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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

Beidou : GNSS constellation operated by the People's Republic of China

EO : Electro optical TV camera

Galileo : GNSS constellation operated by the European Union GLONASS : GNSS constellation operated by the Russian Federation

GNSS : Global Navigation Satellite System
GPS : GNSS constellation operated by the USA

HDTV : High-definition image with a resolution of 1920x1080 pixels

INS : Inertial Navigation System

ISR : Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance

LWIR : Long Wave Infrared Camera

MS : Mission Software POI : Point of Interest

SBAS : Satellite-based augmentation system, a technology to enhance GNSS accuracy

UTC : Coordinated Universal Time VSS : Video Server Software



1. DESCRIPTION

Orca-130 gimbal is a dual axis gyro stabilized optical sensor platform for performing intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) tasks. Orca integrates HDTV EO and LWIR thermal into a single compact and light package.

The stabilization actuation is performed by direct drive brushless motors. The use of direct drive brushless motors ensures accurate stabilization by allowing for a high torque output while avoiding the inevitable backlash of a geared motor solution.

Orca gimbal incorporates an onboard video processor. The benefits of on-board video processing include improved stabilization with the best possible video quality and the lowest latency. The video processor also features additional capabilities such as scene and object tracking, image enhancement, symbology display, on-board snapshots, and recording.

Mission Software allows the observer to perform critical mission tasks such as controlling the gimbal and sensors using a dedicated hand controller, displaying, and analyzing the video feed, creating intelligence reports, and performing artillery fire correction.



Figure 1: Orca 130 A03 Front view

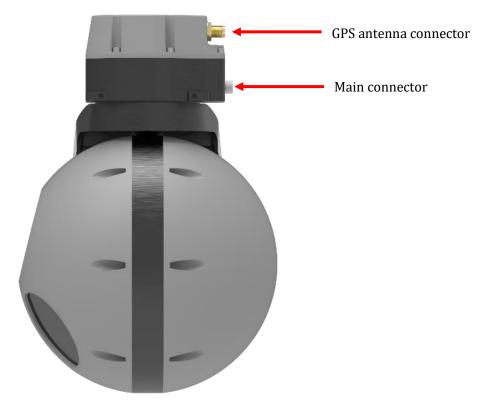


Figure 2: Orca 130 A03 Side view

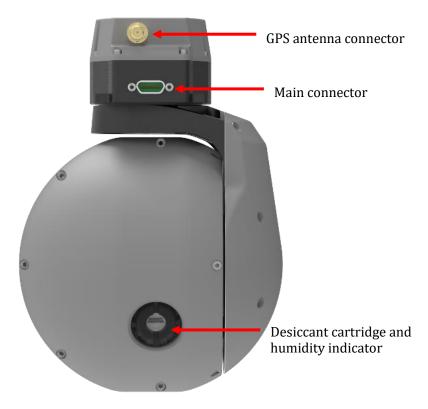


Figure 3: Orca 130 A03 Rear view

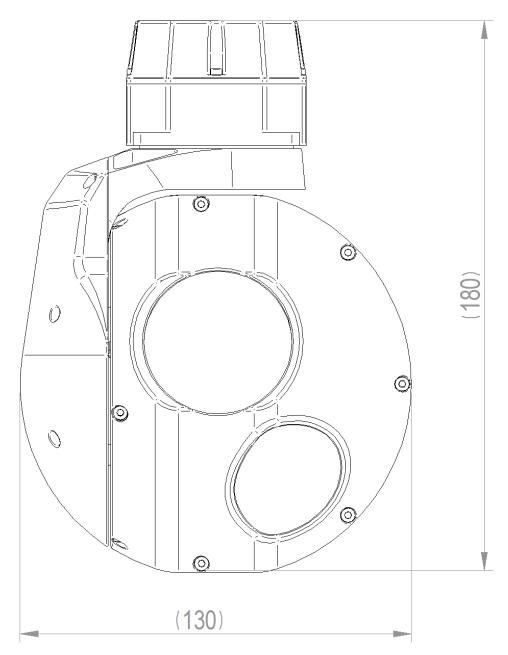


Figure 4: Orca 130 A03 Gimbal dimensions



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2. SPECIFICATION

Table 1: Orca gimbal general specifications

GENERAL	
Weight	1.1 kg
Dimensions (D x H)	130 x 174 mm
Supply Voltage	18 – 30 VDC
Current Draw	25 W nominal, peak 45 W
Temperature	-20°C to +50°C (sustained operation when airflow is present)
Altitude	5000 m / 16,000 ft AMSL
Airspeed	200 km/h / 108 KTS
Sensors	HDTV EO camera, LWIR thermal camera
Pan Axis	360° continuous
Tilt Axis	+30° to -110°
Stabilization	Gyro-stabilization in pan and tilt axes
	Electronic stabilization in roll axis

Table 2: LWIR thermal camera specifications

LWIR THERMAL CAMERA		
Sensor	Uncooled Vox Microbolometer	
Resolution	640 x 512 pixels	
Pixel Pitch	12 μm	
Spectral Range	Between 7 and 14 μm	
Lens Aperture	F 1.0	
Focal Length	24 mm	
Field of View	18° (Equivalent to 35mm in previous generation LWIR cameras such as FLIR Tau2)	
Digital Zoom	1 – 8X (continuous)	
NETD	40, 50, 60mK (options)	
DRI Human	Detect: 1280 m / Recognize: 320 m / Identify: 160 m	
DRI Vehicle/NATO	Detect: 3850 m / Recognize: 950 m / Identify: 295 m	



Table 3: HDTV EO camera specifications

	HDTV EO CAMERA
Sensor	1/2.8 CMOS
Resolution	1920 x 1080 pixels
Wavelength	Visible + NIR
Lens Aperture	F 1.6 – 4.7
Focal Length	4.3 - 129 mm
Lens Diameter	37 mm
Field of View	63.7° - 2.3°
Optical Zoom Factor	1 – 30X (Continuous optical)
Digital Zoom	1 – 3X (Continuous digital)
Frame Rate	Up to 30Hz
Sensitivity (Visible)	0.01 lx @ 30Hz, 0.0013 lx @ 4 Hz
Sensitivity (NIR)	0.0015 lx @ 30 Hz, 0.0008 lx @ 4 Hz (Low light/night mode with infrared filter off)
DRI Human	Detect: 14 km / Recognize: 6 km / Identify: 2.5 km
DRI Vehicle/NATO	Detect: 22 km / Recognize: 12 km / Identify: 6 km

Table 4: INS Specification

INS				
Heading Accuracy	0.29			
	(Dynamic while GPS locked and tracking)			
Pitch/Roll Accuracy	0.03º			
	(Dynamic while GPS locked and tracking)			
GPS	GPS L1, Galileo, SBAS			
	(Other constellations disabled, can be enabled on request)			
Horizontal Position Accuracy	± 1 m RMS			
	(Dependent on SBAS, clear view of GNSS satellites, good multipath			
	environment, compatible GNSS antenna, and measurement duration			
	period)			
Vertical Position Accuracy	± 1.5 m RMS			
	(Dependent on SBAS, clear view of GNSS satellites, good multipath			
	environment, compatible GNSS antenna, and measurement duration			
	period)			



Table 5: Standards

STANDARDS				
Environmental	MIL-STD-810G			
Video Encoding	MPEG4 AVC (Advanced Video Codec) H.264			
	MPEGH HEVC (High Efficiency Video Coding) H.265			
Metadata	STANAG 4609 (KLV, FMV)			
Video Stream	MPEG-TS			
Integration	STANAG 4703 AEP-83			
-	(Designed to be compatible with and to be integrated into platforms which comply with the above standard when applicable to payloads)			

Table 6: Interfaces

INTERFACE		
Video Output and Control	Ethernet 100Mbit/s	
Secondary Control	Serial TTL, 500kbit/s	



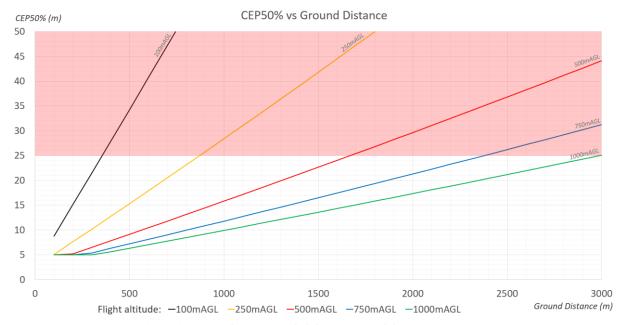


Figure 5: CEP 50% (Circular Error Probability) vs ground distance, maximum errors

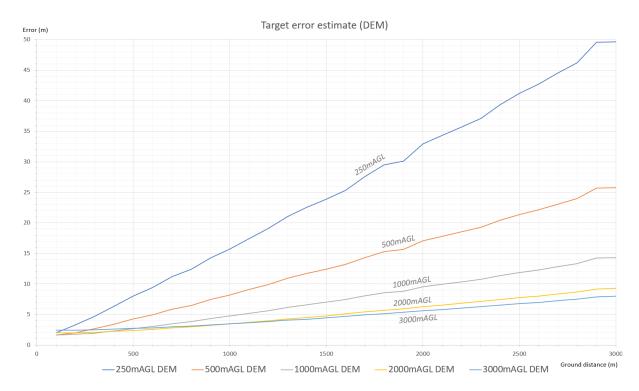


Figure 6: Randomized and averaged errors vs ground distance

Please note that the accuracy charts are valid only when the INS and GPS are in tracking mode and the solution accuracy is nominal!



3. HANDLING

Orca gimbal is delivered in a dedicated shipping and transportation case. The Orca gimbal shall always be transported using the dedicated transportation case to protect the gimbal.

When unpacking the Orca gimbal, inspect the gimbal for any damage and ensure both the pan and elevation axis moves freely. It is recommended to directly mount the gimbal to the carrier platform or a suitable test stand after the gimbal has been removed from the transport case. The gimbal can be mounted to the test stand on an angle.



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4. COMMUNICATION

Table 7: Orca-130 gimbal default IP addresses

Command and Control interface	10.101.1.11:43330 (UDP)
Responses sent by gimbal	224.1.1.10:43331 (multicast)
Video (MPEG-TS H.264 with embedded KLV metadata)	224.1.1.10:15004 (multicast)
FTP Access to SD card (recordings and snapshots)	10.101.1.11 (username & password: slroot)

The gimbal accepts control packets from the GCS (Ground Control Station) on UDP port 43330, and accepts packets sent over the UART interface. Responses from the gimbal to the GCS are sent over multicast to 224.1.1.10:43331, or via the UART interface, depending on which interface (ethernet or UART) was last used for the communicate with the gimbal.

Detail information regarding the communication with the gimbal is described in the ICD document, number 304-409-110579-01-10.



Contact Threod Systems via e-mail, support@threod.com, if you require a different IP address configuration.



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5. OPERATION

5.1 BOOTUP

Immediately after applying power to the Orca-130 avoid any movement of the camera. During power-on the system will perform an automated self-check by first slowly moving both axes to its internal zero reference and then calibrates its gyro bias by accumulating a series of readings. After this process is complete the gimbal will alert the user with a distinct beep sound. During the initialization process the camera is in operating mode INIT as indicated on the on-screen display (see 5.2 On-Screen Display).

When the self-test is unsuccessful the Orca-130 will beep thrice during the boot-up sequence and an ERR operating mode will be visible on the on-screen display.

After a successful boot-up sequence the gimbal will start acquiring a GNSS signal (GPS, Galileo, GLONASS or Beidou as configured by the operator). Before valid time information is received from the satellites the on-screen display shows a date of 1970-01-01 00:00:00Z. After time information is decoded by the GNSS receiver the gimbal will display current time in Coordinate Universal Time (UTC).

The number of actively tracked space vehicles is displayed by the SAT field. A maximum of 16 SV-s will be used by the INS for a tracking solution. The INS selects the best SV-s as it sees fit for the solution and ignores all others.

After booting-up the INS field displays ALIGNING status. This indicates that the attitude provided by the INS is not within the specification and therefore the reported target (LOS) coordinates and cardinal directions displayed are not accurate. Once the gimbal experiences some dynamic movement the INS will be able to calculate its orientation and will enter TRACKING mode. When tracking mode is achieved and displayed, the LOS coordinates reported on the display in the metadata will be within specification.



5.2 ON-SCREEN DISPLAY

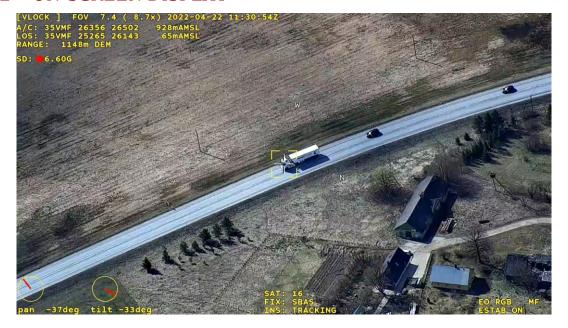


Figure 7: Video display

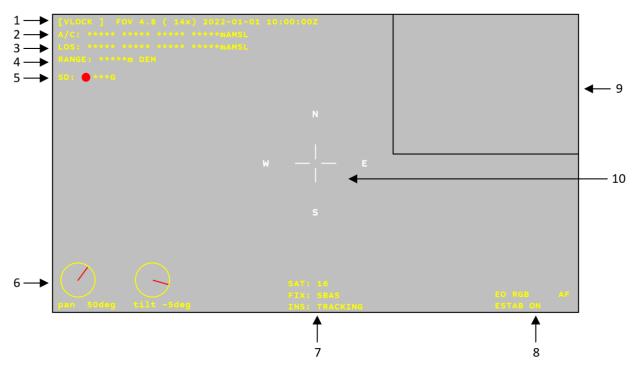


Figure 8: On-Screen display



Table 8: Video Overlays Description

Item	Description	
1	Mode, field of view (FOV), zoom level, date, and time display	
	INIT – Gimbal is initializing	
	STAB – Gyro stabilized mode	
	SCENE – Scene steering mode	
	GEO – Geo pointing mode	
	ENCDRIVE – Fixed position mode, no stabilization	
	ERRSPD – Gimbal is moving too fast, switch to STAB or ENCDRIVE	
	FOV – field of view in degrees	
	Zoom level – 1X – 90X	
	Date and time in UTC (Coordinated Universal Time, Zulu time, GMT)	
2	Aircraft coordinates and altitude above mean sea level in MGRS or Lat/Lon	
3	Line of sight (LOS) coordinates and altitude above mean sea level (target at crosshair) in	
	MGRS or Lat/Lon. Ground elevation is calculated using on-board elevation data (DEM)	
4	Slant range from the camera to the target in meters. DEM indicates calculated distance using	
5	digital elevation model. SD card remaining capacity and recording status. Red – recording, grey – not recording	
6	Pan and tilt positions in relation to the aircraft	
7	GPS and INS status	
	SAT – number of satellites (maximum is 16, the INS automatically chooses best SV-s for	
	optimal operation)	
	FIX – GPS fix quality (SBAS – best, 3D – good, 2D – poor)	
	INS – Attitude and position quality (tracking is indicated when measurements are nominal	
	and in spec, aligning is shown when not)	
	EXT. NAV – using external navigation source (autopilot for example)	
8	EO camera modes are RGB (full color) or NIR (near infrared). Focus modes AF (auto focus)	
	or MF (manual focus)	
	IR camera modes are WH (white hot) or BH (black hot)	
	ESTAB ON/OFF indicates digital image stabilization status	
9	Picture in picture display of secondary camera	
10	Target crosshairs indicating line of sight (LOS) and cardinal directions	

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5.3 OPERATING MODES

Orca gimbal has multiple operating modes for multiple operational scenarios.

5.3.1 Stabilise / STAB

In gyro-stabilised operating mode the gimbal counteracts aircraft attitude changes but does not lock onto any specific target. Use this mode when observing the aircraft fuselage or when visual tracking is impossible (limited visibility, fuselage or wings are blocking the view).



Figure 9: Gimbal in STAB mode



5.3.2 Scene steering / SCENE

Scene steering mode keeps the gimbal pointed at a specific target using image processing. The entire image is used to estimate the movement of the aircraft while the gimbal tries to compensate for it. Scene steering works well in all cases where the view is not obstructed and there is some detail in the image.



Figure 10: Image is suitable for SCENE mode

Good image to track using SCENE mode. The target is not obstructed, there are plenty of details to track.



Figure 11: Image not optimal for SCENE mode

Image not optimal for SCENE mode as clouds are blocking the view and there is not enough detail in the image for scene tracker to lock on. Switch to STAB mode and manually track the target. When kept in SCENE mode for too long during similar conditions the gimbal starts to drift and may quickly move in a random direction.





Figure 12: Image not optimal for SCENE mode

Image not optimal for SCENE mode as the fuselage is blocking the view, switch to STAB mode and manually track the target.

5.3.3 Video lock / VLOCK

Video lock is used to visually track moving or stationary targets. Gimbal uses an image processing algorithm to match the tracking box on consecutive video frames and moves the camera when the tracking box is not centred on the frame. When the target is obstructed, the system uses most recent velocity and direction estimate to try and keep the target centred. If the target reappears and has kept similar visual appearance, the tracking box is re-engaged and video lock resumes. If the target is not successfully re-acquired, the gimbal will automatically switch to SCENE mode.



Figure 13: Proper use of moving target tracker

Proper use of the tracking box, cover the entire target and make sure it is distinguishable from the background and unobstructed.





Figure 14: Coasting mode

Target is obstructed, tracker is coasting as indicated with by the dashed outline of the tracking box.



Figure 15: Video lock not recommended

Sub-optimal use of video tracking feature to lock onto a moving target. Slant angle is very shallow, and target will become obstructed shortly. For good observation results use SCENE tracking instead.

5.3.4 Fixed view / ENCDRIVE

Fixed view and encoder drive operating mode keeps the gimbal at specified fixed angle in relation to the aircraft. Gyro-stabilisation is not active and platform movements are not compensated. Use this mode to fix the camera view in relation to the aircraft. For example, looking forward during guided flight mode or directly down during landing.



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5.3.5 Geo-pointing / GEOLOCK

This operating mode fixes the camera view to specific geographic coordinates and ground elevation. The Orca-130 uses the coordinates, altitude, and attitude from the internal INS to calculate required pan and tilt angles to keep the user-specified geographic location in view. The accuracy of this mode depends on the INS fix quality and cannot exceed the maximum target coordinate accuracy of the electro optical system.

Use this mode to point the gimbal to a known location using the map view and "Look Here" functionality of the mission software or engage the GEOLOCK mode at the line of sight (LOS) coordinates using the mission grip.



5.4 MISSION GRIP

Playstation DualSense hand controller is used to control the Orca-130. Both wired and wireless operation is supported. For proper wireless operation open source DS4windows software should be installed.

Switchology has been designed in such a way that most used functions are directly accessible and for less common operations a combination is needed.

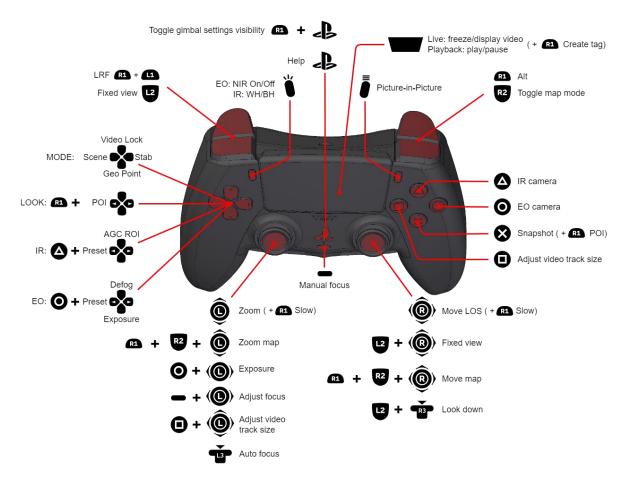


Figure 16: Button layout

Table 9: Controller button definitions

Button	Modifier	Description	Function
		Press triangle	Select LWIR (thermal) camera as primary
0		Press circle	Select TV camera as primary
®		Right Stick	Move line of sight (LOS). When in video tracking mode, nudges the tracking box to the direction of the stick.
(@)	R1	Right stick while holding down R1	Reduce the sensitivity of the stick for fine adjustment of the line of sight
®	12	Right stick while holding down L2	Switch the gimbal to a fixed looking mode (ENCDRIVE). Stick direction selects the view – left, right, forward, backward, or down.
(<u>©</u>)	R1 R2	Right stick while holding down R1 and R2	Move the map view in mission software

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Button	Modifier	Description	Function
©		Left stick up-down	Zoom the primary camera in and out
©	R1	Left stick up-down while holding down R1	Reduce the sensitivity of the stick for fine zoom adjustment
©	R1	Left stick up-down while holding down R1 and R2	Zoom the map view in and out in mission software. If map centering and automatic map zoom enabled then adjust offset added to calculated map zoom level
(O)	0	Left stick left-right while holding circle	Adjust TV camera exposure in shutter priority mode
(O)	_	Left stick left-right while holding the horizontal bar	Switch to and adjust TV camera manual focus
(O)	•	Left stick left-right while holding the square	Adjust video tracking box size
Ť		Press left stick down	Switch TV camera to auto focus mode
8		Press cross	Create snapshot in MS and also in gimbal
8	R1	Press cross while holding R1	Create POI at the line of sight (LOS) target
Ğ		Press left vertical bar	TV camera – toggle between RGB/NIR modes LWIR camera – toggle between white hot/black hot (WH/BH) modes
Ī		Press right vertical bar	Toggle Picture-in-Picture on/off
%		Press D-Pad left	Switch gimbal operating mode to SCENE
- % - %		Press D-Pad right	Switch gimbal operating mode to STAB
♣		Press D-Pad up	Switch gimbal operating mode to VLOCK
&		Press D-Pad down	Switch gimbal operating mode to GEOLOCK
•	- % - %-	Press D-Pad left or right while holding circle	Select next or previous TV camera preset
0	♣	Press D-Pad up while holding circle	Select TV camera defog level (none, low, medium, high)
0	- 🍲	Press D-Pad down while holding circle	Select TV camera exposure mode (auto or shutter priority)
	- % - %-	Press D-Pad left or right while holding triangle	Select next or previous LWIR camera preset
	♣	Press D-Pad up while holding triangle	Select LWIR camera AGC ROI size (automatic gain control region of interest)
		Press PlayStation logo	Open help screen that displays mission grip button functions
	RI	Press PlayStation logo while holding R1	Toggle gimbal settings visibility
		Press horizontal bar	Switch to TV camera manual focus mode
	R1	Hold R1 and L1	Laser range finder enabled while holding down buttons. * If gimbal has laser range finder
		Press big touch button	Live video - freeze/unfreeze video Playback video – play/pause
	R1	Press big touch button while holding R1	Create tag
R2		Press R2	Toggle between map centering modes



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6. MAINTENANCE

Orca gimbal is designed to be maintenance free. Regular inspection is recommended.

