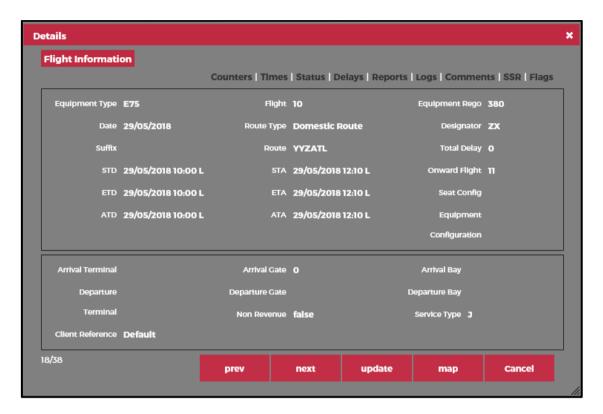
The links at the top of the Flight Information window enable users to take the following actions:



Column Name	Description
Counters	Allows users to add and delete default counter groups i.e. baggage, cargo, freight, mail, other and passengers for a flight.
Times	Enables users to add and delete aircraft times i.e. Doors Closed, Out from Gate, Wheels Up, and In to Gate. The OOOI times seen in the Grid have corresponding fields in this form. Flight times added in the Flight Follow Time form will update actual arrival and departure times in the main line.
Status	Allows users to track the status of the flight from a passenger perspective. Values entered into this form can be transferred to flight information display systems (FIDS) via the merlot.aero web service.
Delays	Lets users track and edit the delays incurred by a flight. This form can be set to automatically display when a departure or arrival time is entered and a delay is detected.
Reports	View document reports which include the type of document, the issue date and expiry date.
Logs	Allows users to update flight logs associated to a flight.
Comments	Lets users view, edit or add flight related comments.
SSR	Enables users to view, edit or add Special Service Requests (SSR) for a flight.
Flags	Allows users to add an informational flag against a flight. For instance, a flight may be flagged to show that there is a VIP on board.

For more information about the links in the *Flight Information* window, refer to the <u>AircraftFollow User Manual</u>.

Flight Information Window



The main area of the Flight Information window displays the following flight-specific information:

Field	Description
Equipment Type	Aircraft model
Flight	Flight number
Equipment Rego	Aircraft registration or tail number
Date	Date of flight
Route Type	Domestic, International, or default route
Designator	Airline IATA code
Suffix	N/A
Route	A way or course between two ports
Total Delay	Total delay minutes
STD/STA	Scheduled Time of Departure (STD), Scheduled Time of Arrival (STA)
Onward Flight	The next flight in the flight sequence.

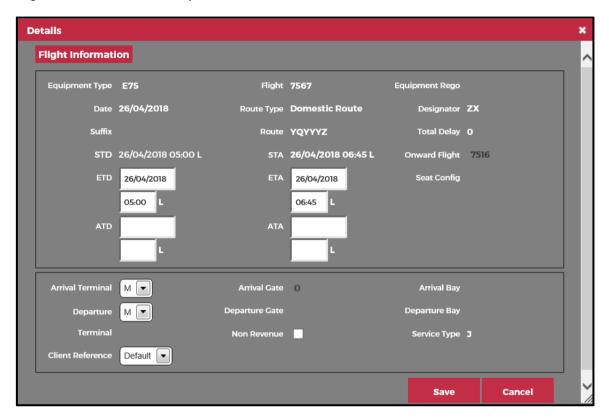
ETD/ETA	Estimated Time of Departure (ETD), Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA)
Seat Config	The number of seats in first class, business class and coach class, as applicable.
Operator	Airline carrier
ADT/ATA	Actual Time of Departure (ATD), Actual Time of Arrival (ATA)
Equipment Configuration	Equipment type confirmation.
Arrival Terminal, Gate, Bay	Arrival terminal, gate or bay number
Departure Terminal, Gate, Bay	Departure terminal, gate or bay number.
Client Reference	Reference to client name, used mainly for charter flights.
Non-Revenue	Indicates a non-revenue generating flight such as a ferry flight or deadheading flight.
Service Type	IATA service type based on flight number. Examples include: Passenger normal service, military, training, non-revenue.

