



# Pilot Awards Module

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## 1. The module

PHP-Mods Team tries to offer the best solutions to the virtual airlines which are using phpVMS. One of them is the Pilot Awards System which is going to update the default phpVMS awards system. Some of the functions the module offers are:

1. Create award categories (General Awards, Tour Awards etc) and add specific awards on each one.
2. Issue a specific award more than once to each pilot.
3. Set a specific comment for each award assignment.
4. Just like the default version, you can include your pilot's assigned awards to their pilot profiles or their public profiles.
5. Set auto awards settings. The settings are multiple and a list is following below.
6. Run the auto awards settings on your own via the admin center or create a cron-job in order to automatically assign the appropriate awards to your pilots.
7. Get a report for each auto award setting run.

This manual aims to introduce you the way Pilot Awards Module work.

### 1.1. Compatibility

Please pay special attention to the system requirements of the module. There are:

phpVMS Version	2.1.935, 5.5.2
PHP Version	5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 7.1

#### 1.1.1. How to install?

The Pilot Awards Module can be installed using an installer developed by PHP-Mods. We are using this tool in all our new releases. The steps are simple:

- Go to the PHP-Mods Billing System and under the services page locate the Pilot Awards Module.
- On the downloads of the service, download the "PilotAwardsInstaller" file.
- Unzip the package and upload it into the main directory of your phpVMS System (where admin, core and lib folders are located).
- Visit [yourdomain.com/PilotAwardsInstaller](http://yourdomain.com/PilotAwardsInstaller) and follow the installation steps.
- Delete the PilotAwardsInstaller folder from your system as soon as you complete the installation.

#### 1.1.2. How to update?

The Pilot Awards Module can be updated using an updater developed by PHP-Mods. We are using this tool in all our new releases. The update is available only if you are currently using Pilot Awards v1.5. If you are using an older version, please get in touch with our support ticket via submitting a new support ticket under our Billing System. The steps are simple:

- Go to the PHP-Mods Billing System and under the services page locate the Pilot Awards Module.
- On the downloads of the service, download the "PilotAwardsUpdater" file.
- Unzip the package and upload it into the main directory of your phpVMS System (where admin, core and lib folders are located).

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- Visit [yourdomain.com/PilotAwardsUpdater](http://yourdomain.com/PilotAwardsUpdater) and follow the update steps.
- Delete the PilotAwardsUpdater folder from your system as soon as you complete the installation.

## 1.2. Changelog

Version	Changes
v2.0 (8/12/2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Files cleanup</li><li>- New Auto Award Criteria Added</li><li>- Auto Award Issue Reports Page added</li><li>- License Verification System connected with PHP-Mods Billing System</li><li>- Email Pilot and Admin on Award Issue</li></ul>
v1.6 (15/1/2016)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Added the ability to preset a comment for the auto awards issued to the pilots.</li><li>- Compatibility Issues correction (for the latest phpVMS versions).</li><li>- Minor Changes into the system</li></ul>
v1.5 (22/1/2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Updated the auto awards based on landing rates.</li><li>- Start using EDIT_AWARDS permission.</li></ul>
v1.4 (12/8/2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Files Cleanup</li><li>- Added Auto Awards Function based on pilot's nautical miles.</li><li>- Updated the Version Check System Update to work with all the servers.</li><li>- Updated the module to be compatible with PHP 5.4+ .</li><li>- Added a new version for the website which use the .php template extension.</li><li>- Other minor changes.</li></ul>
v1.3 (16/6/2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Landing Rate Auto Awards Function Updated.</li><li>- Updated Manual URL.</li><li>- Added latest issues function.</li><li>- An email is being sent to the pilot when you issue an award to him/her.</li><li>- Other minor changes.</li></ul>
v1.2 (9/6/2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Auto Awards Function Updated</li></ul>
v1.1.1 (31/3/2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Updated auto awards edit function</li></ul>
v1.1 (20/3/2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Cleaned Up some of the functions which were not used.</li><li>-Created Functions for those who want to include the assigned awards tables on their pilot profiles.</li><li>-Replaced Award Issue Page (Admin Center) with an extended Pilot Data page.</li><li>-Replaced some links with buttons (Admin Center).</li><li>-Added a version check system on the main page of the module administration page (Admin Center).</li><li>-Added Auto-Awards.</li><li>-Created Hours Check Function for the Auto Awards.</li><li>-Created Flights Check Function for the Auto Awards.</li><li>-Created Landings Rate Check for the Auto Awards.</li><li>-Created Days of Membership Check for the Auto Awards.</li><li>-Updated Award Issue Function.</li></ul>
v1.0 (9/6/2012)	Initial Module Release

## 2. The Module

In this part of the manual, we will try to introduce you how to use the Pilot Awards System considering that you have already installed v2 following the steps which have been stated above.

As an admin, you will need the EDIT\_AWARDS permission assigned to your group in order to see/administrate/use the administration panel of the module.

First of all, you will have to check if your module's version is the latest one. This can be checked by the Main Page of the module's administration part which is on your Admin center (Admin Center-> Addons->Awards System). If your module version is the latest one you will get this message:

**Your Pilot Awards Module is Up To Date.**

Otherwise, you will receive an error which will inform you that a newer version is available for your Pilot Awards Module. This is a way of checking if you are using the correct version.

As soon as the fresh installation has been completed, all the awards which had been set on your phpVMS website will be added on a category titled "General Awards". You can rename this category or create as much as you want via your Awards Administration Page. After creating a new category, you can transfer the awards through the award categories. The same applies to the Pilot's Issued Awards.