Check the humidity indicator on the back cover of the gimbal before operation. The change of the color indicates that the humidity level has risen above 40% level inside the gimbal.

Replace the desiccant cartridge once the indicator has turned pink from its regular blue color.

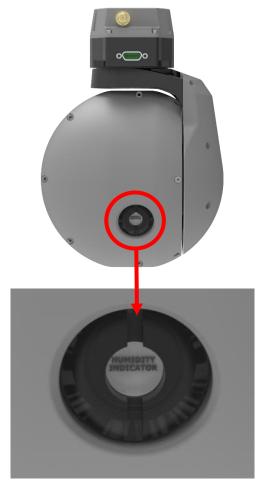


Figure 17: Humidity indicator



A spare humidity indicator is delivered in a hermetic cap. The rear part of the cap acts as a screwdriver to remove and install the cartridge. To replace the indicator in the gimbal, unlock the indicator using the rear end of the cap.

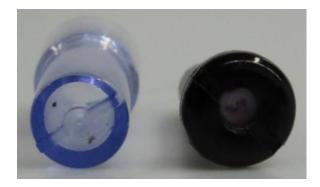


Figure 18: Desiccant cartridge removed from the cap

The new indicator can be installed and locked to the rear side of the gimbal using the storage cap as screwdriver.

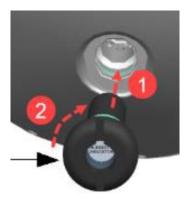


Figure 19: Desiccant cartridge replacement

If the gimbal unit is exposed to rain, sleet, and cold temperatures it is recommended to perform regular visual inspections. Depending on the weather conditions and usage of the gimbal, it is essential to inspect the gimbal for forming ice or any other obstruction on the main windows, such as small gravel sand.

Cleaning of the sensor lenses may be required and should only be done using a standard lens cleaner.



7. MISSION SOFTWARE

7.1 PAYLOAD OPERATOR

Payload operator (shortened to operator) version of the mission software is designed for the payload operator who is in direct control of the Orca-130. Operator version may be standalone or connected to a datacentre for collaboration and video sharing.

NB: operator version refuses to start if Threod GCS is running.



Figure 20: Mission software deployment - payload operator

Internally, the payload operator software has two distinct components that work in tandem to provide the full functionality of the mission software. These components are the user interface and server.

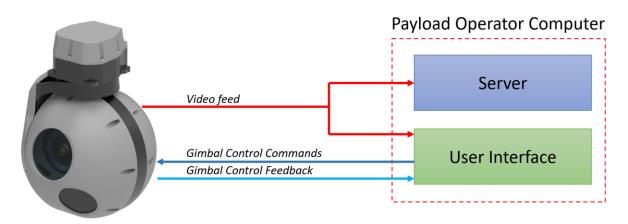


Figure 21: Data flow in payload operator mode



7.2 DATACENTER

Datacenter is a specialized server that connects one or multiple payload operator computers into a centralized system for storing and sharing of live and archived missions.

Observers can connect to a datacenter to watch live missions or review archived videos from previous missions.

Payload operator computers connect to the datacenter to stream live video and to communicate with observers.

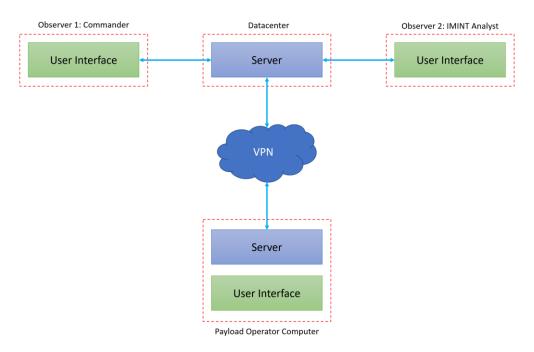


Figure 22: Datacenter role in the system



7.3 OBSERVER

Observer version is deployed on end user computers such as laptops and desktop computers. These computers must have a connection with datacentre to receive live video and access archived missions for review and search. Communication with the payload operator is implemented through the ground server.

Observer workstations are typically used by commanders, IMINT analysts and other parties who need to access the video feed or intelligence products created by the unmanned aircraft system.



Figure 23: Mission Software observer examples



7.4 LAYOUT

This section describes different layout options provided for with the MS.

For all deployment scenarios there are options for single or dual monitor layouts. In single monitor layout all the information is displayed in one window.

For dual monitor setups the layouts provide a separate map window.

When reviewing an archived mission, the user can choose any available video stream attached to the mission. These streams are either feed received by datacentre or payload operator server original feed (if mission with original video is synced to datacentre).

7.4.1 Overview

For error dialogs and confirmation dialogs you can use ESC keyboard key as an alternate to cancel and ENTER keyboard key as an alternate to confirm/ok.



Figure 24: Layout overview



7.4.2 Single monitor

Map is on the left and video on the right. Map and video view size is adjustable by the user. Button panel is on the right side in vertical orientation. Playback and time controls are on the bottom when in replay mode.

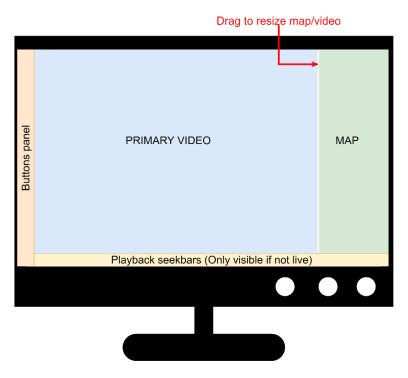


Figure 24: Single monitor layout

7.4.3 Dual monitor

One window for the map and one window for primary or selected video feed with a vertical controls panel.

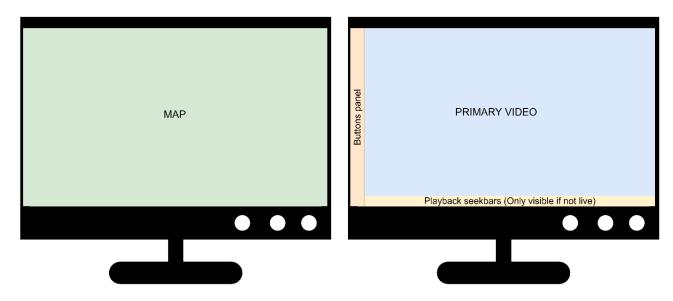


Figure 25: Two monitor layout



7.4.4 Layout selection

Layout pre-sets can be chosen by the user from the layout dialog at any time. Chosen layout and window positioning will be restored on next startup and is user based in computer (not saved to server). CTRL+L keyboard keys to toggle as an alternate.

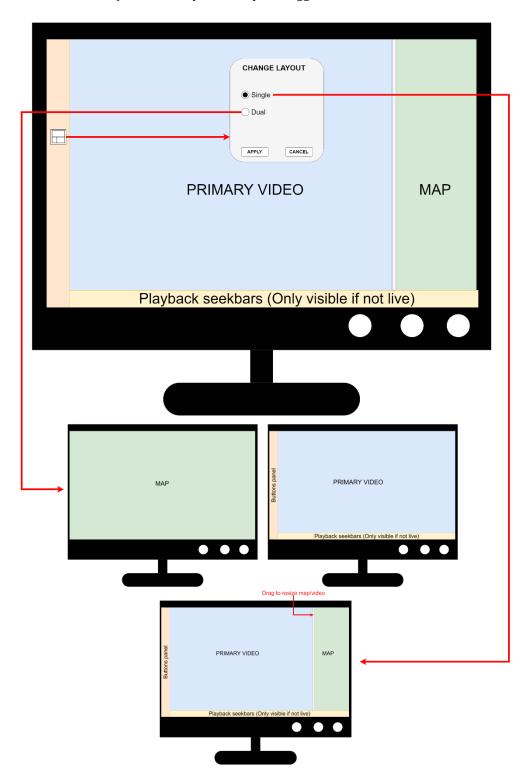


Figure 26: Layout selection



7.5 START UP

This section describes the process of starting the software, authenticating the user, and creation or selecting a mission.

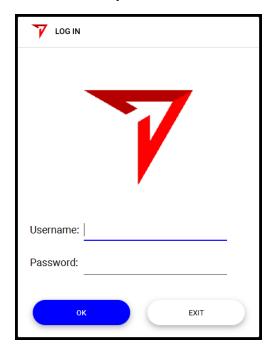
7.5.1 Login

User account is required to use the fully featured mode of the mission software. Without user account, functionalities are limited. Initial administration accounts are provided by Threod Systems. Upon start up a login dialog will be displayed.

In the operator deployment the user account is authenticated by the server installed in the mission computer itself. For observer deployment all clients are authenticated via datacentre server. One account can be logged in only in one computer. If same account is logged in in another computer, then that account is automatically logged out in previous computer. Exception is if same account is logged in on operator deployment – user is denied access to observer deployment (datacentre server) in that case.

On successful login a mission selection or creation dialog will be presented.

On unsuccessful login a notification is shown. When the user enters wrong password 5 times in observer deployment the account will be locked by the server. If account is locked, then only administrator can unlock it. In MS operator deployment there is no limit in entering wrong password and if the account becomes locked on datacentre it's will not be locked in operator deployment. If 5 failed login attempts are made in a row from the same IP, then it's not possible to login for 1 minute. This timeout is to neutralize brute force attacks for finding username and password.



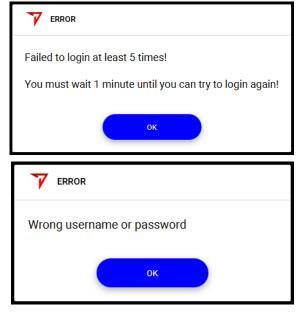


Figure 27: Login dialog



7.5.2 Observer mission selection

After logging into the datacenter the user must choose a mission to view. There are two types of missions – archived and live.

Archived missions are missions that have ended and may also include footage transferred from operator server. In addition to the video footage a mission also includes all the metadata, chat messages, recorded audio channels, associated points-of-interest, tags and reports.

Live missions are missions currently in progress and connection between operator server and datacentre server has been established. Opening a live mission allows the user to monitor and replay the footage, send points-of-interest to the operator and other users, tag certain moments, create reports, chat, and talk over VoIP audio protocol with all connected clients.

A third option, no mission mode, is also present. Operating the MS without a mission allows to perform administrative tasks without recording any data. Administrative tasks include system testing, managing maps and layers, managing user accounts, and creating locally stored points-of-interest.

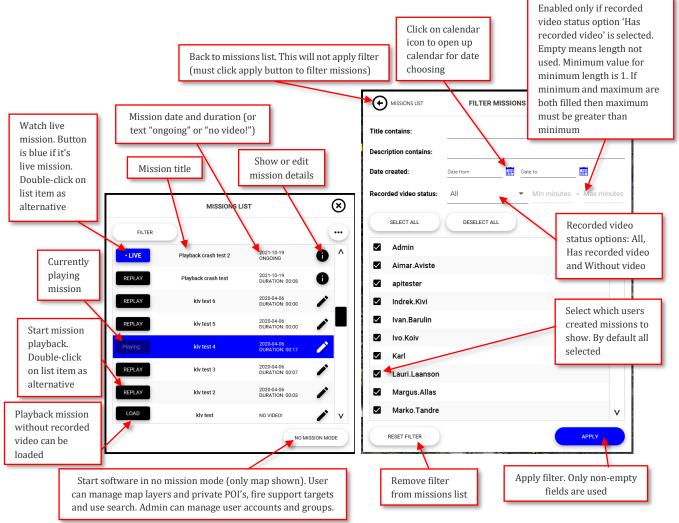


Figure 28: Observer mission selection



7.5.3 Operator Mission selection

After logging into the MS operator version, the mission selection dialog will be shown.

If user logs in and ongoing mission exists in server then live mission is automatically loaded and mission selection dialog is not shown and can't be opened until live mission is ended. If logged in user doesn't have permission to watch the live mission, then he can't see any mission data except metadata but can end the mission to be able to create new mission if previous mission (which user doesn't have permission to watch) was forgotten to be finished.

The user is presented with three courses of action:

- 1. Create a new mission
- 2. Operate the software without a mission
- 3. Replay previously recorded missions

Creating a new mission will open a mission creation dialog.

Operating the MS without a mission allows for the administrative tasks to be performed without recording any data. Administrative tasks include system testing, managing maps and layers and creating locally stored points-of-interest and fire support targets.

Final option is to replay a mission stored in the mission computer.

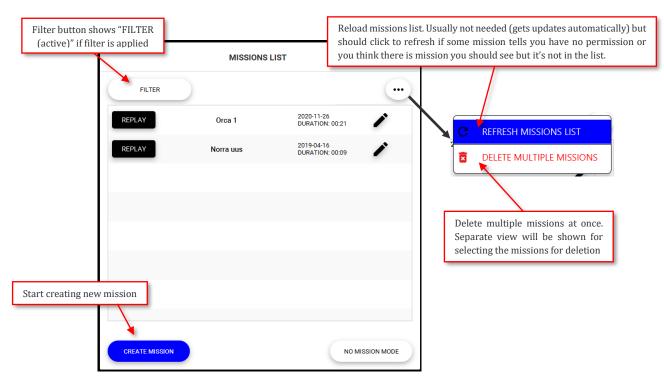


Figure 29: Operator mission selection



7.5.4 Mission creation

Mission creation dialog allows the operator to create a new mission. A mission can be created only in the operator MS instance and all data is stored in the on-board mission computer. When MESH network connection is present, the mission will be automatically replicated into the datacentre server where only the data received via data link is stored until it is manually updated with data stored in the mission computer removable storage device.

Missions must have a title, group access policy (at least 1 group selected) and optional description.

All members of allowed groups may join the live view of a mission when connected via MESH network to datacentre and access the archived missions later. When a user is not in a group with permissions to access a mission, all data will be unavailable (mission doesn't appear in the list).

Mission group access can be modified later to change the access policy.

Server starts recording video automatically if time difference from computer time is less than 30 days. If it's more then it's assumed that time in KLV data or computer is wrong but not known which one. It's possible to start force record video (option shown in edit mission dialog).

Computer time must not be changed while live mission is in progress otherwise time system of the mission may break, or live mission will be ended.

If computer time is changed to earlier time, then live mission will be ended automatically. If computer time is changed to later time more than 8 hours, then live mission will be ended automatically. If live mission is ended automatically in operator version, then it's ended also for datacentre. If live mission is automatically ended in datacentre, then in operator version it'll not be ended.

With mission creation request to server MS will tell server where to listen for video. Also backup video source is given. Both, MS and server, will listen main and backup source and will show/record video automatically from whichever source it's coming. If main and backup feeds both are coming then main source will be used.



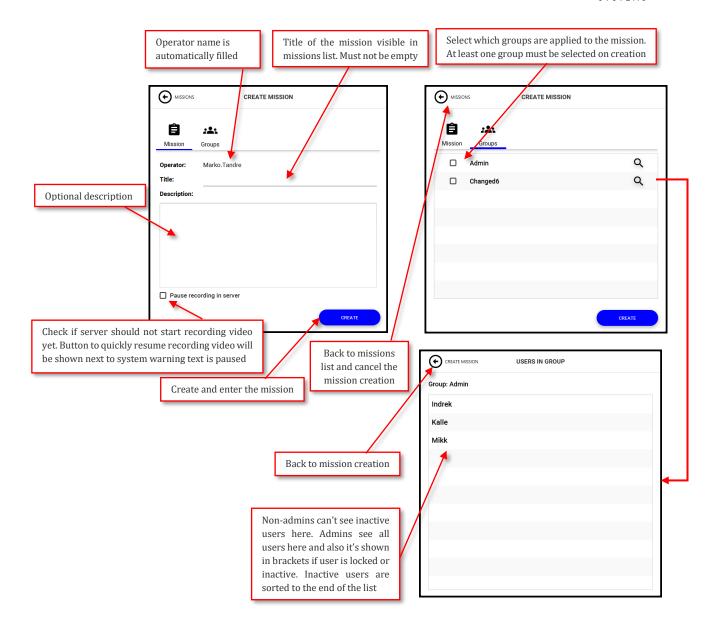


Figure 30: Mission creation

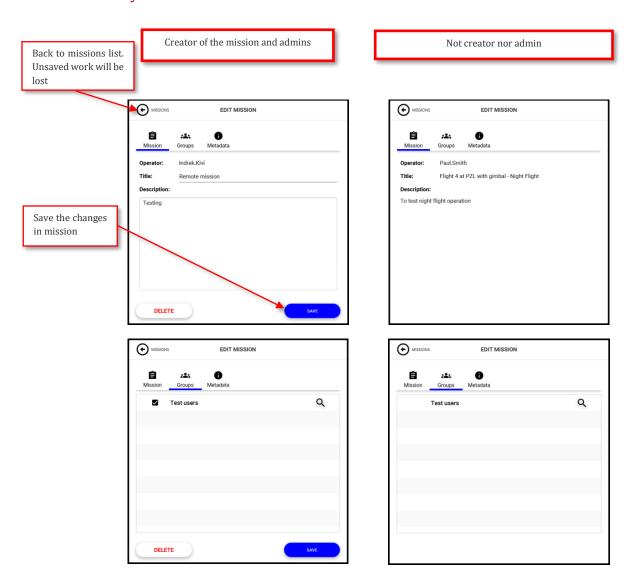


7.5.5 Mission info and editing

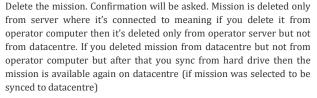
Mission editing dialog allows the authorized user to modify mission name, description, and group-based access permissions. Authorized users for editing are creator of the mission and admins.

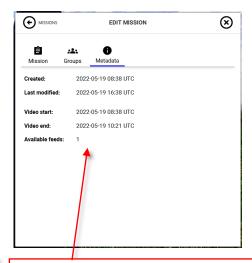
This is also where a mission will be ended and can be deleted from the system. Mission should be ended on MS operator deployment but is possible also on MS observer deployment if needed in extreme cases (for example MS operator deployment broke down or operator forgot to end the mission). In MS operator version everyone can end the current live mission but editing/watching the mission depends on if user is authorized or not. Everyone can end mission in MS operator version to avoid case where last operator forgot to end the mission and new operator isn't authorized for the current live mission resulting in impossible to create new mission.

7.5.5.1 Playback mission









This shows how many feeds are available in connected server to watch in playback. In operator version it's always 1 if server started recording. In datacentre it's 1 if mission is not brought to datacentre for syncing, 2 if mission is brought to datacentre, synced and operator server was recording and 0 if operator server didn't record video. All times are in UTC unless local time is chosen in software settings

Figure 31: Edit mission - playback

7.5.5.2 Operators live mission

For operator version it's not possible to select another mission for playback while live mission is in progress so there is no back button visible until mission is ended.

By default, server starts recording video if time difference between computer time and time in KLV attached to video is less than 30 days and then the KLV time is the video time.

If computer time is too different from KLV time (no GPS fix in gimbal whole time or gimbal is currently booting up for example) then it's possible to force start recording video by clicking force record button. In this case computer time will be the video time. Force record button is disabled if server is already recording. Force record is only for backup usage and should be used only if it's known that there will be no GPS fix to get precise time.

Operator can pause recording of the video in server. If video recording is paused then video is also not sent to datacentre. This means operator will see live video but observers will not see live video if recording is paused. Pause recording functionality is useful if you want to save hard drive space (not recording useless video) or you must not record something because of security reasons.