Flight Information Button Functionality

	prev	next	update	map	Cancel
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Button	Function
prev	View the details of the previous flight
next	View the details of the next flight
update	Update flight information
тар	View a map of the route
Cancel	Close the window without generating action

To update flight information, click on the Update button.



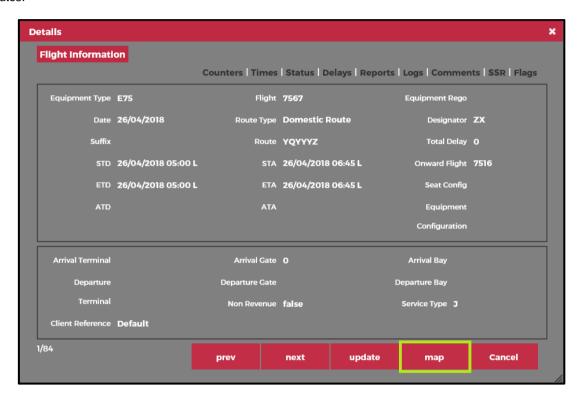
The following information can be updated:

- ETD, ATD and Onward Flight if applicable.
- ETA, ATA
- Arrival Terminal, Arrival Gate
- Departure Terminal, Departure Gate

If a delay is incurred, then the **Delay** pop-up window displays. Enter flight arrival or departure information in the applicable fields, then click on the **Save** button to save the updated information or click the **Cancel** button to cancel without generating action.

Flight Information Window - Flight Map

To view flight data on the map, click in the **map** button. If there is map data, the map with designated route will display. Float over the pin to view flight information. If no data exists, then you will see the message "Alert: the map can't be shown because there are no routes."



Turnaround

The turnaround time is the time it takes after an aircraft arrives at the gate before it is ready depart the gate again.



To access Turnaround information, click on the Turnaround tab

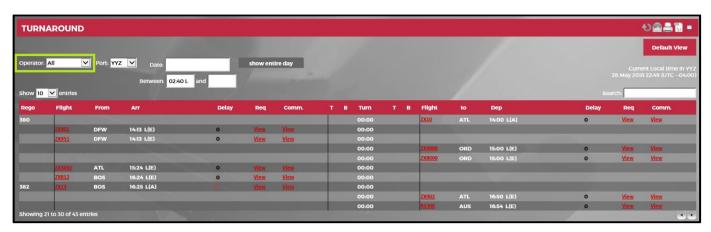
The Turnaround tab displays arrival aircraft on the left and departure flights on the right. The times are all estimated times until actual times are entered. When actual times are entered, the screen is updated accordingly. Updates are also reflected in all applications that display flight details.



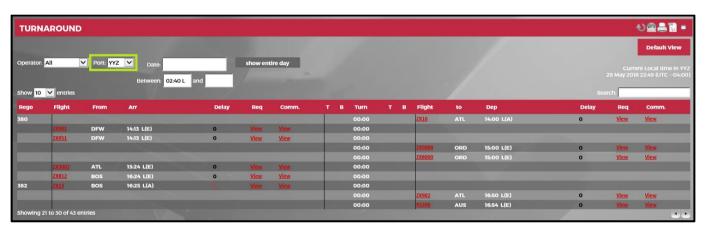
The following icons are available:

Icon	Description
Refresh	Click the Refresh icon to refresh the current display.
Email	Click the Email icon to send the current display via email.
Print	Click on the Print icon to print information in the display.
Save for Excel	Save the current display in Excel format.
Expand window	Click on the Expand Window icon in the upper right-hand corner of the form to expand the size of the window to full screen. Click again to return the window to the original size.

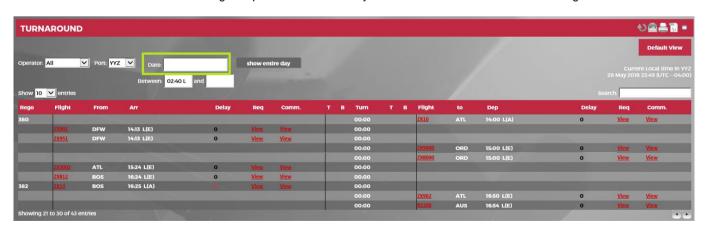
The Operator drop-down at the top of the Turnaround display enables users to filter grid results by operator.