Pilot Data page has been created in order to give you the ability to assign an award to a pilot or check which awards have been issued to him. You are able to edit an award assignment or remove it. All the issues should be done through this module. You should not issue any award through the Pilots & Groups -> View All Pilots section if you wish to take advantage of the module functions.

### 2.1. Auto Awards

Auto Awards System is a special part of the Pilot Awards Module. Using Auto Awards System, you can auto assign awards to your pilots based on specific settings. These are:

- ✓ Hours Settings
- ✓ Flights Settings
- ✓ Landing Rate Settings
- ✓ Days of Membership Settings
- ✓ Distance Settings
- ✓ Hours by Airline Settings
- ✓ Hours by Aircraft Type Settings
- ✓ Flights by Airline Settings
- ✓ Flights by Aircraft Type Settings
- ✓ Distance by Airline Settings
- ✓ Distance by Aircraft Type Settings
- ✓ Landing Rate by Aircraft Type
- ✓ Flights by Airport Departed
- ✓ Flights by Airport Arrived

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- ✓ Hours by Airport Departed
- ✓ Hours by Airport Arrived
- ✓ Times Flown a Schedule
- ✓ Times Flown by ACARS
- ✓ Pilot Money
- ✓ Fuel Burned
- ✓ Long Flight by Hours
- ✓ Long Flight By Distance
- ✓ Forum Posts (compatible with PHP-Mods Forum System)
- ✓ Screenshots Submitted (compatible with simpilot screenshot gallery)
- ✓ Tour Completed (compatible with simpilot tour system)
- ✓ Total Tours Completed (compatible with simpilot tour system and crazycreatives tourcenter)

You can add as many award settings as you wish. Using this system, you will not have to check how many hours your pilots have gained in order to give them a specific award for their hours. All these will be done automatically via pressing the Run button on each one setting or alternatively via using a specific Cronjob which will do this work for you.

Please note that for the landing rate auto awards, you will have to place negative numbers on the achievement field (for example, you will have to set -100 if you wish to give a specific award to those you have done a landing better than -100).

## 2.1.1. Auto Awards CronJob

For those who would like to automatically auto award their pilots based on the settings they have added without having to press the run button for each setting, we have created a Cronjob which is going to do this work for them. The Cronjob can be added via your hosting administration panel (for example CPanel, Plesk etc). The Cronjob command can be found on your Admin Center->Addons->Awards System->Auto Awards.

If you do not know how to add a Cronjob on your server, you will have to get in touch with your web hosting provider. If, for some reason, your hosting provider does not support/offer Cronjobs, you can get in touch with us and we will try to offer the best applicable solution to you.

This Cronjob runs only the settings whose Auto Update field has been set to "Active".

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## 3. Pilot Profile

**Pilot Center**

Welcome back Captain George!



- Your Pilot ID: DEV0001
- Your Rank: New Hire
- Latest Flight: DEV0001
- Total Flights: 2
- Total Hours: 3
- Total Transfer Hours: 0
- Total Money: \$ 21.00

**Profile Options**

- Edit My Profile, Email and Avatar
- Change my Password
- View my Badge
- My Stats
- View Downloads

**Flight Operations**

- View my PIREPs
- View a map of all my flights
- File a Pilot Report
- View Flight Schedules
- View my flight bids
- View VA Finances

**My Awards**

**General Awards**

50 Hours Award 

**ACARS Config**

- Download FSACARS Config
- Download FSPax Config
- Download XAcars Config
- For FSFK, you need the following (Place in Documents/FS Flight Keeper/Templates):
- VA-Template.bt

If you want to show the pilot's assigned awards on his personal profile, you will have to edit your profile\_main.tpl file and add the following part of code:

```
<?php MainController::Run('Awards', 'myaward', ''); ?>
```

### 3.1. Pilot Public Profile

**Profile For Captain George**

No avatar



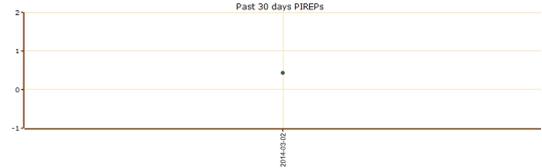
- Pilot ID: DEV0001
- Rank: New Hire
- Total Flights: 2
- Total Hours: 3.00
- Location: United States

**Awards**

**General Awards**

50 Hours Award 

Past 30 days PIREPs



**PIREPs List**

Flight Number	Departure	Arrival	Aircraft	Flight Time	Submitted	Status	Options
DEV0001	LGAV	LGTS	BOEING 737 (SX-GRR)	01.00	03/02/2014	Accepted	<a href="#">Add Comment</a> <a href="#">Edit PIREP</a>

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If you want to show your pilots assigned awards on their public profiles, you will have to edit your pilot\_public\_profile.tpl file and use the following part of code:

```
<?php  
MainController::Run('Awards',  
'pilotaward', '$userinfo->pilotid');  
?>
```

### 3.2. Latest Issues

This function gives you the chance to publish the latest award issues on any part of your website. The part of code you should use is this one:

```
<?php MainController::Run('Awards', 'last_issues', 'X'); ?>
```

\*X should be replaced with the number of the latest issues you wish to show on your website.

## 4. Support

If you have any question, problem or suggestion, you are free to get in touch with us. Support is being offered via support tickets. You can open a support ticket through PHP-Mods Main [Website](#).

### 4.1. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

All the Frequently Asked Questions are being managed via our own Billing System and they can be found [here](#).

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Thank you very much for purchasing and using our Pilot Awards Module. We wish that you would like it just like we do!