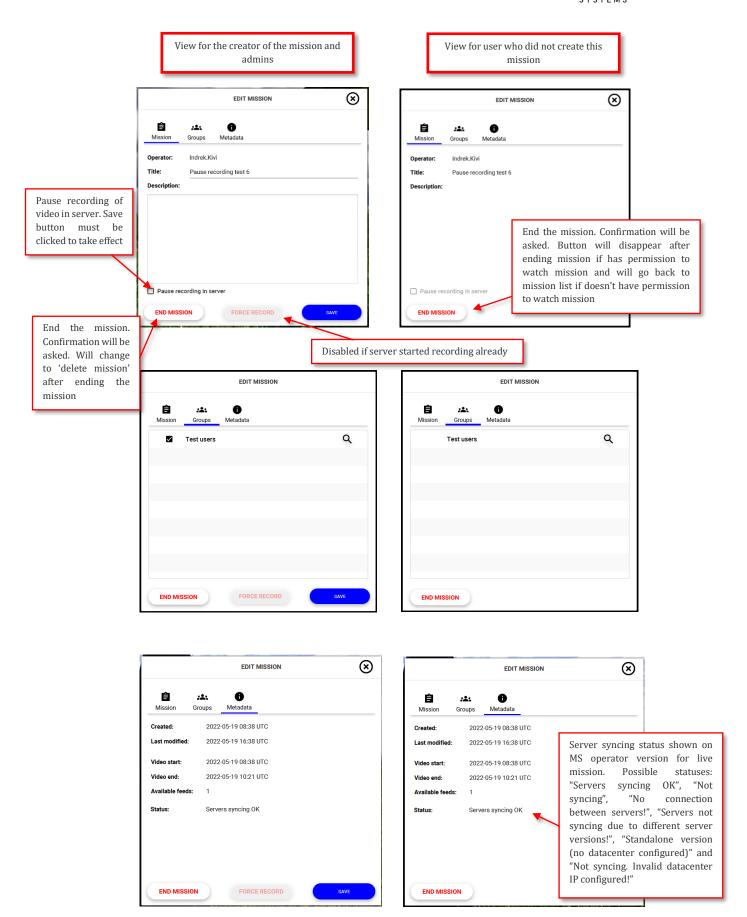


Figure 32: Edit mission - operator live



7.5.5.3 Observer live mission

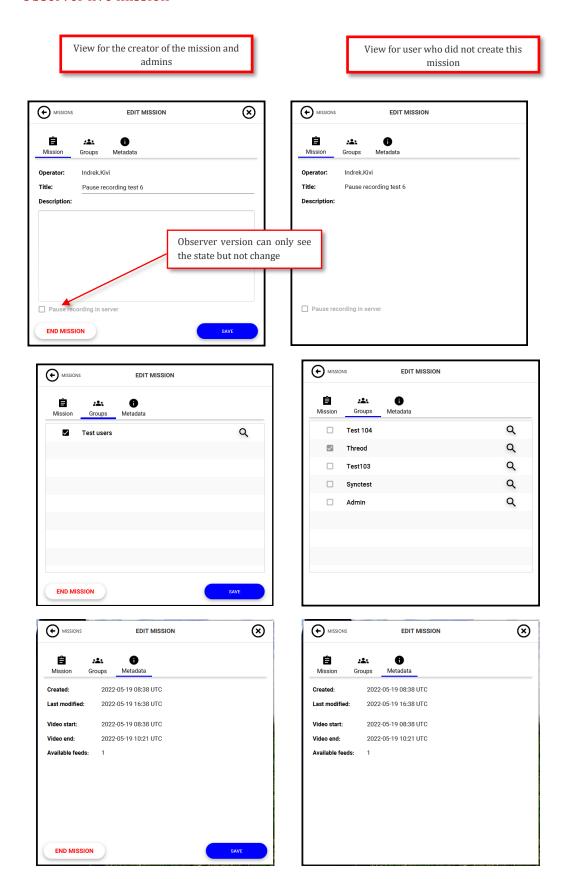


Figure 33: Edit mission - observer live



7.5.6 Delete multiple missions

Normally you delete missions one by one from mission edit view but in some cases you need to delete more missions (test missions, missions without video etc) and then it's not convenient anymore.

In this case you can use multiple mission deletion view which you open from mission list window "more" button option "Delete multiple missions".

Missions list in this view contain only the missions you have permission to delete.

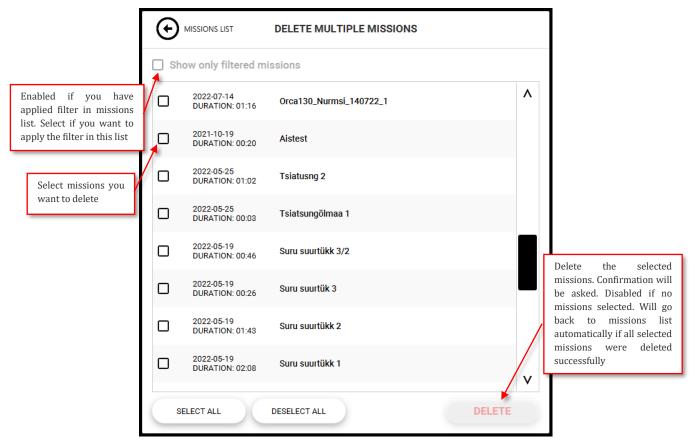


Figure 34: Delete multiple missions



7.6 BUTTONS

Buttons are used to execute most used commands and access functionality of the MS. All buttons can be engaged with mouse or touchscreen interface.

7.6.1 Buttons for the payload operator

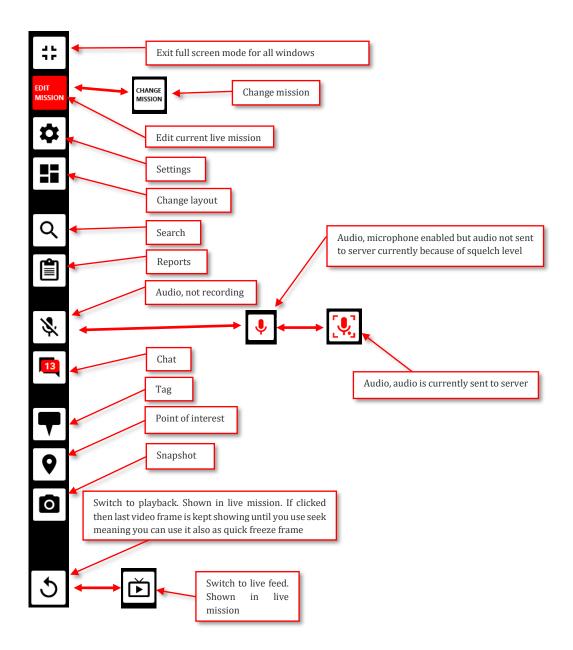


Figure 34: Buttons for the payload operator



 $Table\ 10: Payload\ operators\ buttons\ description.$

Icon	Name	Description
##	Exit full screen	Exit full screen mode in all windows. CTRL + F on keyboard will toggle single window to be full screen.
	Tag	Left click - create a new tag. Right click - show/hide tags list. Visible only if watching mission.
Q	Point-of-Interest	Left click - add a locally stored POI. Right click - show/hide POI list. Visible only if logged in.
0	Snapshots	Left click - take a snapshot of all available video feeds with metadata. Snapshot is stored in MS (no snapshot in gimbal, use joystick to create both). Right click – show/hide snapshots list. Visible only if watching mission.
5	Replay	Toggle between replay and live view modes. Visible only if watching live mission live video. Mission timeline is reset to default, seek dot is put to end on seekbar and mission timeline end is time of last received video frame when switched to playback mode. NB: for MS operator version it takes several seconds until video starts when switched. Last received video frame is kept showing until you use seek.
Ď	Live Feed	Toggle between live view and replay modes. Visible only if watching live mission playback video. NB: for MS operator version it takes several seconds until video starts when switched.
Q	Search	Show/hide search window. Area search tab selected, and last target coordinates filled automatically when opened. Visible only if logged in.
	Report Manager	Show/hide report manager window. Visible only if watching mission.
EDIT MISSION	Edit Mission	Show/hide edit mission window. Is replaced by change mission button after live mission is ended.
CHANGE MISSION	Change Mission	Show/hide mission list to choose other mission to play or edit. Visible only if logged in.
#	Select Layout	Show/hide a window that allows the user to select between different layouts. Can also use CTRL + L keyboard keys to show.
%	Audio	Right click - show/hide audio chat control dialog. Left click - enable/disable sending audio to server (only live mission) Visible only if watching mission
F	Text chat	Show/hide chat window. Will show number of unread messages. Visible only if watching mission.
	Settings	Show/hide settings and admin window.



7.6.2 Buttons for the observer

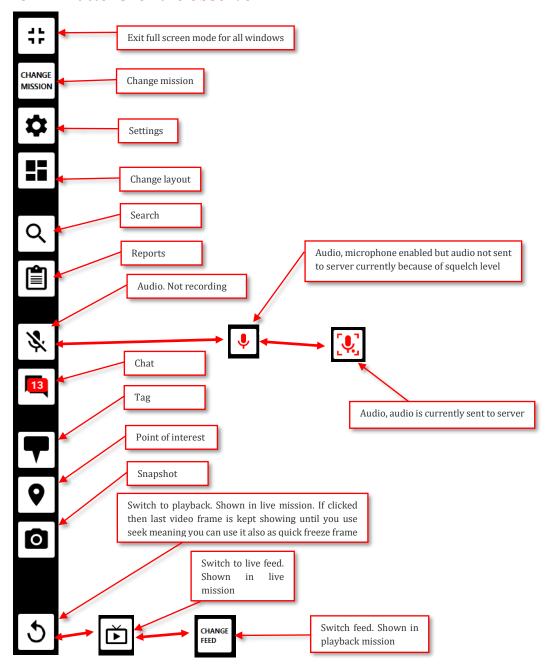


Figure 35: Buttons for the observer



 $Table\ 11: Observer\ buttons\ description.$

Icon	Name	Description
##	Exit full screen	Exit full screen mode for all windows. CTRL + F on keyboard will toggle single window to be full screen.
	Tag	Left click - create a new tag. Right click - show/hide tags list. Visible only if watching mission.
9	Point-of-Interest	Left click - add a locally stored POI. Right click - show/hide POI list. Visible only if logged in.
0	Snapshots	Left click - take a snapshot of current video feed with metadata. Snapshot is stored locally. Right click - show/hide snapshots list. Visible only if watching mission.
5	Replay	Toggle between replay and live view modes. Visible only if watching live mission live video. Mission timeline is reset to default, seek dot is put to end on seekbar and mission timeline end is time of last received video frame when switched to playback mode. Last received video frame is kept showing until you use seek.
Ď	Live Feed	Toggle between live view and replay modes. Visible only if watching live mission playback video.
CHANGE FEED	Select camera	Select video feed in playback mode. Visible only if watching mission.
Q	Search	Show/hide search window. Area search tab selected and last target coordinates filled automatically when opened. Visible only if logged in.
	Report Manager	Show/hide report manager window. Visible only if watching mission.
CHANGE MISSION	Change Mission	Show/hide missions list to open another archived or live mission. Visible only if logged in.
	Select Layout	Show/hide a window that allows the user to select between different layouts. Can use also CTRL + L keyboard keys to show.
⋄ ※	Audio chat	Right click - show/hide audio chat control dialog. Left click - enable/disable sending audio to server (only live mission) Visible only if watching mission
F	Text chat	Show/hide chat window. Visible only if watching mission.
	Settings	Show/hide settings and admin window.



7.6.3 Selecting playback feed

On observer MS version it is possible to select between two types of video feeds during playback mode, if present. The selection window indicates the types of feeds available in server.

Typically, a low-resolution primary video feed is available when a live mission was recorded in the server during a mission with network connection.

Low quality feed doesn't mean lower resolution but video with possible lagging or missing parts due to network issues (no or bad connection between operator and datacentre servers).

When the mission data is copied from the operator computer and archived in the datacentre, original feed will be available.

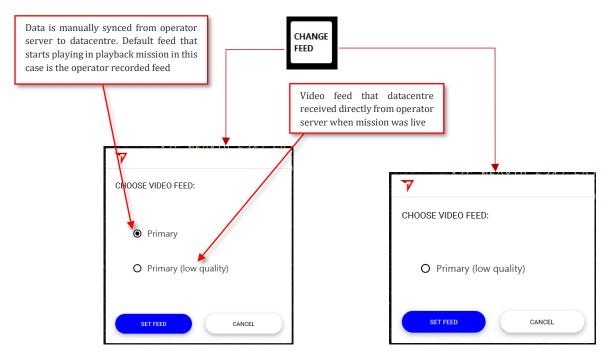


Figure 36: Select playback camera



7.7 SETTINGS AND ADMINISTRATION

Settings window allows user to define some values used MS wide, see changelog and perform admin tasks depending on user account type (admin, non-admin) and MS type (operator or observer) or see server info and restart server if it's MS operator version.

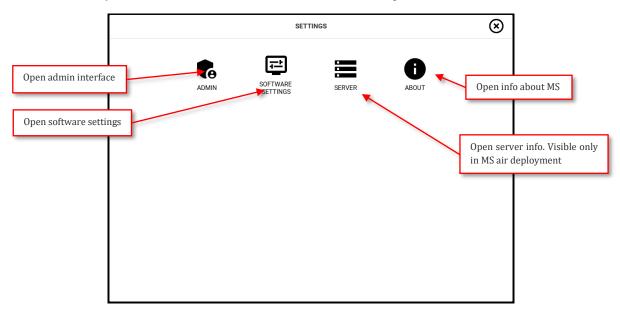


Figure 37: Settings window

7.7.1 User management

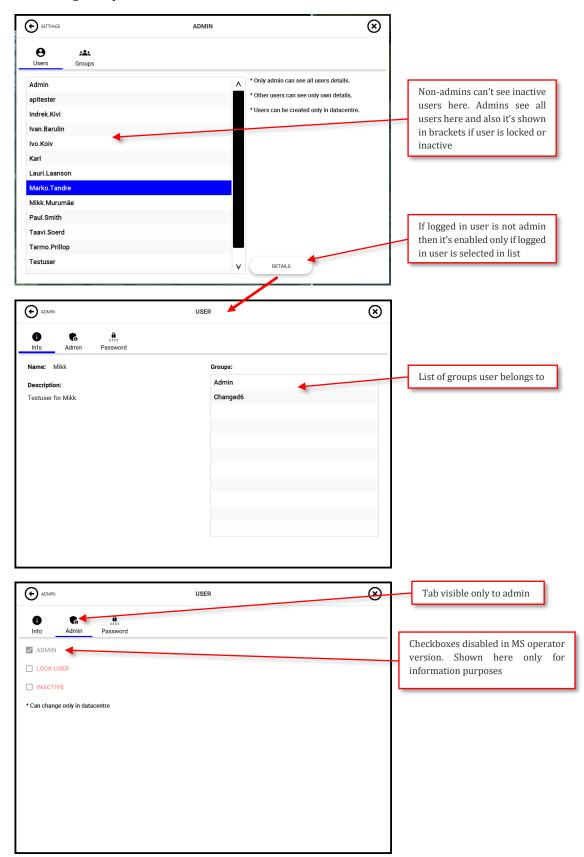
User management is done through the administration interface. Operator MS instance can only view user information and change the password. Other user management tasks are performed in the observer instance connected to a datacentre. This is done to ensure an upto-date user list as the operator might not have connection with the ground server thus avoiding conflicts in data. User list is visible to all users but user details can be only viewed by administrators and to the user themself.

User management can be opened from settings window under "Admin" button.



7.7.1.1 Operator administration interface

Operator administration interface allows the user to view users and groups information and change the password.





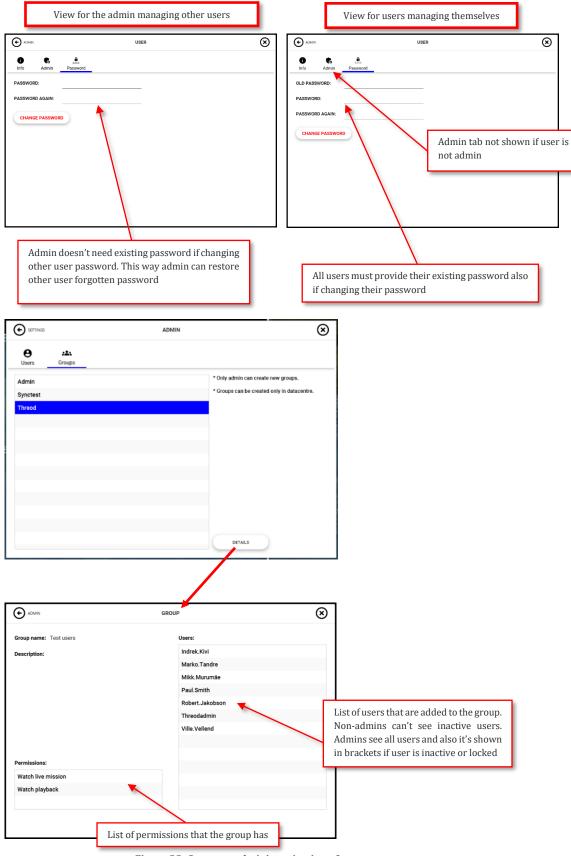


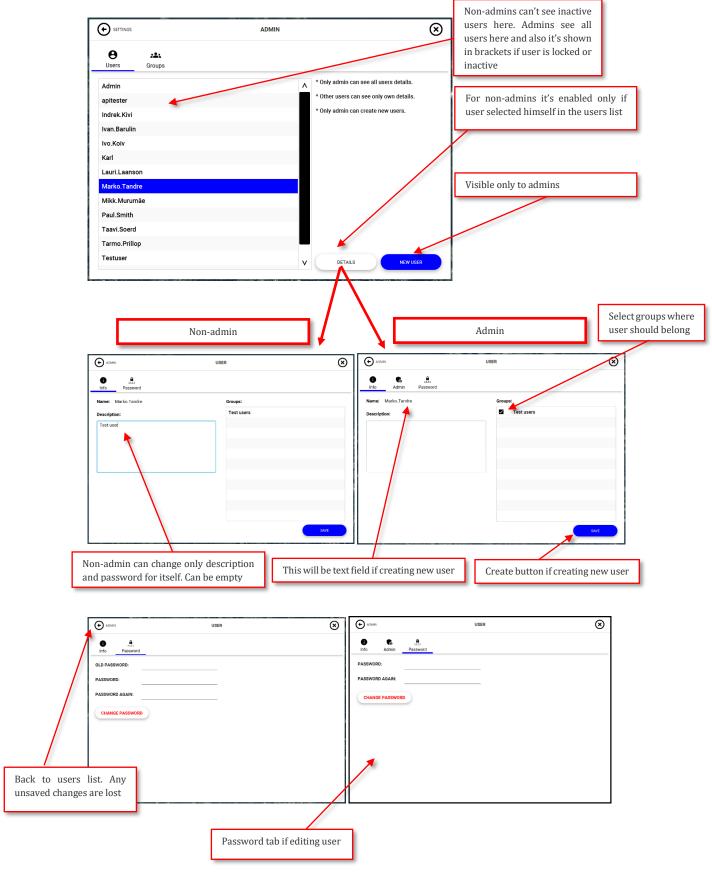
Figure 38: Operator administration interface

7.7.1.2 Observer administration interface

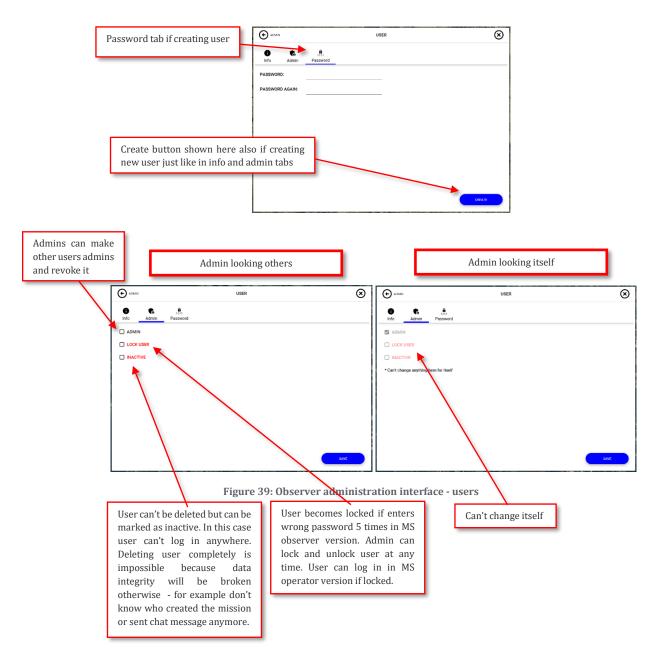
Observer (connected to datacentre) administration interface allows administrator account holders to manage users and groups. Non-administrators can see their own info, user list



and groups. Once a user is created it cannot be deleted to prevent un-associated mission items and data to be present. Instead of deleting a user it can be inactivated. Username can't be changed.

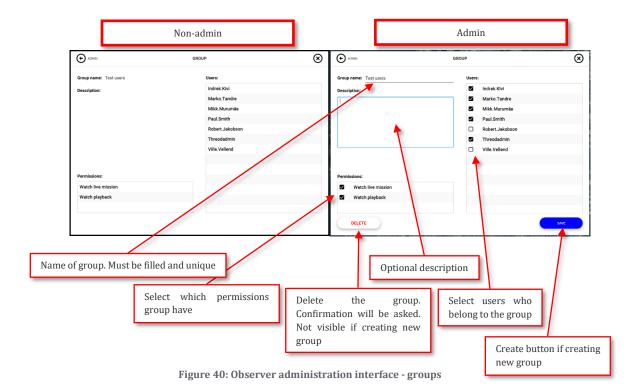






Access to missions is determined by group membership. To give a user access to a specific mission it must be a member of any group that is listed under a mission and the group must have permission(s). Group based access provides a quick way to manage different access policies.