The **Port** drop-down list allows users to select a port for an operator.



The Date field enables users to view flight departure information by date and to select the time frame using the Between fields.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search Flights	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.

Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.
Expand Window	Click on the Expand Window button in the upper right-hand corner of the form to expand the size of the window to full screen, click again to return the window to the original size.

The columns displayed in above grid are described here:

Icon	Description
Rego	Displays the active aircraft registration(s) or tail numbers.
Flight	Arrival flight number. Click on the flight number link to view additional flight details in the Flight Display Window.
From	The departure airport for the flight.
Arr	The estimated time of arrival for a specific flight.
Delay	The total arrival delay in minutes that a flight has incurred.
Req	Displays any Special Service Remarks (SSR) data associated for a flight.
Comm	Displays flight associated comments.
G	Gate assignment for a flight.
В	Bay assignment for a flight.
Turn	Turnaround time. The time interval between the arriving and corresponding departing flight.
Flight	Departure flight number. Click on the flight number link to view the Flight Information Window for additional flight detail.
То	The destination airport.
Dep	The estimated time of departure for a specific flight.
Delay	The total departure delay in minutes that a flight has incurred.
Req/ Comm	Any Special Service Remarks (SSR) or comments associated with the departure flight.

OTP

The **On-Time Performance** (**OTP**) tab displays on-time performance and on-time turnaround (OTT) data for the user's designated station.

Note: This feature is currently not available.



Messages

The Messages tab displays all messages that a user has received from Operations and the JobEngine.

To access messages, click on the **Messages** tab . The highlighted number, displayed at the corner, is the number of outstanding incoming messages awaiting your attention.



View Messages

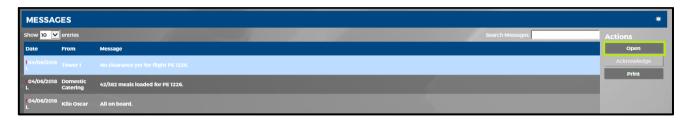
Messages in the grid show the date of the message, the sender of the message and the content of the message. You can also perform quick actions on any selected message using the *Actions* menu on the right to open, acknowledge or print a message.



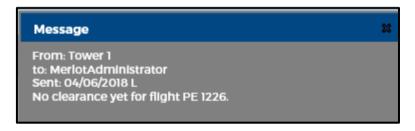


Open a Message

To see the details of a message, select a message row and then click on the Open link from the Actions menu.



This will display a window with a detailed view of your message. You can read the actual text of the selected message.

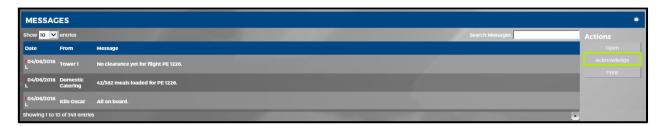


Acknowledge a Message

Some messages may be critical in nature and require your acknowledgement. A message that requires acknowledgment has an exclamation point on the left side of the message.



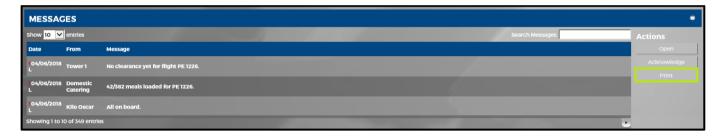
To acknowledge receipt of a message, select the desired message row and click on the **Acknowledge** link in the *Actions* menu.



A confirmation message box will be displayed. Confirm that you are acknowledging the duty change by clicking on the **Yes** button.

Print

Select a message and click on Print in the Actions menu to print a copy of the message.



Gantt

The Gantt chart view illustrates flights in relationship to one another using Gantt bars.

Note: This feature is currently not available.



Search

The AircraftPortal Search feature enables users to locate flights quickly and efficiently.