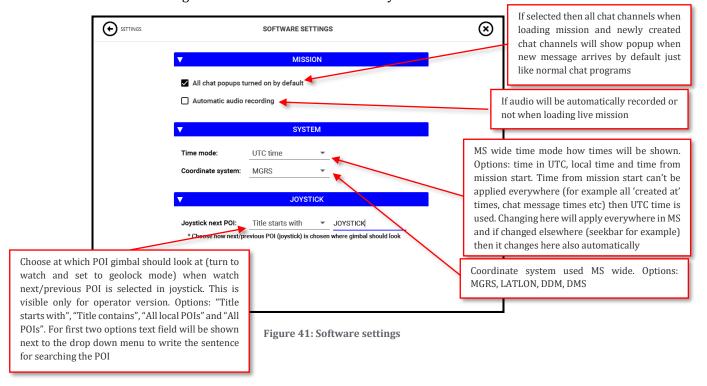






7.7.2 Software settings

Software settings are user based and stored locally.





7.7.3 Server info

Allows to see server info about how much free space is left on hard drive where server records mission data and approximately how long mission can be recorded with given free space. Additionally, server can be restarted when required in this tab if it's operator version.

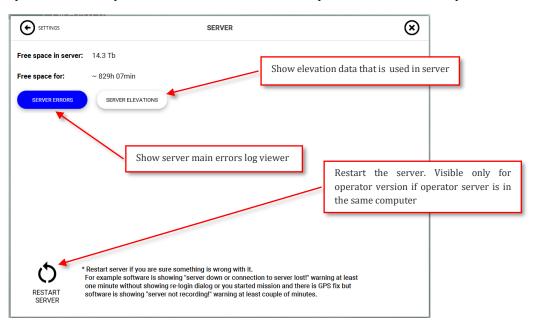


Figure 42: Server info



7.7.4 Server errors

Server main errors log viewer. Main purpose is help for administrators and developers if something doesn't work and can see what is failing and maybe why it's failing.

In the logs there is no sensitive data like passwords or usernames.

Can take out logs for certain date period and save it to file. This way if something doesn't work it's first place administrators or developers can debug what or why something is not working and decide if more precise logs are needed from server and/or MS.

Errors shown here are stored in database and these are duplicated in server own log files.

Deleting errors here will not delete errors from server own log file.

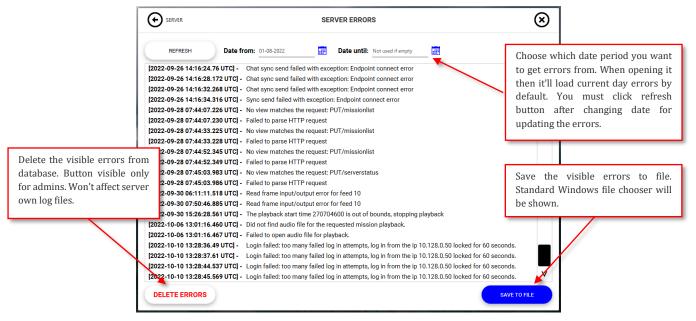


Figure 43: Server errors



7.7.5 Server elevation data

Displays list of elevation files installed and used in server for data calculations. With this information you know if data calculations (footprint for example) for current flight area are correct.

Server can be manually commanded to reload the elevation data files. Usually, it's not necessary as they are reloaded automatically when user logs in or a new live mission appears (create new in operator version or found new live mission after syncing in datacenter). It may be necessary if new elevation data was installed to the server in the middle of live mission especially for operator version.

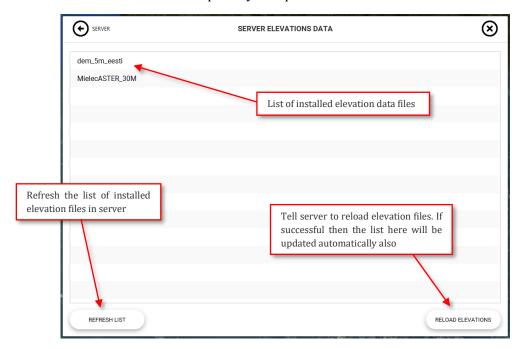


Figure 44: Server elevation data



7.7.6 About

About section contains current MS software version and changelog where you can track changes, added or removed functionalities and information about error corrections.

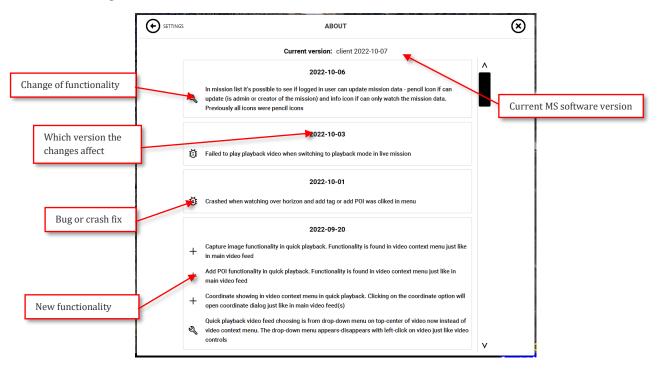


Figure 45: About



7.8 SEEK BAR

Seek bar is used to control video playback, extract clips, and navigate between recorded tags.

Seek bar is divided into two separate navigable bars. Lower bar is the main video timeline with a user adjustable zoom box. Zoom box width is adjustable from the two sides and it determines the start and end times for the upper zoom box timeline bar. Main video timeline also indicates the timestamps where tags are present with vertical lines.

Upper bar is the zoom box timeline. It allows for the fine seeking of video footage to a precise point in time regardless the overall video duration or window size. Tag icons are also highlighted on it and can be clicked on to toggle tag dialog visibility or double-click to navigate there quickly.

Seek bar provides buttons for seeking 15 seconds forwards or backwards and one button for play or pause the video.

Play/pause can be toggled with keyboard space key, rewind 15 seconds with keyboard left key and forward 15 seconds with keyboard right key. Keyboard keys can be used only if all dialogs are closed, or last click was on one of the main windows (where video or map is).

Video extract button will command the server to generate a video file that corresponds in duration to the zoom box and download it to user specified destination.

Left click on video will show/hide the seekbar.

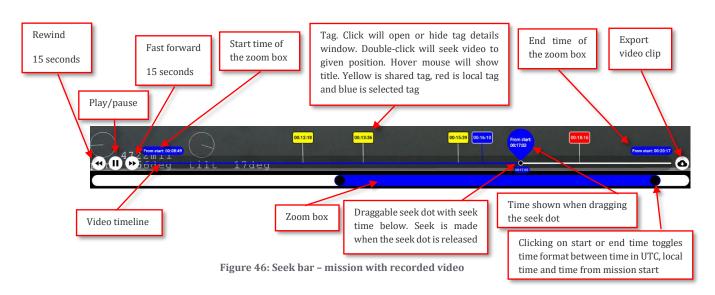




Figure 46: Seek bar - mission without recorded video



7.9 EXPORT VIDEO CLIP

Video clip exporting function sends the server video feed ID, a start and end timestamp based on the zoom box. The server generates a video file from chosen video feed which is then provided to the client.

You should set start of the video 10 seconds before seek position you want to see in exported clip as first couple of seconds might not be playing. Best is to play the exported file with Movies & TV app. VLC will not play the file. Windows Media Player seek will take time.

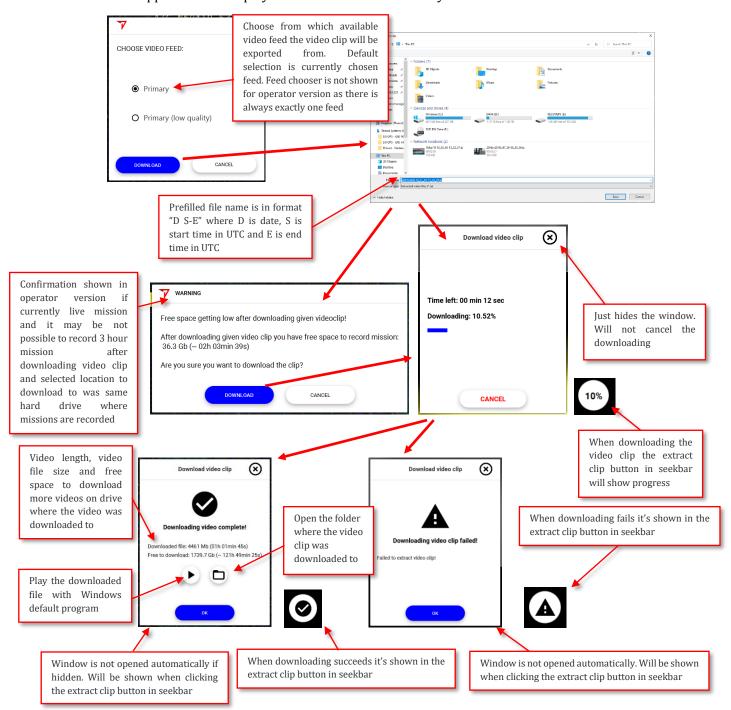


Figure 47: Export video clip flow



7.10 MOVING MAP DISPLAY

Moving map display displays the base maps and all geographical information. The moving map display consists of map layer such as imagery, topographic maps, elevation data, camera footprint, video on map, history, heatmap, tags, points of interest and aircraft position and heading indicator.

Map layers are controlled with map layer manager. Other functions and tools are accessed through a context menu which can be activated by a right click or touchscreen alternate directly on a map or map icons. Mouse left button drag will move the map and mouse right button drag will turn the map viewport to view it in different angle in 3D.

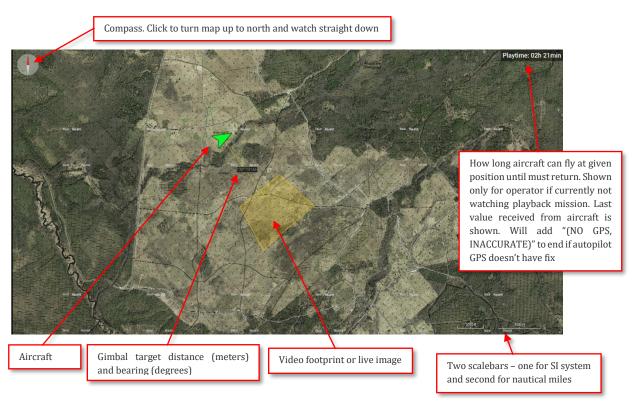


Figure 48: Moving map display



7.10.1 Map layer manager

Map layer manager provides the user with controls to show, hide and configure all available layers. Map layer manager can be opened from map context menu.

Imported layers can be either raster or vector layers, or WMS source imported to the mission software by the operator. All files except KML/KMZ files are copied internally and can be deleted after successful importing. KML/KMZ files are not copied, meaning they must not be deleted/renamed/moved but are automatically restored next MS start-up. KML/KMZ files are user-based meaning if one user imports it then other user who logs in and wants to see it also must import the same KML/KMZ also. Enabled states and order in list are not user based but for all users.

Importing layer from file can take long time. If there are multiple computers where I the same layer is required to be installed from file, then it can be imported once in one computer and then the generated folder can be copied manually over to other computers. To see the folder where the layer was imported Windows file explorer to must be set to show hidden files (view tab -> hidden items checkbox). Location where imported layers folders are is usually "C:\ProgramData\WorldWindInstalled". In some cases, it may be located under: "C:\ProgramData\Application Data\WorldWindInstalled".

WMS layers are shared with Threod GCS and are cached automatically for offline usage.

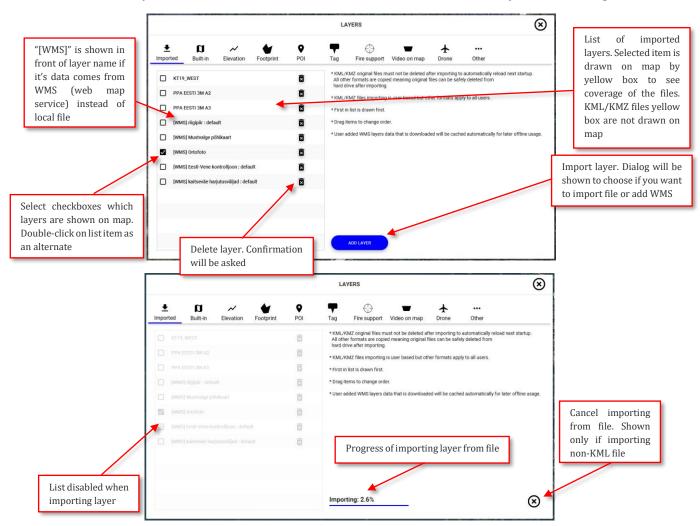


Figure 49: Map layer manager - imported layers

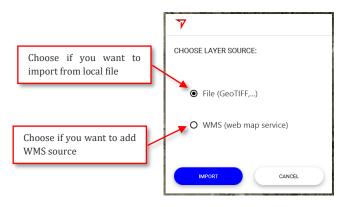


Figure 50: Import layer source dialog

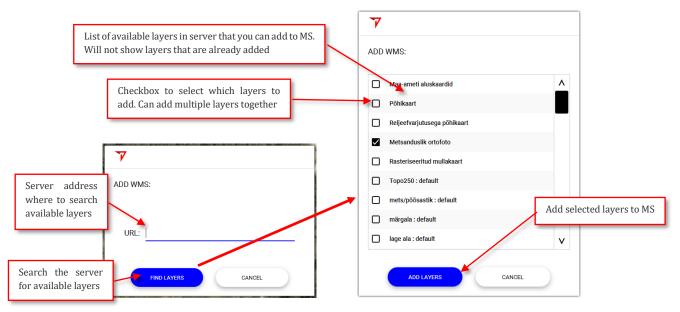


Figure 51: Add WMS layer dialog

Built-in layers are integrated into the mission software and may be enabled or disabled by the user. Drawing order of the built-in layers can't be changed by dragging and they cannot be deleted. Maps that are loaded will be cached automatically and can be shown when offline.

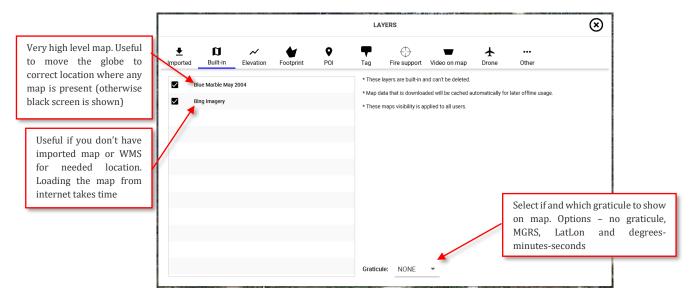


Figure 52: Map layer manager - built in layers



Elevation layers or DEM-s (digital elevation models) are imported to the mission software by the operator.

On the left list there is elevation data that is used by map to draw the map in 3D and on the right list there is elevation data that is used for coordinate and other calculations. The latter are used also by the server.

For the right-hand list (used for calculations), it is necessary to have the elevation GeoTIFF file stored in folder shown under the list. The folder is scanned only on MS startup, so changes made during runtime will not show before MS is restarted. For left-hand list (used to render the map in 3D) it is necessary to import it. As a note, importing can take long time and if performed once, the generated folder can be copied to other computers the same way as map layers.

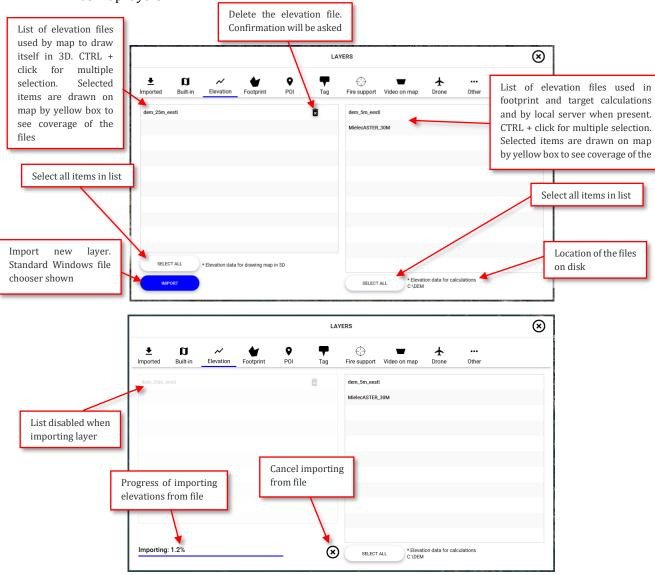
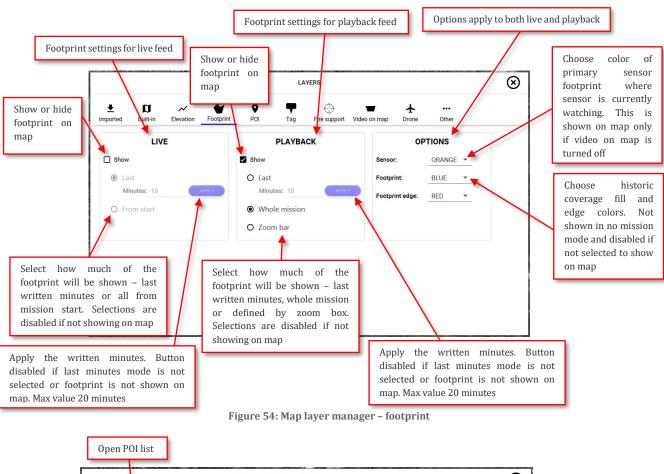


Figure 53: Map layer manager - elevation data



Footprint layer combines the instantaneous video footprints into a historic coverage overlay to visualize the observed area. Limited (MS operator version) or no settings (MS observer version) are shown if no mission is selected currently. Footprint is drawn for areas where the diagonal of the video footprint on map is equal or less than 2 kilometers.

NB: last minutes footprint type is reset when changing to other footprint type or deselecting "Show" checkbox.



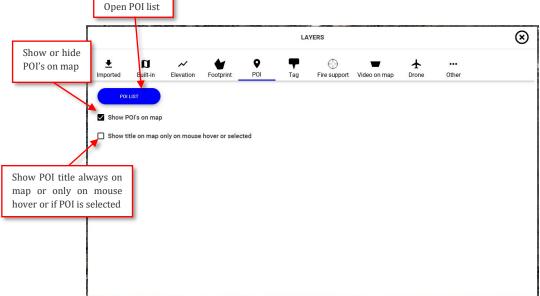


Figure 55: Map layer manager - point of interest

Tag settings are not shown if no mission is selected currently.

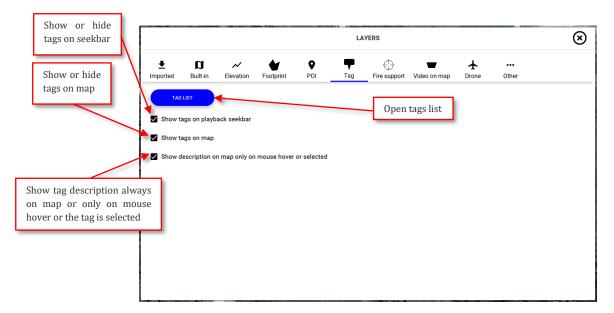


Figure 56: Map layer manager - tags

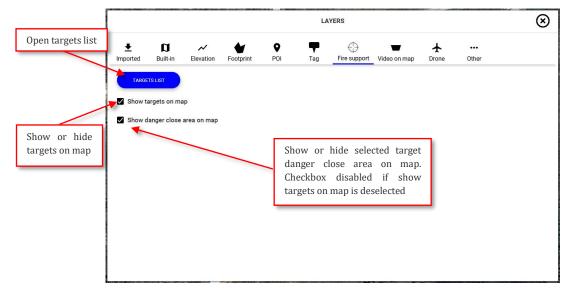


Figure 57: Map layer manager - fire support

Video on map layer shows live video feed on the map layer instead of the footprint. In MS observer version settings are not shown if no mission is selected currently.



Figure 58: Map layer manager - video on map

Drone tab is shown only for operator and if MS is configured to be used with Threod GCS. Pilot can send the mission route from Threod GCS to MS. Manual loiter info is taken from autopilot telemetry and is shown/hidden automatically. Route information is not preserved, meaning after MS restart pilot must send route again.

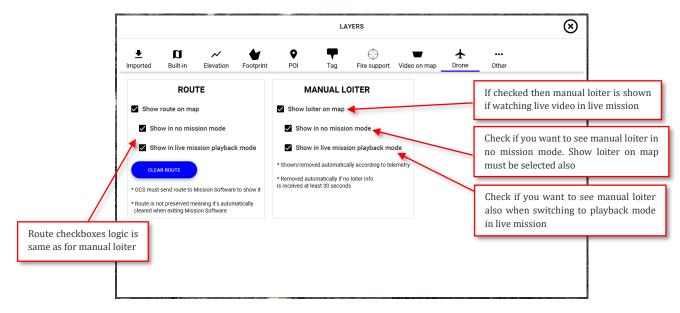


Figure 59: Map layer manager - drone

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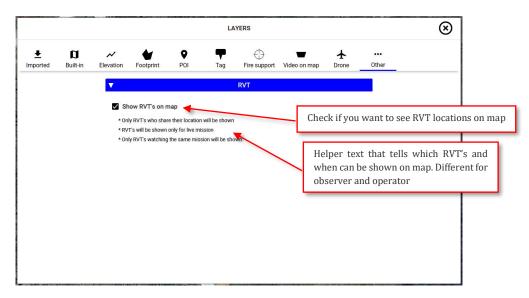


Figure 59: Map layer manager - other



7.10.2 Map context menu

Map context menu is displayed when the user right clicks or performs a touchscreen alternate on the map.

From the map context menu, the user can access map related functionality. Here is described default context menu. In some cases, there might be differences and those are described in relevant sections.

Coordinate and ground elevation of the clicked location. Elevation is from calculations elevation file(s) by default. If there is no calculations elevation file for given location then ground elevation is taken from map itself and "**" will be appended to end of altitude. If clicked then coordinate dialog will be opened to see coordinate in different coordinate systems and copy to clipboard

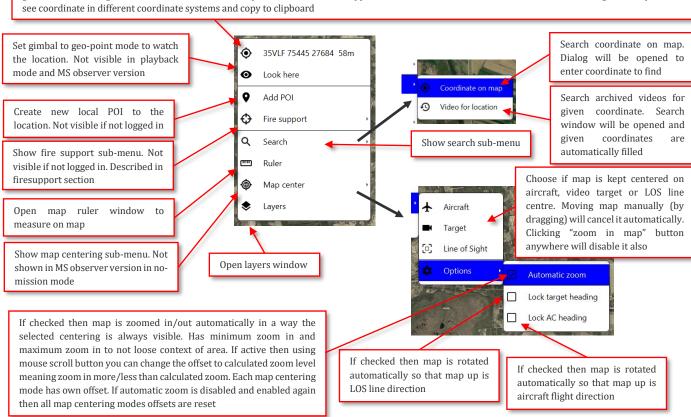


Figure 60: Map context menu

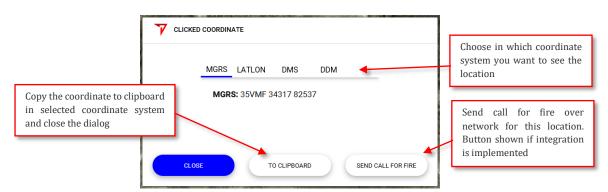


Figure 61: Clicked coordinate dialog



7.10.3 Searching for coordinate on map

Coordinates search tool allows the user to enter and convert known coordinates and indicate them on the map layer.

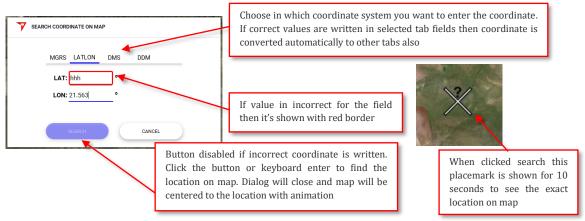


Figure 62: Search coordinate on map



7.10.4 Map measure tool

Map measure tool allows the user to measure lengths between two or more points and areas of polygons.

Map measure tool is accessible via the map context menu. Map measure tool settings are saved, and user based.

If map measure tool is open then no objects (tag, POI, target) can be selected on map so that it is easier to place measurement points near or on top of existing objects.

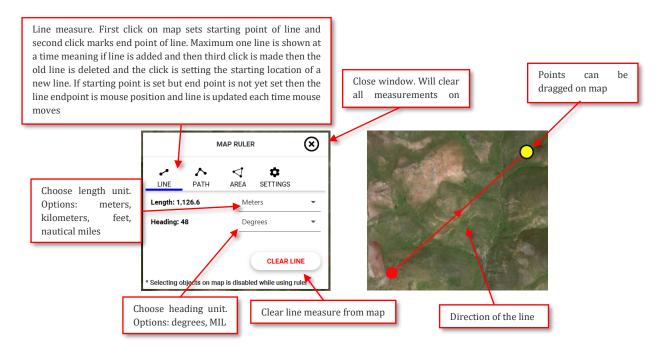


Figure 63: Measure tool - line

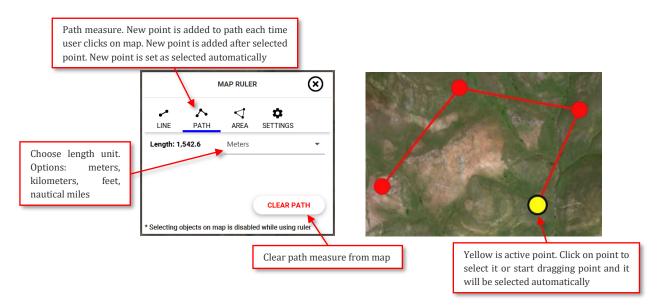


Figure 64: Measure tool - path



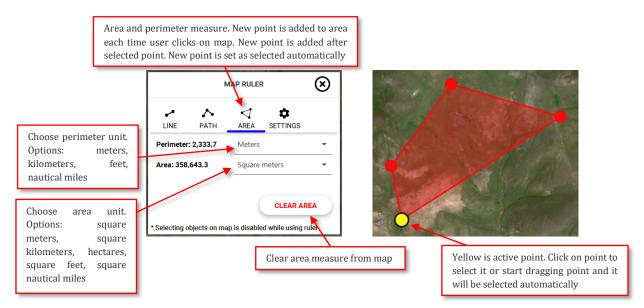


Figure 65: Measure tool - area

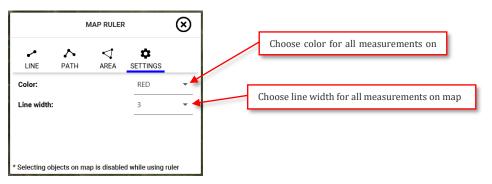


Figure 66: Measure tool - settings



7.10.5 Tags

Tags are references to a specific video timestamp and an associated snapshot image taken from video feed. Tags also contain the target coordinates of the gimbal at the point of capture. They can be thought of as bookmarks but with geographical information and optional description by user. Only creator of the tag can edit or delete tag.

Tags are on the video seek bar and represented on the map as an icon. Tags are always related to an ongoing or loaded mission and stored in the server or locally as part of mission data.

To create a tag, click the tag button on the button panel.

Map display provides a context menu when right clicking or using the touchscreen alternate on a tag icon. Tag will be selected automatically.

Tag images (that should be visible currently) which fail to download from server will be retried automatically every 20 seconds. Download fail may happen for example if servers sync the data and text part is synced but image syncing is not yet done or connection is bad.

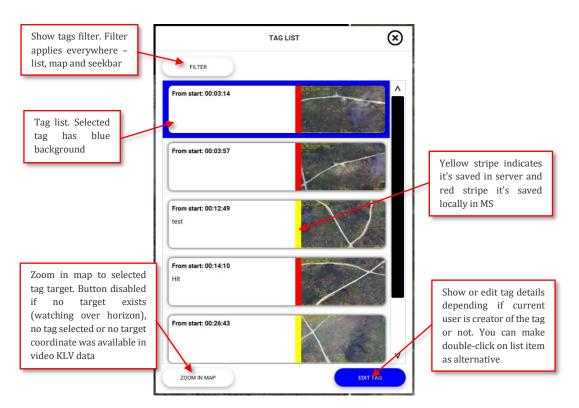


Figure 67: Tag list

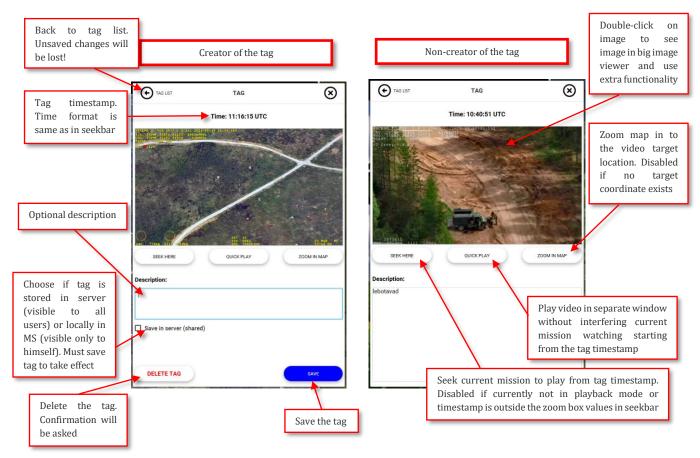


Figure 68: Tag details

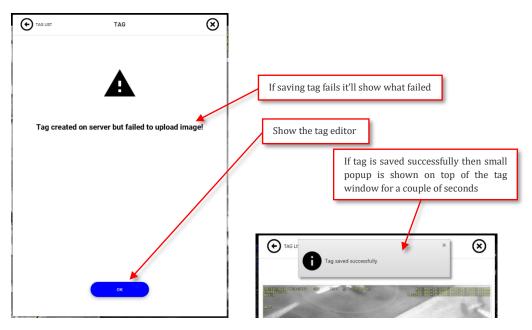


Figure 69: Tag save result

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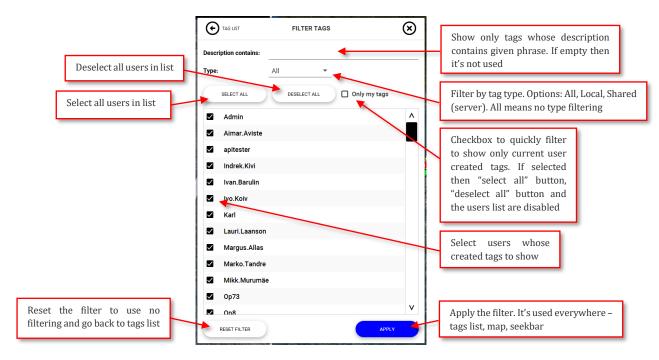


Figure 70: Filter tags

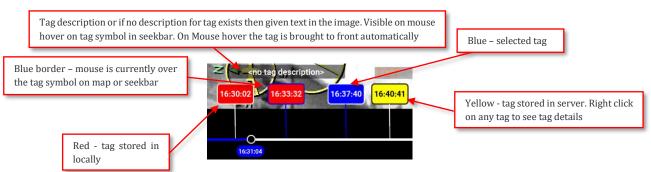
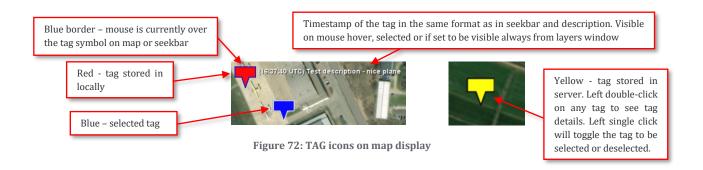


Figure 71: Tag icons on seekbar





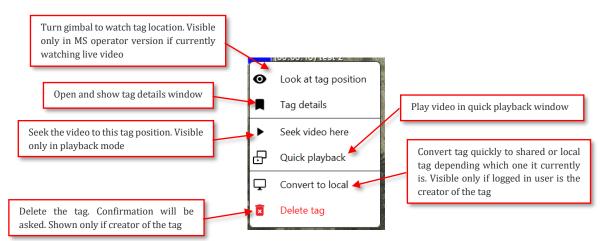


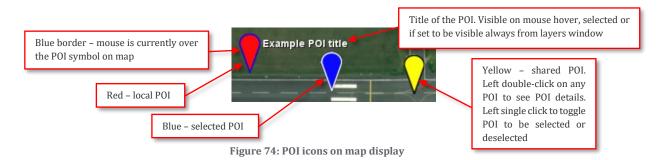
Figure 73: TAG context menu on map display



7.10.6 Points of interest

Point of interest is a local or shared coordinate with an optional title and description. POI is visible on the map as an icon with title, if present and enabled.

POI can be created by "Create POI" button or by map context menu (both described above).



Shared POI-s are stored in server. All clients authorized to access an ongoing mission can view these POI-s when monitoring the mission. Shared POI-s are the main method of pointing out targets and coordinating actions between multiple parties. Only creator of the POI can edit and delete given POI.

Local POI-s are stored only in the computer where MS is installed in. Local POI-s may be used as mission planning aids or for any other user specific purposes because local POI-s are not related to mission. When a POI is created using the button menu shortcut a local POI is created on the point of aim of the gimbal and placed on a map. Local POI-s are user-based meaning user will see only his/her created local POI-s.

7.10.6.1 Point of interest map context menu

POI context menu is opened by right clicking or using the touchscreen alternate on a POI icon. POI will be selected automatically.

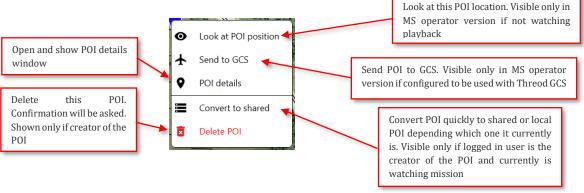


Figure 75: POI context menu



7.10.6.2 Point of interest list

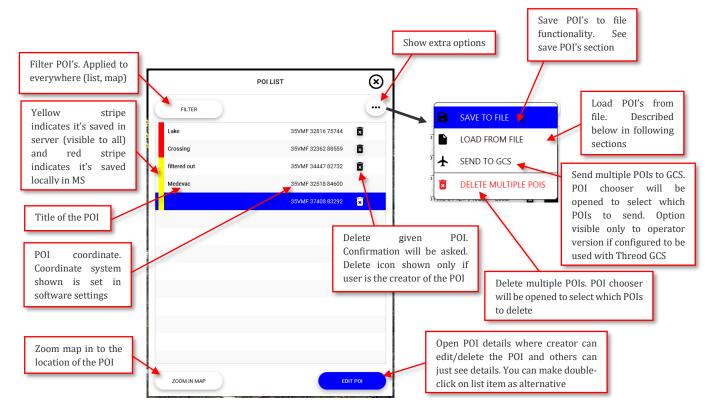


Figure 76: POI list



7.10.6.3 Point of Interest filter

POI filter dialog provides the means to display or hide POI-s according to their types or names to declutter the map and POI list.

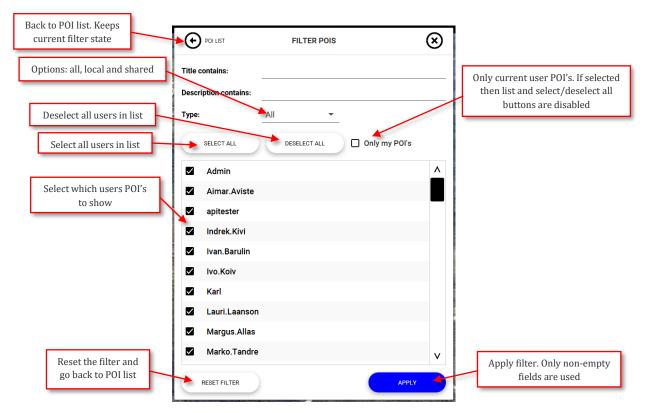
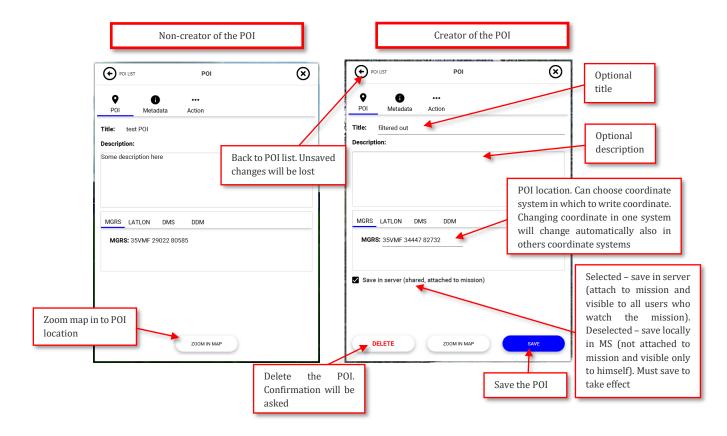


Figure 77: POI filter dialog



7.10.6.4 Point of Interest details/editor



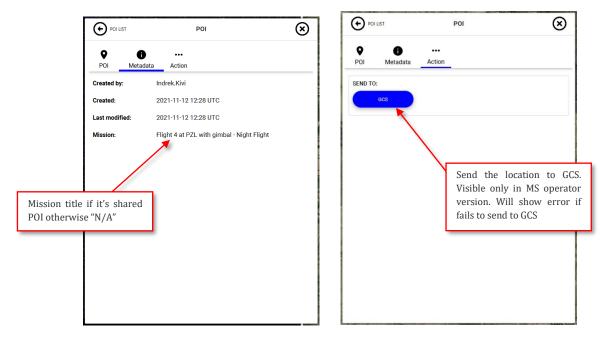


Figure 78: POI details



7.10.6.5 Loading POI-s from file

POI-s can be loaded from file which was previously saved. If currently not watching mission then all POI-s are local POI-s by default. If user is currently watching a mission then user can choose if the loaded POI-s will be local or shared.

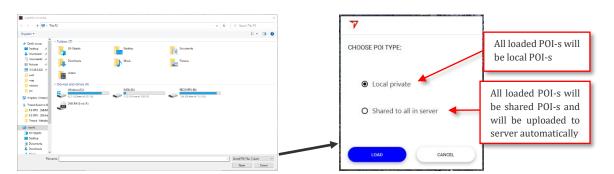


Figure 79: Load POI-s from file



7.10.6.6 Saving POI-s to file

POI-s can be saved to file (MS own format). When "Save POI's to file" option is clicked in the POI list extra options dialog then a dialog will be shown where you can choose if you want to save all currently visible POI's or choose which POI's to save. Standard Windows file save dialog will be shown if you choose to save all currently visible POI's.

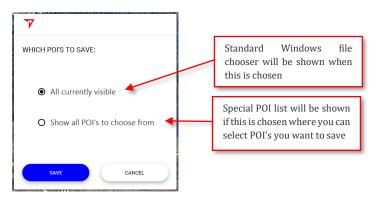


Figure 80: Save POI dialog

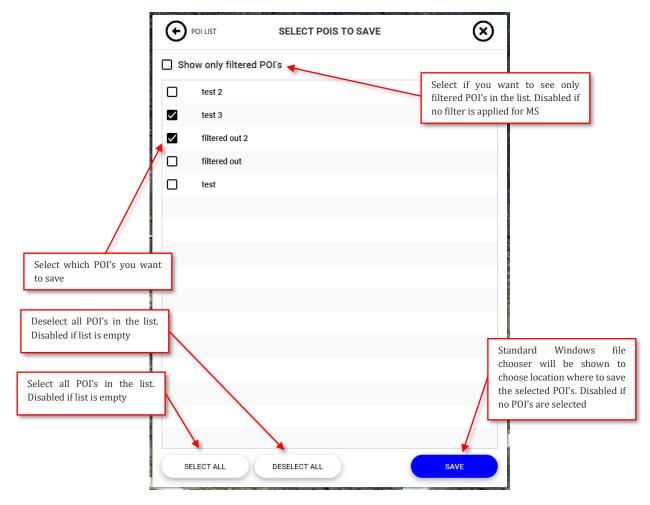


Figure 81: Save POI chooser



7.10.6.7 Deleting multiple POIs

When "Delete multiple POIs" option is clicked in POI list extra options dialog then POI chooser will be shown where you can select which POIs to delete. Only POIs created by logged in user are shown in the list because user can delete only POIs created by himself.

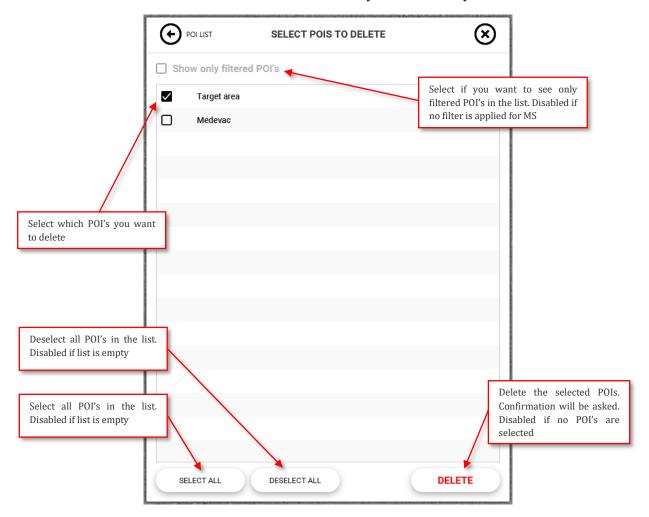


Figure 82: Delete multiple POI chooser

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7.10.7 RVT

RVT (Threod Android app) can send their locations to server and in this case MS can show the locations on map. MS operator version can see all RVT's connected to operator server regardless they watch mission or not and also RVT's connected to datacentre who watch same live mission. Observer version can see RVT's only if watching live mission and only these RVT's who are watching the same live mission. Both, operator and observer version, will remove RVT from map if RVT decides to not send location anymore.

RVT icon with user name who is logged in to server. If user hasn't sent new location for 2 minutes (closed app or no connection) it'll show also "(offline)" before username

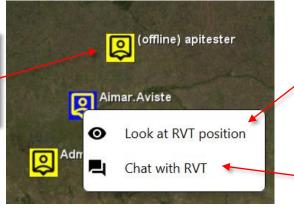


Figure 81: RVT on map

Turn gimbal to look at RVT position. Option shown only for operator version when watching live video

Open chat window and select channel which contains only logged in user and RVT user (one-to-one chat). If channel doesn't exists then it'll be created automatically. Will show error if RVT is not watching same mission



7.11 REPORTING

Reporting tool provides the means of compiling images, tags, map views and user provided comments to into a standardized format for exporting and sharing.