To access the Search feature, click on the Search tab

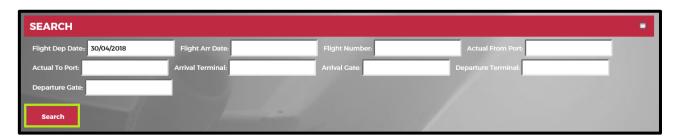


The top section of the Search feature is the filter section. It allows flight searches by date, flight number, ports and arrival and departure terminals and gates.

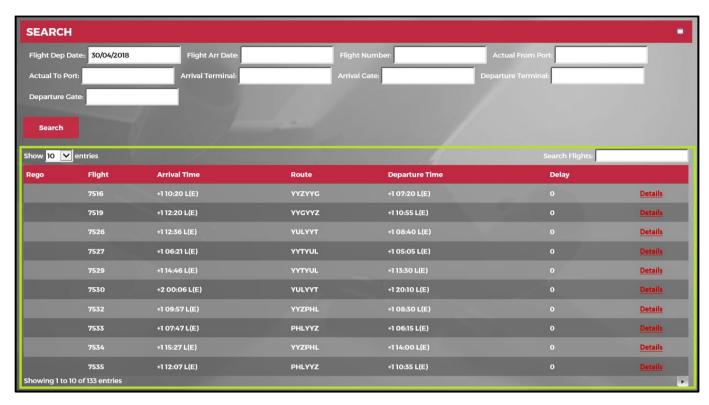
The search filter criteria at the top of the Search feature include the following:

Field	Description
Flight Dep Date	Select the flight departure date from the drop-down calendar window.
Flight Arr Date	Select the flight arrival date from the drop-down calendar window.
Flight Number	Enter the flight number.
Actual From Port	Enter the port where the flight departed.
Actual To Port	Enter the port where the flight arrived.
Arrival Terminal	Enter the arrival terminal.
Arrival Gate	Enter the arrival gate.
Departure Terminal	Enter the departure terminal.
Departure Gate	Enter the departure gate number.

Enter a value or select a value from a field then click **Search** to generate search.



The results of the search are displayed in the grid at the bottom of the feature.



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search Flights	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.
Expand Window	Click on the Expand Window button in the upper right-hand corner of the form to expand the size of the window to full screen, click again to return the window to the original size.

The grid columns in the Search feature include the following:

Field	Description
Rego	Registration is the unique identifier given to differentiate each aircraft from all others worldwide.
Flight	This is the specific flight that an aircraft is operating at a specific time.
Arrival Time	The scheduled or estimated on chocks on time at the parking place of the flight after landing.
Route	A course between two ports, for example, YYZ to YYG.

Departure Time	The date and estimated time of departure.
Delay	The total amount of the departure delay in minutes that the flight will incur or has incurred
Details	Click on the Details links to access the Flight Information Window.



Slots

The **Slots** feature enables users to search for available aircraft outside of the regular scheduled flights, for use in other venues such as charter flight operations.

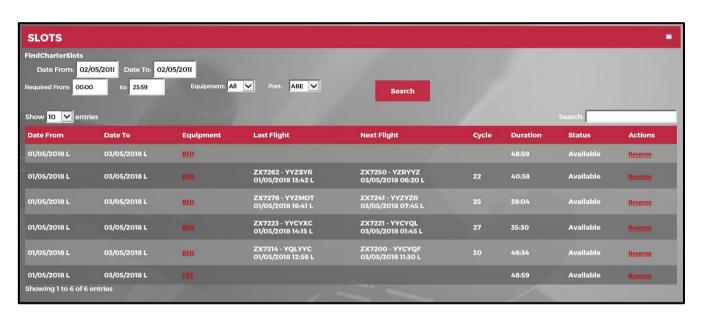
Slots are used to determine when an aircraft is available. You can make complex searches to find the gaps in the schedule using this tool. For example, if you want a charter flight that runs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday you use the recurrence feature. Most of the time, aircraft have a buffer period of time between services. The buffer can serve as the slot for the charter flight.