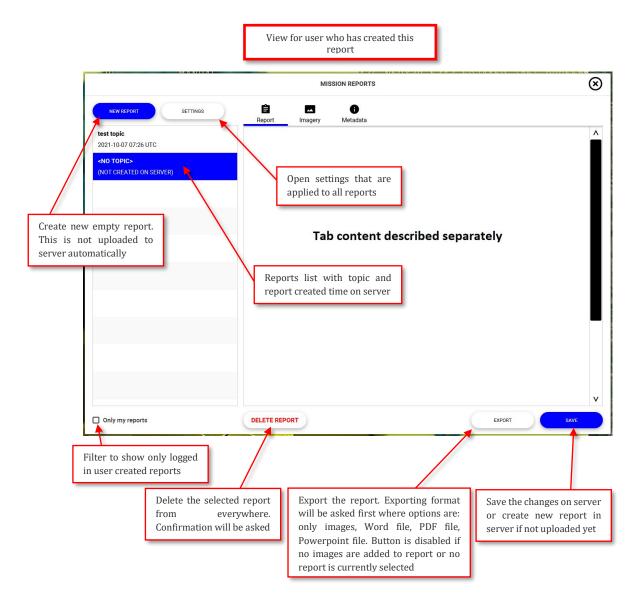
The main view for reporting tool presents a list of prepared reports and detailed view for the selected report. Every report has information tab, imagery tab and metadata tab.

Reports are part of a specific mission and thus stored in the database as mission items.

Every user can create a report and edit their own previously created reports. Other users can read prepared reports but not edit. If a user wants to modify a report compiled by anyone else but themselves, they can create a duplicate. This ensures that the reporter who created the report is the source of the information and no one else has tampered with it.

Reports are not saved locally but only in server meaning if report is created and not saved to server it'll be lost and unsaved changes in reports will be lost when exiting the MS.

Report images (that should be visible currently) which fail to download from server will be re-tried automatically every 20 seconds. Download fail may happen for example if servers sync the data and text part is synced but image syncing is not yet done or connection is bad.





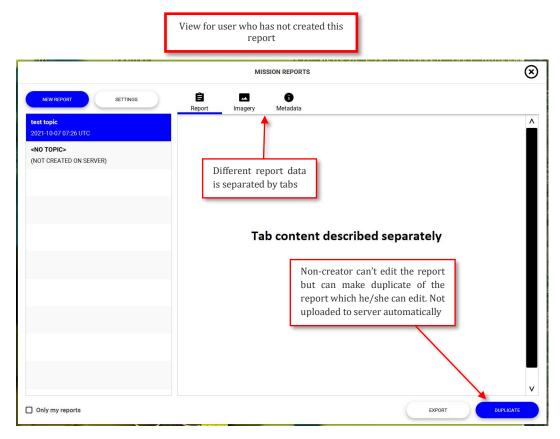


Figure 82: Reporting tool main view

Information tab allows the user to enter essential textual data for the report. The format of this information is designed according to guidelines from STANAG 2511.



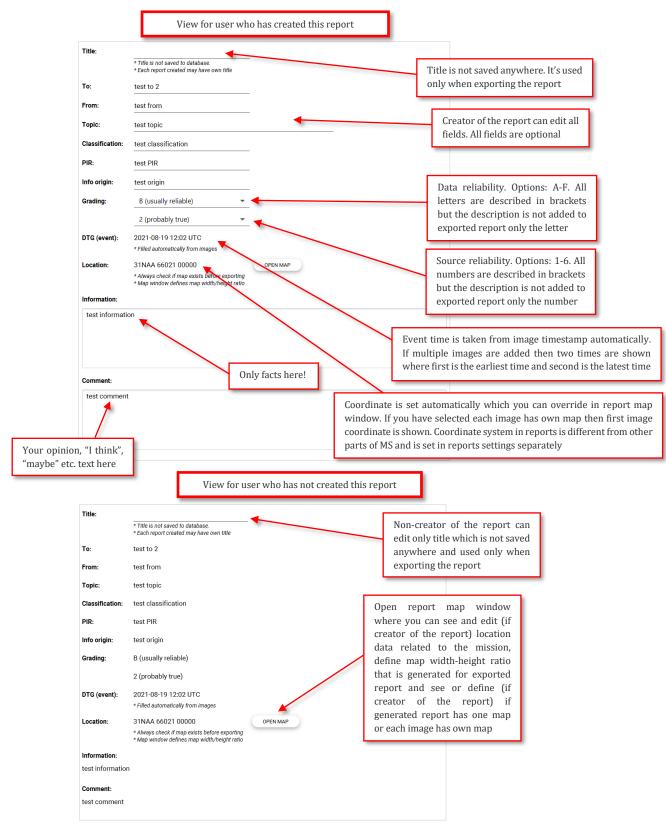


Figure 83: Reporting - info tab



Report map window allows to define if report is using single map for report, or all images have own maps. Correction to location(s) can be done if deemed neccessary. Report map is always looking down meaning can't be turned to 3D view what you can do with main map.

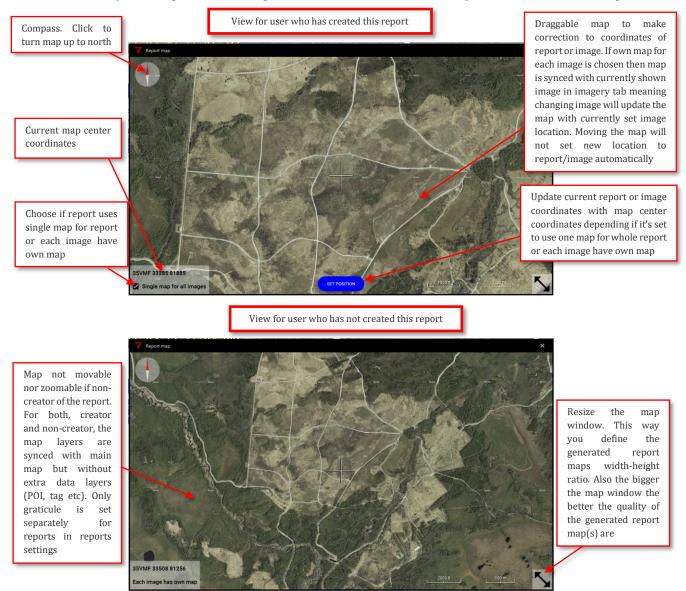


Figure 84: Report - map window

Imagery tab presents the list of tags and screenshots attached to the report. A report can contain multiple images.



Figure 85: Reporting - images tab



Images can be added to the report from the add images page shown in reports window. Both tags and local snapshots may be added. Tag description is set automatically as report image description.

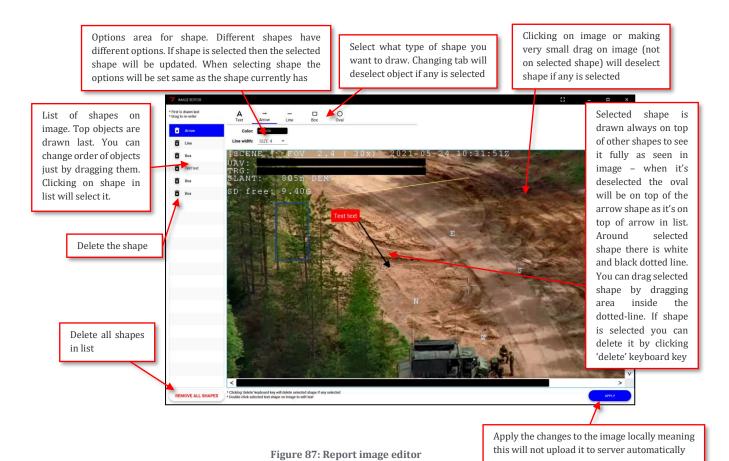


Figure 86: Reporting - add images



7.11.1 Report annotation

Users can annotate the image by adding shapes (arrows, boxes, text etc) for additional explanatory information. In server there is always the original image saved not annotated one. Only data how to redraw the shapes (annotations) is saved in server so it's possible to edit it later or from another computer. Image editor will show the image in full size always.



Adding new shape to image is done just by dragging its size on image (start dragging outside selected shape). All shapes have minimum size meaning if you want to add a new shape you must drag at least minimum amount.

If you add arrow shape, then the head of the arrow is placed in the release end.

Text shape size is different from other shapes - if you add text shape then the size of the shape will be the size of the text itself. When adding text shape, it's initial status is text edit mode where you write the text. Click 'enter' keyboard key to set the text to the shape and exit text edit mode. Click 'esc' keyboard key to cancel the text editing (if you changed the text, it'll be reverted back what it was before) and exit text edit mode. If you clear the text in text edit mode and click 'enter' keyboard key the shape will be deleted. If in text edit mode, you select another shape or change shape tab to another shape then the text you wrote will be set to the shape automatically. In text edit mode you can't start adding another shape by dragging on image.

Figure 88: Report image editor shapes

Reports can be exported to various formats for sharing outside of the MS.

Users can choose to export only the images, PDF or editable Word and PowerPoint files.

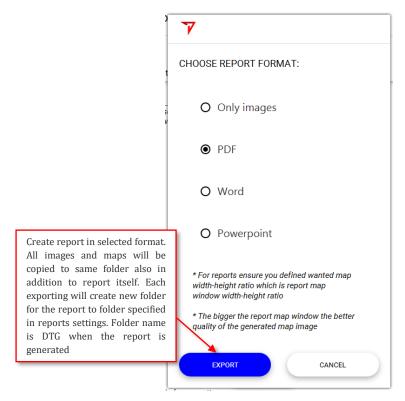


Figure 89: Reporting - export dialog

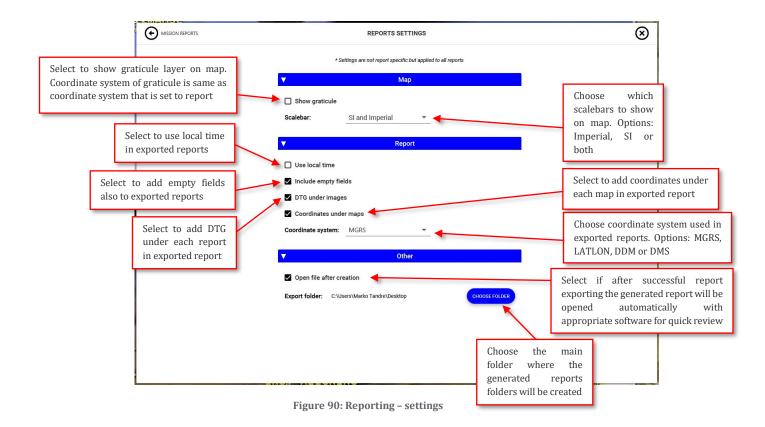


7.11.2 Report settings

Reporting settings provides the means for customizing the report according to user requirements. Report settings are applied to all generated reports and are not related to a specific report. This means if a report with different settings is necessary, the settings have to be modified between exporting the different reports.

All changes in settings are applied right-away and do not need separate saving/applying.

Map graticule layer and scalebar for report maps is configured separately from MS main map meaning changing it for MS main map doesn't change it for report map and vice versa.





7.12 QUICK PLAYBACK

A separate playback window provides the possibility to load clips from other missions or compare footage in main window.

This is useful when looking at a target and wanting to compare a historic view of the same area while still maintaining the live feed or playback position.

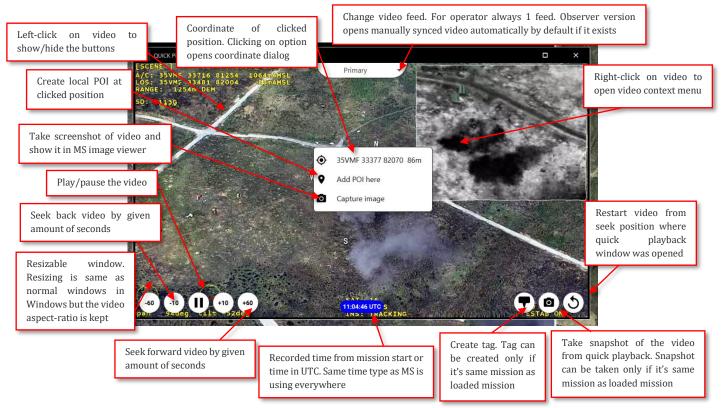


Figure 91: Quick playback



7.13 SEARCH

Search functionality allows the user to search videos, tags, reports, and POI-s from the collection of all archived missions in currently connected server or only from the loaded mission.

Search window is divided into groups: area, POI, tags, and reports. Special placemark is shown on map for location of area search, selected POI (in search result) and selected tag (in search result and if tag has coordinate meaning not watching over horizon etc).

Search is cleared when closing the window.



Figure 92: Search placemark

7.13.1 Searching videos by area

Videos can be searched by specifying a geographic location. This gives the user a way to search for a specific location that the video footprint has covered. When accessing the search window directly from the search button then last target coordinates are filled automatically. Server will return only results where footprint diagonal for primary feed is equal or less than 2km. This is to avoid getting too zoomed out results where it's too hard to see anything.

An alternate way to search videos by footprint is to use the map context menu and choose search in history or use the video context menu and choose search video for location. This action will open the search window with coordinates prefilled.

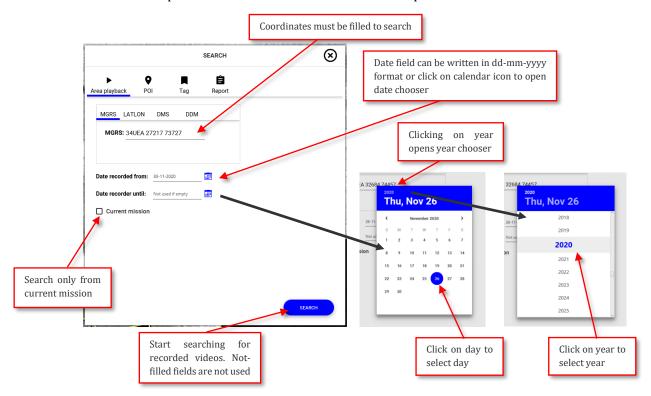


Figure 93: Search video by area



After clicking on the search button, a progress dialog box is shown. When searching from a large archive of missions an indication is shown that the search may take some time to complete.

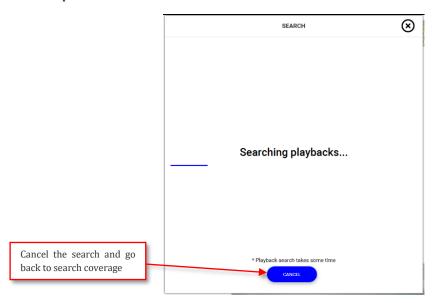


Figure 94: Search video by area progress

Upon successful completion of search a window with results is displayed.

User is presented with all corresponding timestamps that have been recorded where the gimbal target matches the coordinates specified and the total time on target for an uninterrupted time.

Search results can be sorted according to the recording time or duration on target.

If the results are for the loaded mission the video timeline can be sought directly to the beginning of the selected clip. If it's same mission and currently watching live video, then playback mode will be entered. Otherwise, other mission will be loaded and sought to the position.

In all cases the user can open the selected clip in a separate window for quick review.

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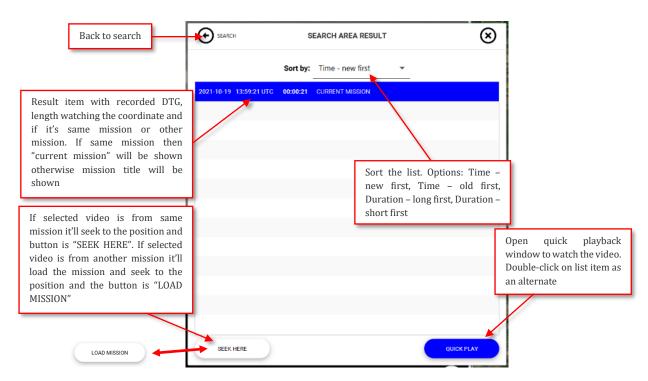


Figure 95: Search video by area results



7.13.2 Searching for points of interest

POI-s can be searched by title and description within specified creation time. Only the POI-s created by the user or by everyone can be specified in the search settings. Only the loaded mission or the entire set of archived missions in currently connected server can be searched. At least one checkbox or text field must be filled to search.

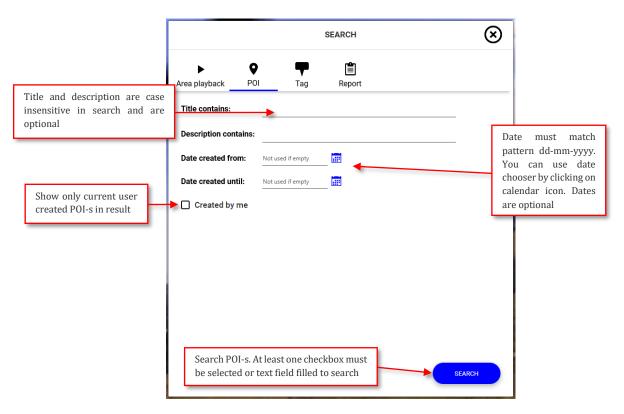


Figure 96: Search POI

Upon successful search the results window is presented with a list of POI-s. The user can centre and zoom the map to the selected POI or view its detailed description

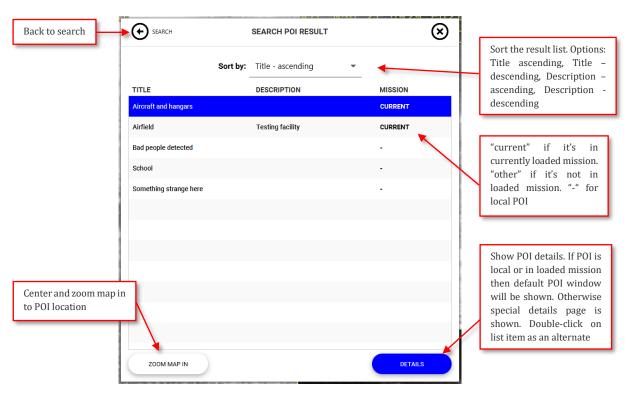


Figure 97: Search POI results

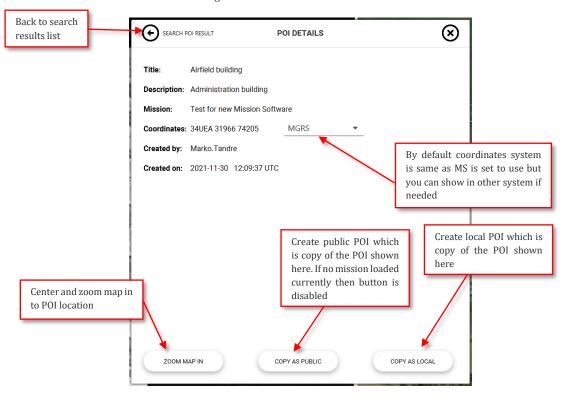


Figure 98: Search other mission POI details



7.13.3 Searching for tags

Tags can be searched by their description text and recorded time. Both tags created by the user, or someone else can be searched. Only the loaded mission or the set of all archived missions in currently connected server may be specified.

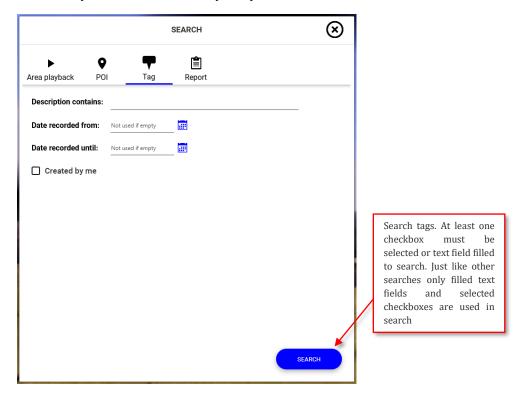


Figure 99: Search tags



Upon successful search a list of matching tags is presented to the user.

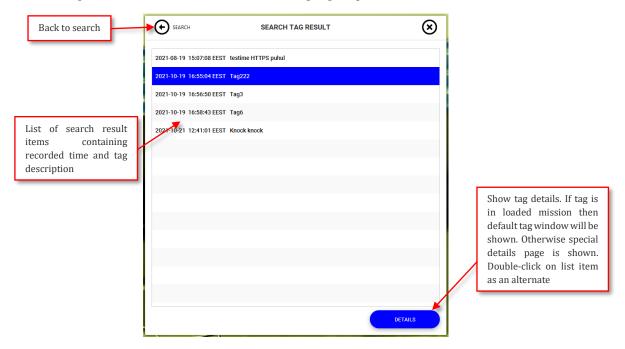


Figure 100: Search tags result



Figure 101: Search tags details



7.13.4 Searching for reports

Search reports allows the user to search for reports created by themselves or everyone in currently loaded or all archived missions in connected server.

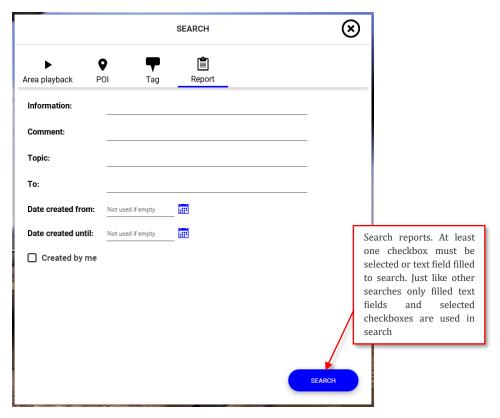


Figure 102: Search reports

Upon successful search a list of matching reports is presented to the user.

Selected reports can be opened in a separate report window described above in the report section.



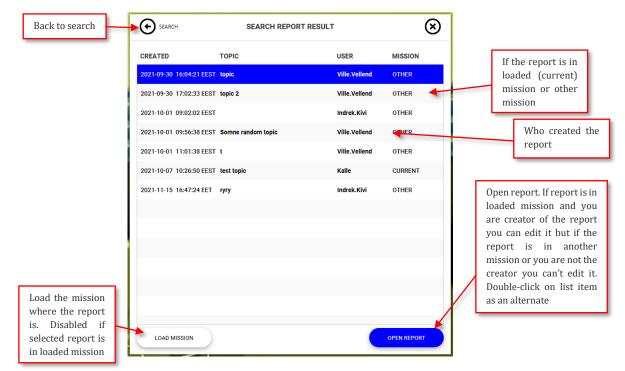


Figure 103: Search reports

Reports from other missions than currently loaded mission can't be edited. You can only export it.

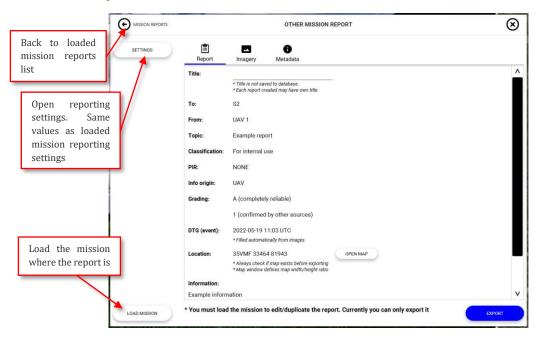


Figure 104: Report search - other mission report



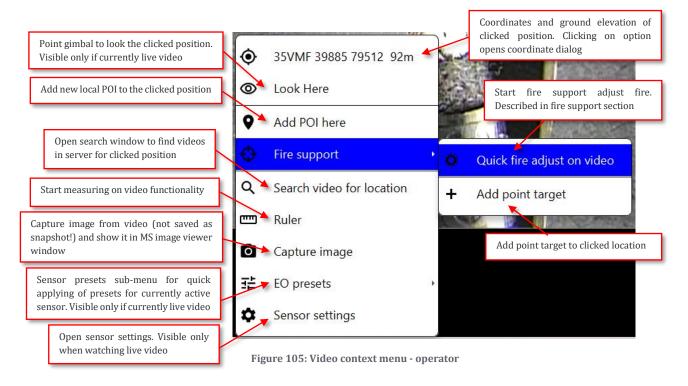
7.14 VIDEO DISPLAY

This section describes the functionality available for video display windows.

7.14.1 Video Context Menus

Context menus are accessed by right clicking or performing a touchscreen alternate on a video display.

7.14.1.1 Operator Video Display





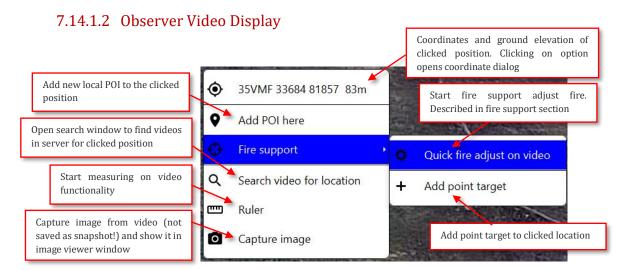


Figure 106: Video context menu - observer



7.14.2 Measure on video

Video measure tool allows the user to measure lines, paths, and areas directly on the video. The tool is accessed via the video context menu.

When measurement on the video is started then playback is paused and seekbar will be hidden or live video is frozen automatically. Changing the video feed (playback in MS observer version), switching between live and playback modes, and accessing video context menu is not possible while performing measurement on video. Also keyboard keys can't be used to control play/pause/rewind/forward the playback video during measurement

Closing the measure tool dialog will automatically clear all measurement lines on video and resume live or playback as it was before starting the measure on video.

Making measurements on video is exactly same as in MS image viewer window. Measuring is described in image viewer window section.



Figure 107: Video measure



7.15 GIMBAL CONTROL

Controlling gimbal functions, sensor and video output settings is accessible through the context menu by pressing right mouse button or performing touchscreen alternate push on the video.

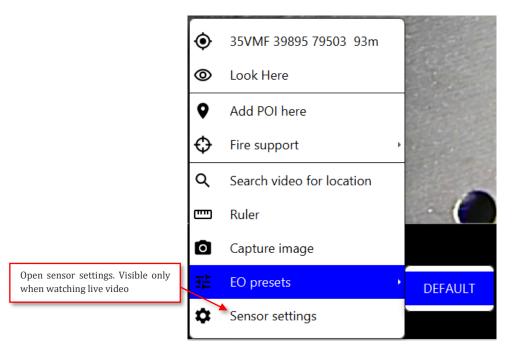


Figure 108: Video context menu - operator



Figure 109: Gimbal settings overview



7.15.1 Payload settings

Payload settings tab can be used to control high-level settings of operation.

Onboard recording can be enabled or disabled, together with an option to delete onboard recordings.

The inertial data source of the payload can be optionally switched between onboard and aircraft data. Also used constellations combinations can be selected based on operational area and conditions.

Fixed orientation modes (without gyro stabilization) can be selected using the provided buttons under the "Look" options.

Gimbal main operation modes are also selectable from the menu buttons. The only operational modes that are not selectable also from the hand controller are Launch and Stow positions.

When encountering issues with the payload, various internal components can be reset to restore their operation. User can reset the gimbal motion controller (BLDC), video processor, on-board INS.

There is additional selection to reset the drift cancellation. This may be necessary if too much constant motion is observed in pure gyro stabilisation mode with stationary gimbal. Performing this operation during flight is not advised as it can cause performance degradation in all operational modes, where gyro stabilisation is used,



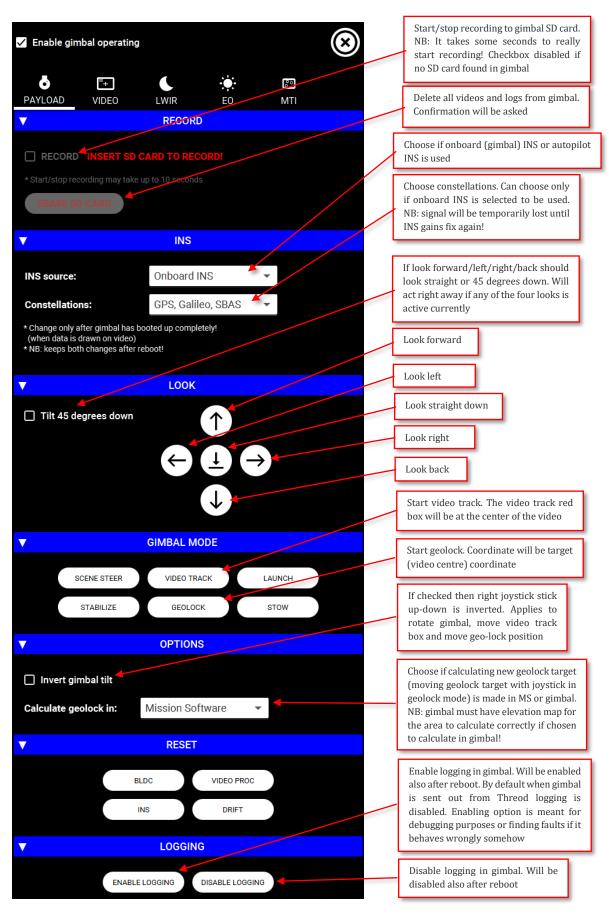


Figure 110: Payload settings



7.15.2 Video settings

In the video settings tab, user can control various options for the displayed image.

Picture-in-Picture can be enabled with specified location and size to show both sensor images at the same time. Switching between cameras with PiP enabled will select which camera is displayed as a main sensor and which is displayed as secondary.

On screen display can be enabled or disabled and the coordinate format shown can be selected from the provided options.

Additionally digital stabilization can be disabled, useful when looking through the propeller of the aircraft which can cause unwanted image movements.

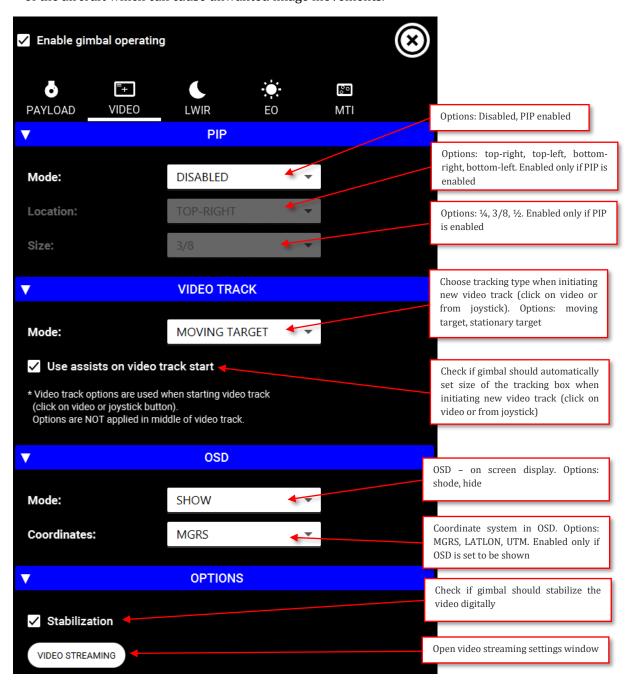


Figure 111: Video settings



7.15.3 Video streaming settings

Gimbal has two simultaneous video feeds with configurable options.

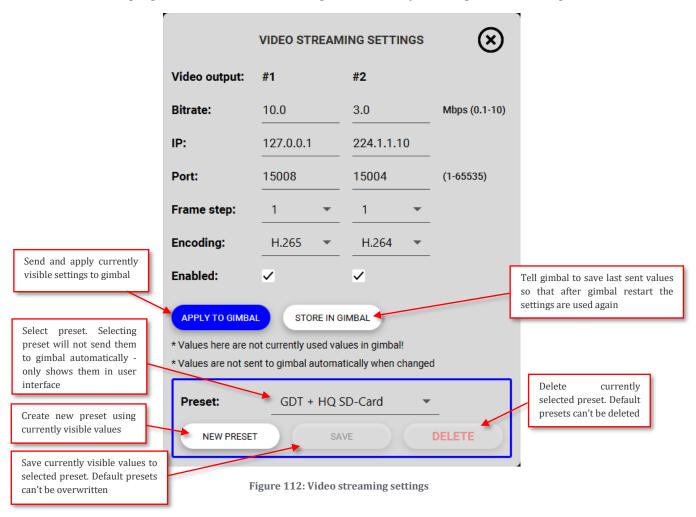
User can configure the data rate, destination and quality from the provided settings. As onboard recording uses the highest bitrate video stream available, changing the settings while recording is active, restarts the recording based on the new settings and redetermines the highest bitrate video stream to be used.

Caution must be taken as misconfiguration can cause no/bad video due to bandwidth limitation of the aircraft communication system and/or link distance. Also, one must make sure that the video streams are configured to different IP address/port combinations.

Values here are not updated from gimbal feedback.

User based pre-sets can be created and stored locally.

MS is configured to listen for 224.1.1.10:15004 as main video source and 224.1.1.40:15008 as backup video source. If configuration doesn't have neither source then MS and server can't show/record any video. For live feed in MS operator version MS shows "HQ" or "LQ" on top right corner of video indicating if it's currently showing main or backup feed.





7.15.4 MTI settings

The MTI settings window allows the user to enable and configure the moving target indication functionality.

User can select between different detection modes based on the task.

MTI settings can either be adjusted automatically, being only able to control the overall sensitivity. Other settings like the threshold of detection, and how many frames the object must be present in order to be detected can be enabled manually if automatic settings by sensitivity selection are not satisfactory.

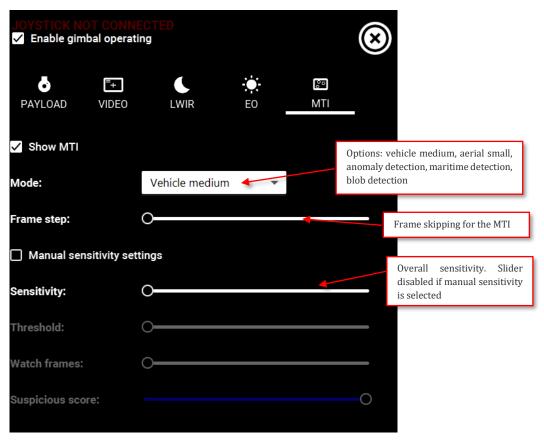


Figure 113: MTI settings



7.15.5 HDTV / EO camera settings

Provides settings for the HDTV EO camera. User can configure various image enhancements like CLAHE or defog, configure camera focus, exposure and colour settings.

Users can save different pre-sets of settings and recall them as needed.

Pre-sets are saved locally and are user based.



Figure 114: E0 settings



7.15.6 LWIR / thermal camera settings

Provides sensor settings for the LWIR camera.

User can select between different colour palettes; sensor gain with region of interest and various advanced settings

User based pre-sets can be created and stored locally.

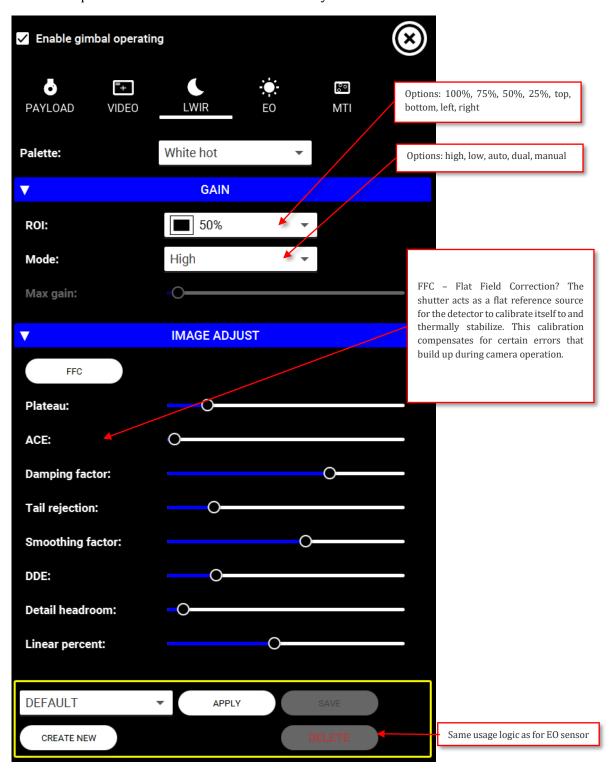


Figure 115: LWIR settings



7.16 IMAGE VIEWER

Image viewer is meant to see bigger tag, snapshot, and report images. Image viewer allows to save the images separately outside MS, add POI, and perform measuring from the images or video (screenshot from video is taken then).



Figure 116: Image viewer



7.16.1 Image measure tool

Image measure tool allows the user to measure lines, paths, and areas directly on the image. The tool is accessed via measure button in image viewer window.

Closing the measure tool dialog will automatically clear all measure lines on image.

Closing image viewer window will also close measure tool automatically.

7.16.1.1 Line measure

Line measure allows the user to measure distance and bearing between two points. The units of distance and angles can be specified from the drop-down menus. First click on video sets starting point of line and second click marks end point of line. Max one line is shown at a time meaning if line is added and then clicked on image again then the old line is deleted, and the click sets new start position of the line. Both, start point and end point, can be dragged on image. Point is not added to image with click and point is not moved when dragging if coordinate calculation fails (over the horizon for example).

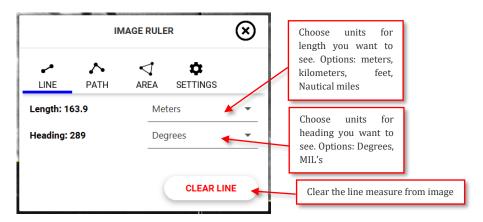


Figure 117: Image measure tool - line dialog

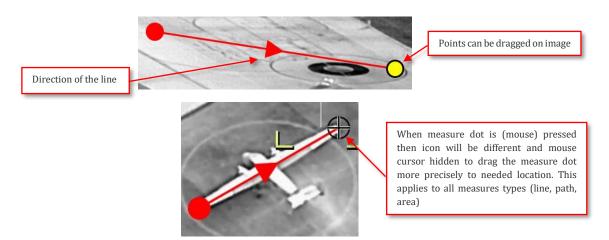


Figure 118: Image measure tool - line measure



7.16.1.2 Path measure

Path measure allows the user to measure distances along a path with multiple points. Units of distance can be specified from the drop-down menu. New point is added to path each time user clicks on image. New point is added after selected point. New point is set as selected automatically.

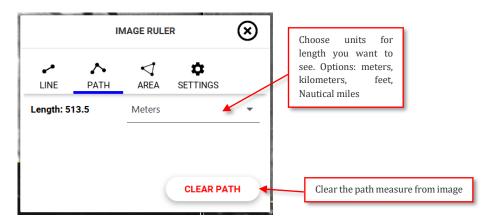


Figure 119: Image measure tool - path dialog

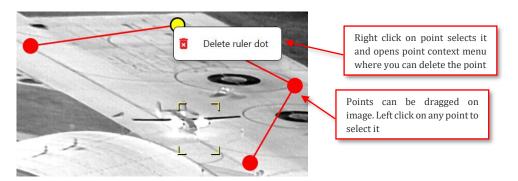


Figure 120: Image measure tool - path measure



7.16.1.3 Area measure

Area measure allows the user to measure polygonal areas. Units of area and perimeter can be specified from the drop-down menu. New point is added to polygon each time user clicks on image. New point is added after selected point. New point is set as selected automatically. Perimeter and area are not calculated until at least three points are added to image.

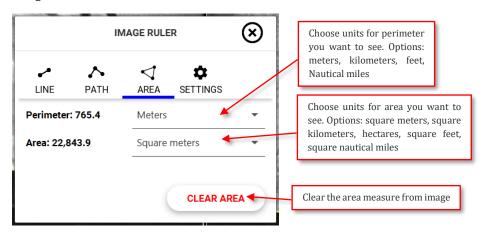


Figure 121: Image measure tool - area dialog

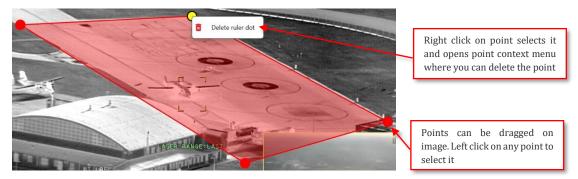


Figure 122: Image measure tool - area measure

7.16.1.4 Image Measure Settings

User can define line colors and line widths. Image measure settings are saved and user based. Colors and line widths are applied right away when changed and doesn't need saving separately.



Figure 123: Image measure tool - settings



7.17 FIRE SUPPORT

Fire support functionality provides the users a tool to assign targets for indirect fire units.

Main interface for the tool is the map where target icons are added. Targets may be added directly on the map from the map context menu.

Once a target icon has been added to the map, it can be used to build a call for fire text to read out or make fire adjustments.

Targets are saved locally and are user based but are not attached to any mission.



Figure 124: Fire support target icons

Selected targets are highlighted with the danger close radius if selected to show it in fire support tab in layers manager.

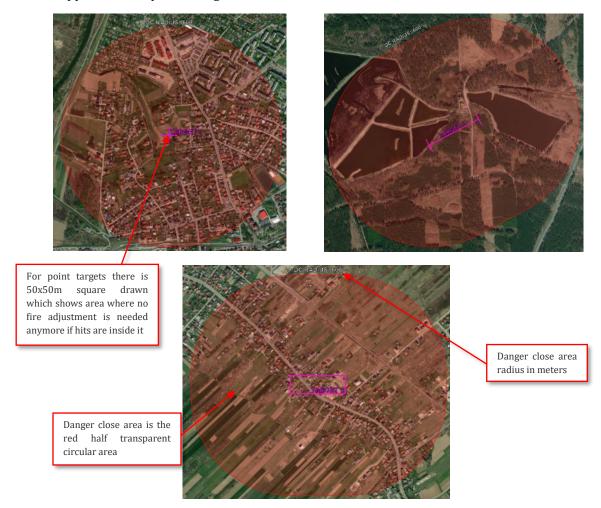


Figure 125: Fire support selected target icons



7.17.1 Fire support context menu

From map context menu you can added targets, open targets list and set hit points for adjusting fire.

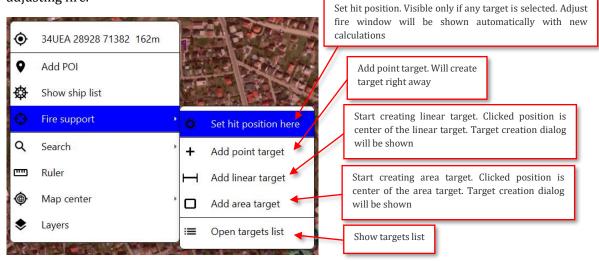


Figure 126: Map context menu - fire support sub menu

When adjusting fire, the map context menu is kept minimum in size. Other objects (POI, tag, ship) are not clickable.