AircraftPortal takes care of the calculations for you. A reserve link is available, for users to make a reservation for the flight.

SLOTS

To access the Slots feature, click on the Slots tab

in the AircraftPortal Tab area.



A filter is located at the top of the Slots feature. The slot search criteria include the following:

Field	Description
Date From/To	Select the date range from the drop-down calendars.
Required From	Enter the time range in the Required From field using the 24-hour clock.
Equipment	Select All equipment or select an equipment type 737, 727, 733 etc.
Port	Select a port from the drop-down list.



Enter a value or select a value from a field then click **Search** to find charter slots.

Click on the **Search** button to initiate the search.



The example above shows that between the 00:00 - 23:59 time slot. There are four lines of flights where the aircraft can be used.

The column descriptions in the Slots grid consist of the following:

Field	Description
Date From and Date To	Represents the date interval of the slot, usually only one day.
Equip	Equipment available during the time slot with a link to additional detail regarding equipment availability.
Last Flight	The last flight arrival before the time interval, the flight number, route and arrival time is displayed.
Next Flight	The next flight that will operate after the time interval, the flight number, route and departure time is displayed.
Cycle	The cycle number that represents the line of flight.
Duration	The difference between the last flight and next flight times. If there is no last and next flight the duration is the difference between the hours during which you are searching for the slot.
Status	Available or tentative.
Actions	Click on the Reserve link to make a reservation.

Note: This feature is not fully functional.

Track

The Track tab gives users real-time information of aircraft location and flight path through an integration with FlightAware.

Note: This feature is currently not available.

Bay View

The **Bay View** is a graphical representation of where aircrafts are parked at a station. This feature will be activated per customer request through the airline representative to merlot.aero.

Note: This feature is currently not available.



Documents

The **Documents** feature in AircraftPortal enables crew members to open, read and acknowledge documents.



To access the Documents tab, click on the **Documents** tab



Documents for review are listed in the grid. Ground personnel use the **Open** and **Acknowledge** links in the *Actions* menu to open and acknowledge documents as required.

The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 flights at a time.
Search Flights	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a specific entry.
Sort	You can sort entries of any column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column. In addition, next to the name of each column header there is a tab with up/down arrows to sort column entries.
Expand Window	Click on the Expand Window button in the upper right-hand corner of the form to expand the size of the window to full screen, click again to return the window to the original size.

The fields in the Documents tab consist of:

Field	Description
From	The person or office that sent the document.
Title	Document title
Туре	Type of document.
Issue Date	Document issue date.
Expiry date	Document expiration date.
Importance	Level of document importance.

Document

Reports

The Reports feature in AircraftPortal enables employees to view reports.

Report types may include (this is a partial sample list):

- Executive OTP Summary Report
- OTT Report



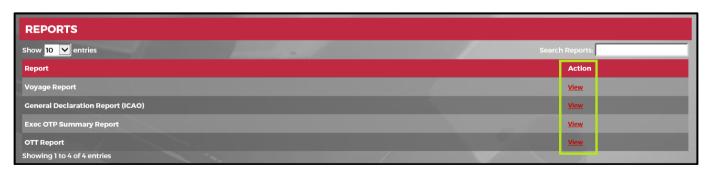
To access the Reports tab, click on the Reports tab



The following navigational aids are available:

Field	Description
Show entries	The Show entries drop-down menu can be used to view 10, 25, 50 or 100 reports at a time.
Search Reports	The search option available at the top of the grid can be used to locate a particular report quickly.
Sort	You can sort entries of any particular column in ascending or descending order. To sort entries in a column, simply click on the header of that column.

In the reports table, click on the View link to view the report of interest.



The fields in the Reports tab consist of:

Field	Description	
Report	The name of the report.	
Action	Click on the View link to view the report.	

Application Flow Diagram



Configure application is a central place where all crew and aircraft configuration information can be accessed. The application defines the core set of configuration requirements that are the building blocks that allow Merlot applications to be used in the way required by your airline.

AircraftSchedule improves the development of flight schedules while ensuring operational integrity and meeting the needs of airlines for increased efficiency in scheduling. The application includes a maintenance planning capability.