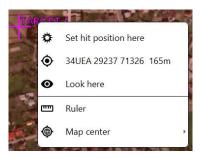


Figure 127: Map context menu - adjusting fire

Single left click on target name to select/deselect target. Left double-click on target name to open target details. Right click on target name to open target context menu. Target context menu instead of default map context menu is shown and selecting is active only if currently is not shown any of following dialogs: adjust fire, call for fire, read call for fire.



Figure 128: Target context menu



7.17.2 Creating target

7.17.2.1 Creating target manually

Creating targets manually is useful for targets which coordinates are known. Temporary red target is drawn on map if target centre coordinate is correct and target size (linear and area targets) are correct values.

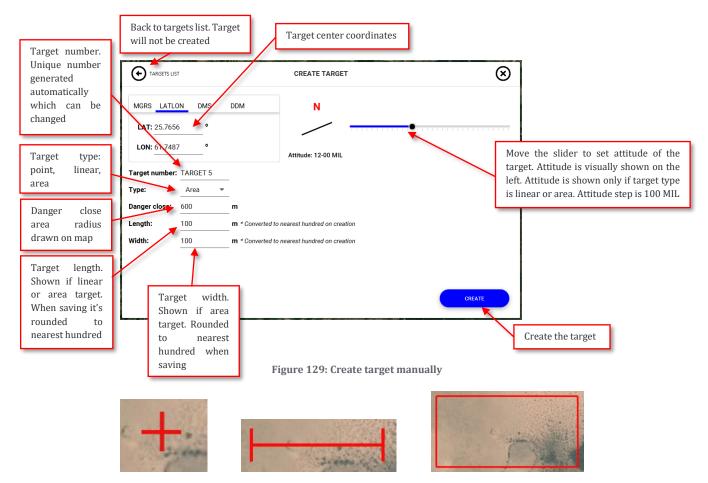


Figure 130: Create target manually - temporary targets on map



7.17.2.2 Creating target on map

Creating targets on map is possible through map context menu fire support sub-menu. When point target is chosen the target is created right away. If Linear target or area target is chosen, then target parameters dialog will be shown where to define attitude and size of the target. Temporary target in red colour without target name is drawn on map to see it on map when changing the target parameters in the dialog. Clicked position is target center.

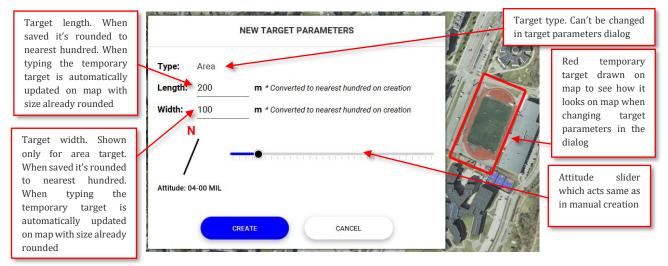


Figure 131: Create target on map - dialog

7.17.3 Editing target

Targets can be edited later and it's visually same as creating target manually. Difference from target creation is you can delete, start call for fire creation, zoom in map and create button is replaced with save button. When target editor is shown then red temporary target with values from the editor is shown in addition to the target with currently saved values to see the changes visually on map.

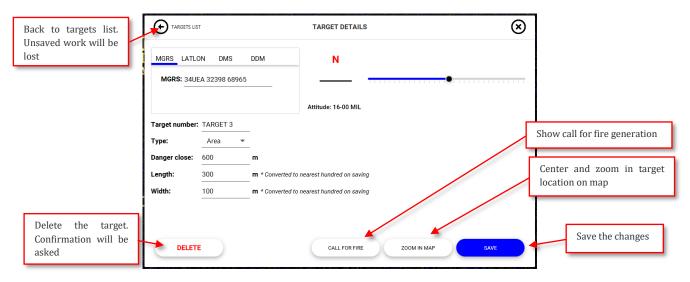


Figure 132: Edit target



Figure 133: Edit target icons on map



7.17.4 Target list

Targets list can be opened from map context menu fire support sub-menu, layers manager window fire support tab and clicking back in target details.

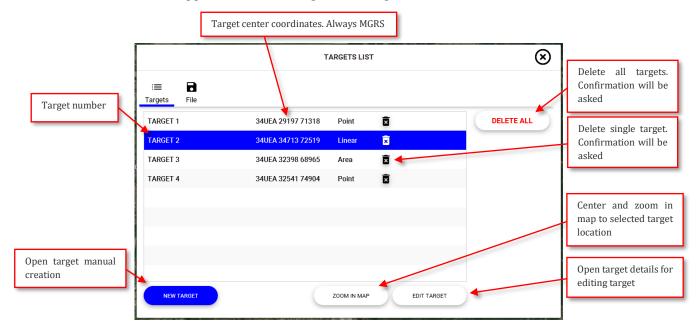


Figure 134: Fire support target list

7.17.5 Save-load targets

All targets can be saved to file and loaded from file. Standard Windows file chooser window will be shown.

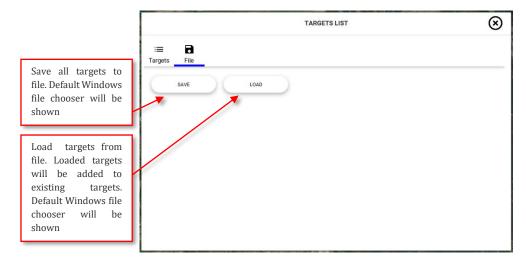


Figure 135: Save-load fire support targets



7.17.6 Call for fire

To start generating the call of fire, right click on the target icon and choose call for fire or click call for fire button in target details dialog.

To generate call for fire text for reading out call sign fields and target description must be filled. Call signs are attached to given target until new call for fire text is generated for the target. Call signs are used also in adjusting fire text.

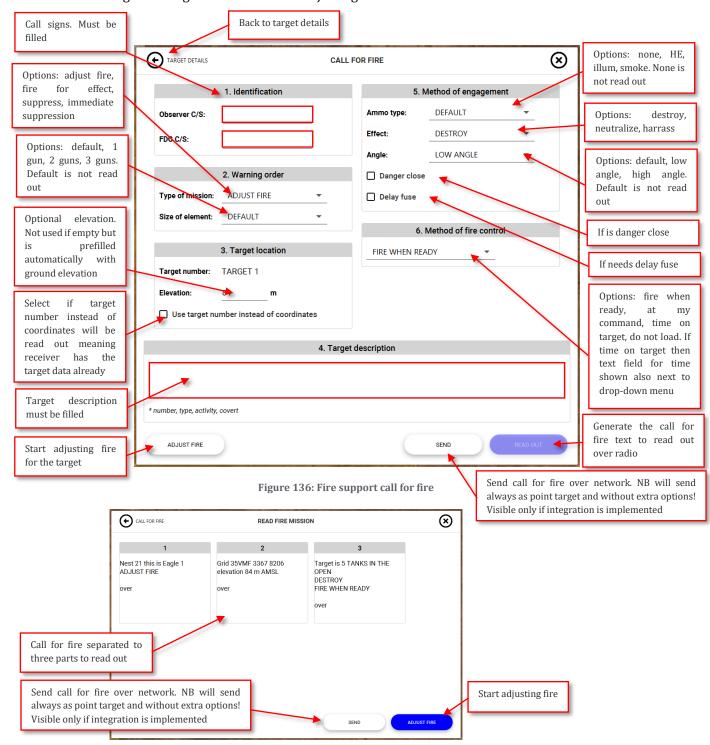


Figure 137: Read out call for fire



7.17.7 Adjust fire

To generate fire adjustments, right click on the target icon and choose adjust fire, click adjust fire in call for fire read dialog, click set hit position on map context menu (will add hit position then) or click adjust fire on video or quick fire adjust on video in video context menu. All but the first and last options need target to be selected beforehand. Crosshair is shown in map centre when adjusting fire if target is selected. When adjusting fire, no object (tag, POI, target) context menu is accessible to be able to set hit position near/on top of the object meaning the adjust fire map context menu is shown with right click on map regardless what's under the click position. If quick adjust fire on video is used then only targets can't be selected.

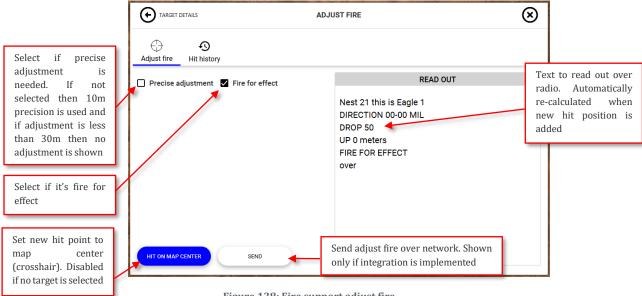


Figure 138: Fire support adjust fire

When hit history tab is selected then instead of last hit position selected hit positions are shown on map. Selecting adjust fire tab will show only last hit position again. If quick adjust fire on video is used (no target selected) then hit history list is empty and buttons disabled.

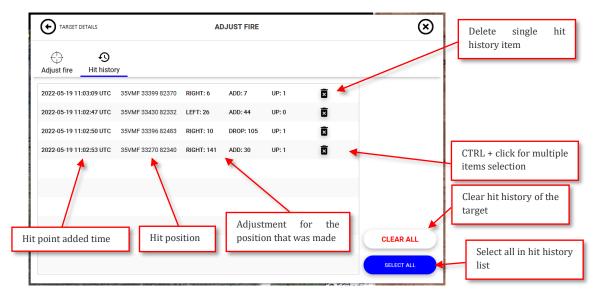


Figure 139: Fire support target hit points history

Hit point(s) on map are red crosses. When adjusting fire also virtual observer position is shown which is always 32-00 MIL from the target. If target is selected then virtual observer



is shown always. If no target is selected when adjusting fire (quick fire adjust on video) then virtual observer is shown only if hit and target positions both are set on video.



Figure 140: Fire support adjust fire icons on a map



7.17.7.1 Adjust fire on map

Adjusting fire on map is just choosing "Set hit position here" option on map context menu or clicking "Hit on map center" button in adjust fire window if currently adjusting fire. If currently not adjusting fire and target is selected, then choosing "Set hit position here" option in fire support sub-menu in map context menu. If adjust fire window is not open then it will be opened automatically. Hit point can't be set on map if quick adjust fire on video is used.

7.17.7.2 Adjust fire on video

Adjust fire on video can be started from video context menu choosing "Adjust fire on video" option or "Quick fire adjust on video" option depending if target is selected on map or not. Video will be frozen (live feed) or paused (playback) automatically and controls will be hidden. To set hit point you must perform two clicks on video where first click is setting target on video and second click is setting the hit position on video. Clicks are marked on video. After the two clicks you can make another two clicks right away for adding new hit position. When the two clicks are made then the hit position is added to map and new adjusting values will be calculated automatically. If adjust fire window is not opened then it'll be opened automatically. On bottom-centre of the video there is shown what (target or hit) is next click and you can end the adjust fire on video there. If you close the adjust fire window then adjust fire on video will be ended also automatically. When adjust fire on video is ended then previous video state (controls showing, resume live feed or playback).

If adjust fire on video is active, then keyboard keys can't be used to play/pause/rewind/forward the playback video.



Figure 141: Adjust fire on video



7.18 TEXT CHAT

Text chat allows all users connected to a live or archived mission to send and receive chat messages. Channels can be created, and users added. Users can't be removed from channel once added. Chat messages are stored in the database as mission items and all received messages are shown all the time during playback regardless seek position.

Text chat window can be opened by clicking on the chat button on the main toolbar.

To add a new channel, click on the new channel button.

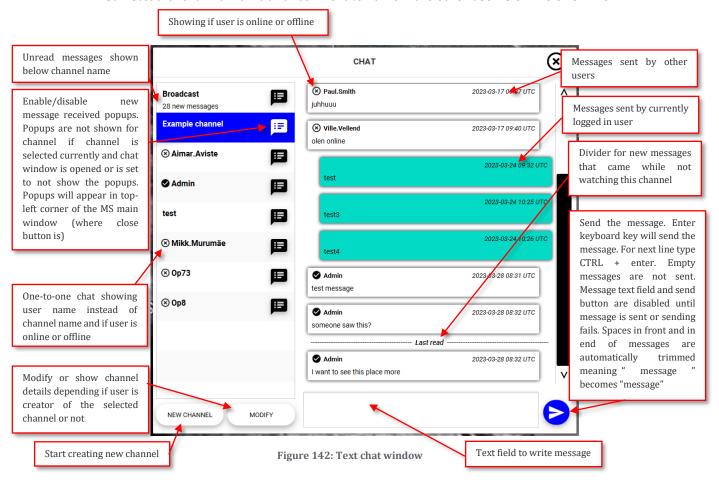
To change the channel name or add users click on the modify button. Only channel creator can modify channel. Others can only see the details of the channel (users list added to channel).

Channels can't be deleted.

User can see only channels where it's added to.

Broadcast channel is always present and cannot be modified as it includes all the users that have permission to access the mission.

Channel with only two users is considered as one-to-one chat. Other user name is shown in list instead of channel name and icon next to name if the other user is online or offline.





In create/modify channel dialog the user can assign or change the visible name of the channel. Users can be added when creating or editing a channel. Users can't be removed from channel.

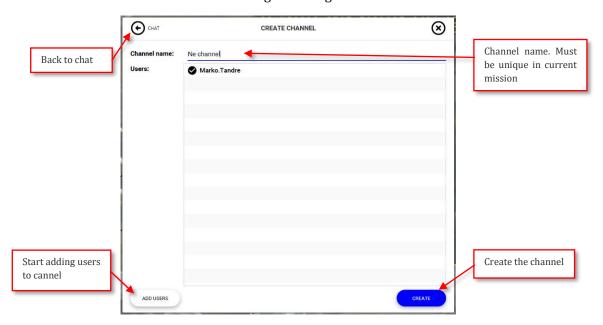


Figure 143: Create text chat channel

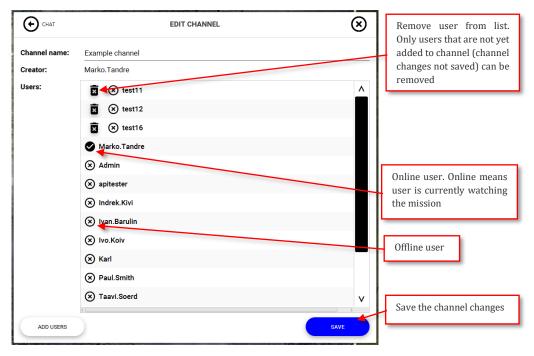


Figure 144: Edit text chat channel



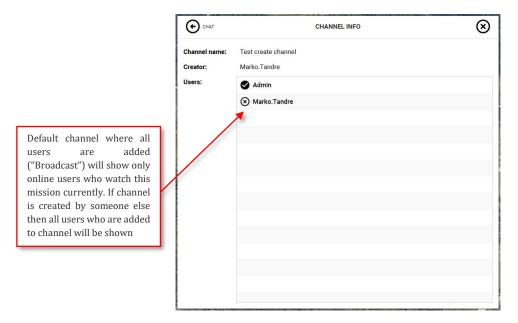


Figure 145: Show text chat channel details

Add user dialog shows all the users that have permission to access the mission. Search box can be used to find specific users when the list is large.

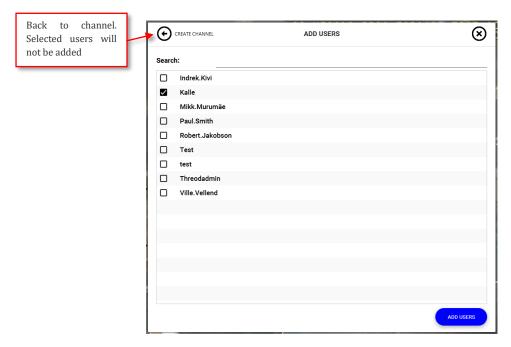


Figure 146: Text chat add user to channel



7.19 AUDIO CHAT

Audio chat allows all users connected to an ongoing live mission to communicate using voice.

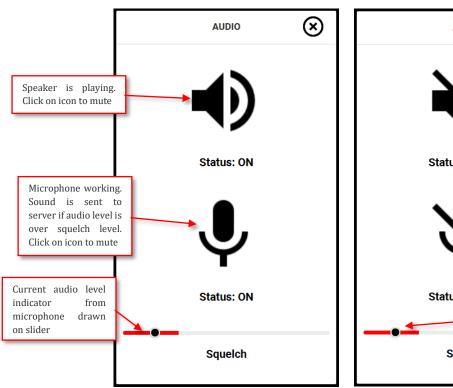
Audio chat uses the computer sound card to capture microphone input and play back the received audio. Audio chat control opens from the main menu audio button. All voice communication is sent to the server and recorded for playback.

Audio chat control dialog allows the user to mute the incoming audio (other people speaking) and to mute the microphone (stop broadcasting audio out).

MS will listen for microphone input when watching live mission but sends it to server only if it's set to be recorded and audio level is over squelch level. By default audio is not sent to server when entering live mission but can be set to be enabled automatically when loading live mission in software settings page under settings window.

Live mission will play always live audio even when switched temporarily to playback mode. Playback audio is played only for non-live mission.

NB: audio is recorded in server only if server has started recording video! If server started recording video for the mission at least once and then it's paused it'll record audio also.



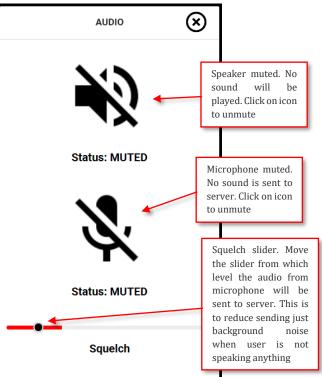


Figure 147: Audio control dialog

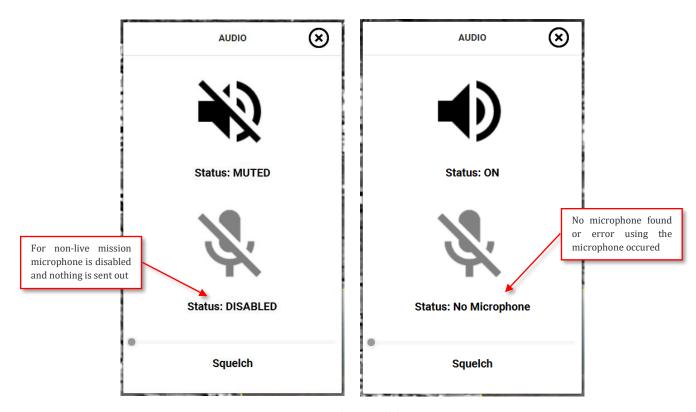


Figure 148: Audio control dialog



7.20 SNAPSHOT GALLERY

Snapshot gallery can be opened with right-clicking on snapshot button.

Snapshot gallery enables to see and manage all taken snapshots for current mission.

Control + A combination in keyboard will select all images.

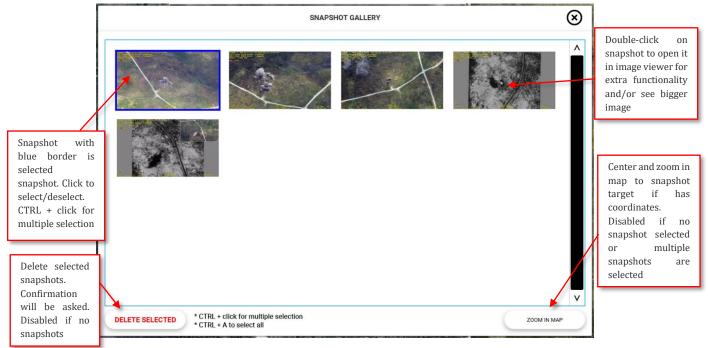


Figure 149: Snapshot gallery



7.21 SYSTEM WARNINGS

System warnings are not result of some action (for example creating POI failed) but warning about system state that something is not working currently by some error or intentionally.

Warning is shown in top-centre of main window as a red text.

7.21.1 Cable unplugged

This is shown if cable is not connected to ethernet port that is configured to be used with the system, cable is broken or the ethernet port is disabled.

For operator version it tells if issue is related to cable/connection used for communicating with gimbal.

For observer version it tells if issue is related to cable to communicate with datacentre.

NETWORK CABLE UNPLUGGED OR INTERFACE DISABLED

Figure 150: System warning - cable unplugged

7.21.2 Server not recording

This can be shown only in operator version for live mission.

It's shown if server hasn't started recording yet when mission is created, recording has stopped somehow or when starting up computer and there was ongoing mission which recording should be resumed automatically but hasn't started recording. For server to be able to start recording the time difference between time in video KLV data and computer must be less than 30 days or operator must have clicked force record button.

SERVER NOT RECORDING!

Figure 151: System warning - not recording

7.21.3 Server down

This is shown if requests to server are failing for some reason.

SERVER DOWN OR CONNECTION TO SERVER LOST!

Figure 152: System warning - server down

7.21.4 Server temporarily unavailable

This is shown if currently data is manually being synced from operator version to datacentre.

This can be only happen in observer version of the software.

SERVER TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE

Figure 153: System warning - server temporarily unavailable



7.21.5 Recording video paused

This is shown if operator ordered server to pause recording the video in server.

Observer won't see live video in this case. If this is shown then "SERVER NOT RECORDING" warning is not shown.



Figure 154: System warning - recording video paused



NOTES