CrewBuild develops efficient crew pairings that achieve business goals while meeting the needs of crew and managing changes that arise after the roster is published.

CrewPlan plans and monitors all revalidation and qualification checks, medicals, license renewals, annual leave and administrative needs. Crew shortfalls or surplus information is accurately calculated by fleet, rank or base and can be aggregated at daily, weekly or monthly levels. This extends to future establishment planning.

The CrewRoster application allows the user to develop efficient crew rosters that achieve business goals while meeting the needs of crew.

CrewFollow provides airlines with the best information to act on in response to crew disruptions resulting from (amongst other things) sickness, no-shows and crew-related disruptions on the day.

CrewMonitor identifies and monitors changes within Merlot for disruptions that will impact pairings and pairing allocations to crew members.

CrewPortal and CrewPortal provide airline crew with the ability to view the latest crew related information on a computer or mobile device such as phones or tablets. It enables airline operations employees to securely distribute timely and relevant information to crew members including duty assignments, duty changes and messages.

AircraftFollow provides a real time graphical representation of your airline's live status for the day. AircraftFollow allows the user to manage incoming and outgoing aircraft and related operational tasks on a day-to-day basis. The application provides accurate and timely information to improve the decision support process.

AircraftPortal and AircraftMobile provide outstations with the ability to view the latest schedules and fight-related information on a computer or mobile device. Updates to departure and arrival times, terminals, gates and bays can be done from here. These also allow management a quick look at the day's operations.

CrewPayroll manages complex pay and allowance calculations for crew.

The ExecutiveDashboard provides executive level reporting including key performance indicator (KPI) data to help airlines gauge operational and employee success.



Setup

This section is for airline administrators. The following settings affect functionalities discussed in the earlier parts of this document.

Port Authentication

Port authentication enables a system user to login at the port designated in the **Value** field of the *AuthenticatedPort* feature in User Preferences.



To allocate port authentication:

- 1. Enter the user ld in the ld field.
- 2. Select AircraftPortal then click Filter.
- 3. Select AuthenticatedPort then Filter.
- 4. Enter the three-letter port code in the Value column
- 5. Proceed by doing either of the following:
 - a. Click Save to save the information; or
 - b. Click **Cancel** to close the form without generating action.

Note: Users are limited to port authentication for one port only, because the AircraftPortal application is designed for ground handlers and/or out stations that monitor and update inbound/outbound flights from their post.

Navigational Links

Functional tabs such as **Movements, Departures, Arrivals, Turnaround, OTP, Messages, Gantt, Search, Slots, Bay View, Documents** and **Reports** as well as other tabs can be displayed, based on your application setting.



To setup tabs in the Home page:

1. Select AircraftPortal then click Filter.

- 2. Select AircraftPortalHome page then Filter.
- 3. Enter the name of the tabs you want to display in your Home page in the Value column.
 - Movements
 - Departures
 - Arrivals
 - Turnaround
 - OTP
 - Messages
 - Gantt
 - Search
 - Slots
 - Bay View
 - Documents
 - Reports
- 4. Proceed by doing either of the following:
 - Click Save to save the information; or
 - Click Cancel to close the form without generating action.

Widgets

Customised functional widgets include Weather, Twitter, Calendar (i.e., clock) and Currency Conversion.



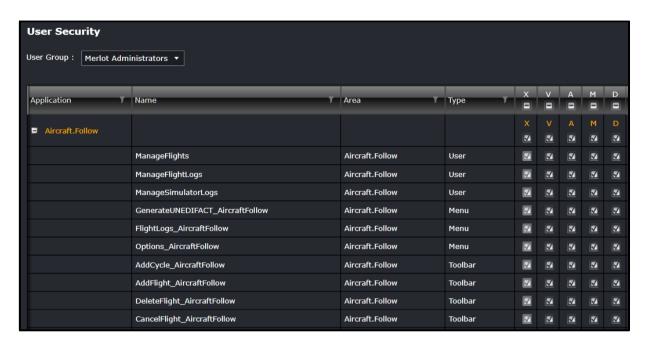
To display widgets:

- 1. Select AircraftPortal then click Filter.
- 2. Select the following user preferences then click Filter.
 - isVisibleWgtCalendar
 - isVisibleWgtCurrency
 - isVisibleWgtTwitter
 - isVisibleWgtWeather
- 3. Enter true in the Value column.
- 4. Proceed by doing either of the following:
 - Click Save to save the information; or
 - Click Cancel to close the form without generating action.

User Security

This form enables administrators to modify security permissions and privileges of the users within merlot applications. Administrators generally have access to all merlot applications, providing permissions are setup accordingly.

To setup user group security in Configure, click User Security in the User menu.



The following User Security actions are discussed below:

Action Type	Description
X	User group able to open the specified application.
V	User group view only privileges in specified application.
Α	User group add privileges in specified application.
М	User group modify privileges in specified application.
D	User group delete privileges in specified application.

To modify security permissions:

- 1. Select a User Group from the drop-down menu in the User Group field.
- 2. Expand an application to display the functions that have security features.
- 3. Modify the security permissions and privileges of the users within merlot by selecting the checkbox(s) to enable permission or deselect the checkbox(s) to deny permission.
- 4. Proceed by doing either of the following:
 - a. Click Save to save the information; or
 - b. Click **Cancel** to close the form without generating action.

If all functions in a column are desired, select the checkbox in the desired action column header or alternatively, hand select functions as needed.

Note: If the user has at least one of the add, modify, or delete privileges of the associated User Security function then the grid, plus the Save button will be enabled. If they do not then the grid will be disabled, so that the data cannot be modified but is still scrollable to see previously existing data. In this case, the Save button is disabled.



AircraftPortal Glossary

It is suggested that users review the AircraftPortal Glossary of terms prior to undertaking tasks in AircraftPortal.

Field	Description
Route	A course between two ports, for example BNE to SYD.
Gantt	A Gantt chart is one of the optional displays of the GUI throughout the Merlot applications. It shows the activities assigned to aircraft and crewmembers with the latest start and finish, STD/ETD and STA/ETA times for each event.
User	A person who is a user of the merlot system.
Widget	A widget is a component embedded in the graphical user interface of Merlot's applications that enables a user to perform a specific function or to access a relevant software service.
GUI	Graphical User Interface of Merlot's applications.
OTP	On Time Performance (OTP). A measure of how well the airline is performing.
Port	Port is an airport anywhere on the airline's network. Port is often referred to as station.
Rego.	Registration is the unique identifier given to differentiate each individual aircraft.
STA ETA ATA	Scheduled Time of Arrival (STA) Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) Actual Time of Arrival (ATA)
STD ETD ATD	Scheduled Time of Departure (STD) Estimated Time of Departure (ETD) Actual Time of Departure (ATD)
Route	A course between two ports, for example BNE to SYD.
Terminal	The airport building where the aircraft comes to a complete stop with chocks on and engines off after flight arrival.
Arrival Time	The estimated landing time of flight.
Gate	The location at the terminal where passengers embark and disembark.
Departure Time	The off chocks time when a flight is ready to push back from the gate.
Base	The port to which a personnel member has been assigned to commence and finish their tasks / activities for a specific time range.
Designator	The two or more alpha/numeric code given to differentiate each airline or operations within an airline.
Flight	This is the specific flight that an aircraft is operating at a specific time.
GMT Time	This refers to the time at a location at which the pairing or event is occurring converted to the GMT time value.

Company Time	This refers to the time at the location at which the pairing or event is occurring converted to the local time zone of the company's base or headquarters location.
Local Time	This refers to the time in local time at the location at which the pairing or event is occurring. If the location is the same as, or in the same time zone as, the company's base or headquarters location this time will be the same as company time.
Delay	When a flight departs or arrives after the schedule time.
Flight status	Where in the sequence a flight currently is, for example Go to Gate, Boarding, Departed, On time, Arrived, Delayed or Cancelled.
Company Time	This refers to the time at the location at which the pairing or event is occurring converted to the local time zone of the company's base or headquarters location.