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1 Introduction

First of all we would like to thank you for purchasing our product. Aetos is a complex instrument and we strongly recommend reading the manual before using Aetos. The introduction chapter contains some general information about the instrument and principles of the operation. Later chapters describe Aetos use and reveal the details. You may be also interested in reading:

- Aetos Installation Manual,
- DAQU Installation Manual,
- MAGU Manual,
- our web page www.kanardia.eu.

1.1 Icons Used Trough the Manual

A few icons appear on the side of the manual, which have special meanings:



This icon denotes information that needs to be taken with special attention.



This icon denotes background information about the subject.



This icon denotes a tip.

1.2 Warnings



The following warnings and limitations apply, when you use this instrument. Failing to do so, may result in significant injuries or even death.

- Before using the instrument, you shall carefully review and understand the Aetos system and Operating Handbook of the aircraft.
- Information from the Aircraft Operating Handbook always supersedes Aetos information.
- Use of any navigational data contained by Aetos is entirely at the pilot's risk.

- Carefully compare Aetos navigational information with other available navigational sources. In the case of any discrepancies, resolve them before proceeding with the navigation.
- The navigational data used in Aetos comes from various public domain and open data sources. Although the data was carefully crosschecked (where this was possible), the data may contain serious errors. The pilot is obliged to verify any navigational information provided by Aetos, with the relevant official sources, AIPs, Notams, etc.
- Databases in Aetos must be updated regularly in order to stay current. Such databases are freely available from our web site.
- Terrain elevation data shall not be used for terrain separation. Its use is informative only. The pilot must always fly in VFR conditions and he must maintain visual separation.
- Do not use weather information for maneuvering in, near, or around areas of hazardous weather. Weather information may not accurately depict current weather conditions.
- Never use Aetos to attempt to penetrate a thunderstorm. Always avoid any thunderstorm at least 30 km.
- The Global Positioning System is operated by the United States government, which solely responsible for its accuracy and maintenance. In a similar way, Russian government is responsible for the GLONASS system. The GNSS systems are subject to changes which could affect the accuracy and performance of all GNSS equipment. Therefore, the navigation information can be misused or misinterpreted and become unsafe.

1.3 Cautions

- The Aetos display uses special coating, which is sensitive to abrasive cleaners or cleaners which are using strong chemicals like ammonia or alike. Always use a lint-free soft cloth and mild cleaning solution or just pure water.
- Aetos does not have any serviceable parts. Repairs must be done only by authorized service centers. An unauthorized repair could void warranty.



- Due to high complexity of the system, the pilot must accept that providing self-test capability for all possible system failures is not practical. This means that an erroneous operation may occur without a fault indication or warning. This makes the pilot responsible to detect such an occurrence by means of cross-checking with all redundant or correlated information available.

2 System Overview

2.1 Components in the Aetos System

The Aetos System consists of several electronic components, which work closely together to bring flight, engine and fuel information onto graphical display. The system consists of various components, some of these are required and some are optional.

2.1.1 Required CAN Bus Components

Majority of these components communicate through CAN bus. This section lists components and explains their interaction. Please note that photos are not in scale.



Aetos master display is the major part of the system. It acts as a primary multi-functional display. Internally it hosts an embedded computer and an AD-AHRS-GPS module called AIRU. The embedded computer reads information from the CAN bus and translates it into graphics you see on the screen. The AIRU module consists of multiple sensors: absolute pressure sensor for altitude and vertical speed, differential pressure sensor for airspeed, 3 axis angular rate and 3 axis accelerometer sensors for artificial horizon, GPS sensor for position and OAT probe for true airspeed. Sensor readings are passed through various mathematical models which in turn put the information on the CAN bus. AIRU is actually an independent device mounted inside Aetos for convenience.



Engine monitoring (called DAQU) is required to read the engine, fuel and aircraft related sensors and to put the obtained information on the CAN bus. It has three digital channels (Z1, Y1 and Y2), twenty analog channels (A, B, C, D) and a special manifold pressure connector (A13). DAQU also hosts +5/+12 V *power output* and ground (GND). Digital channels are typically used to read engine or rotor RPM and fuel flow sensors. Analog channels are typically used to measure CHTs, EGTs, coolant temperature, oil temperature, carburetor temperature, airbox/gearbox temperature, fuel levels, system voltage, electrical current, oil pressure, fuel pressure, hydraulics pressure, pitch trim, flap position and many others.

DAQU comes in three forms:

- Standard Daqu is typically used with carburetted engines like Rotax 912 UL, ULS, Rotax 914, Jabiru, Lycoming, Continental, etc.
- Mini DAQU is typically used with an engine that has its own ECU. Rotax iS, D-motor, Geiger Wankel, MW, etc.
- In some cases there is not enough channels on mini DAQU. In this case, standard DAQU modified for ECU engine can be also used.

2.1.2 Optional CAN Bus Components

Components listed below are all optional. This means they are not required for normal Aetos operation.



Electronic Compass (called MAGU) is a stand alone unit which measures magnetic field vector. It serves as a gyro stabilized compass and provides true and magnetic heading with high accuracy. It features an intelligent calibration algorithm, where only one known magnetic direction is needed to calibrate it. MAGU provides heading information on the CAN bus. With this information available, wind direction and wind speed is also derived by AIRU unit. Tail install and nose install versions of MAGU exist. When two servo units (called SERU) are added to the CAN bus, the system also performs the autopilot function. Two different SERU units are available. Stronger and heavier has 6 Nm (53 in lb) torque, while the lighter and weaker has 3 Nm (27 in lb) torque.

Remote autopilot panel (called AMIGO) brings further enhancements to the autopilot functionality. It allows very simple and straightforward autopilot operation.

One or two remote control handles (called JOYU) can be added to the system. The handle allows almost complete control of the Aetos display with the buttons on the top. Buttons are fully configurable by Aetos. When BOXI unit is also present, it can also drive roll and pitch trim, radio transmission button (push-to-talk).

Trim and radio controller called (BOXI) must be used together with a JOYU handle. You can connect two trim motors to BOXI and then use JOYU handle to drive them. In addition, radio push-to-talk wiring can be made directly to BOXI.



Small WiFi plug is used to connect Aetos to the WiFi network. This can be done with the help of a network access point created on a mobile phone and Aetos is connected to the Internet as long as the mobile phone is also connected. Alternatively, some public WiFi hot-spot can be also used, while aircraft is on the ground. Such connection can be used to make software updates, map and airspace updates and to access weather information.

2.1.3 Optional CAN Bus Displays

The system can be extended with several displays. All these displays are optional. They have no internal sensors. They get the information from the CAN bus.



Slave Aetos Display can be added to the system. It has the same functionality as the master Aetos. The only difference is that it does not host the AIRU unit and that some system tuning options are not accessible.



A small slave display (called EMSIS) comes in two forms. The first fits into 80 mm standard aviation opening, the second is larger with 3.5 inch diagonal and has more complex shape. They both can be viewed as small EFIS displays. EMSIS can show basic primary flight and engine monitor values.



A rectangular, very slim and very light LCD display (called DIGI) is typically used to show engine values. The values can be shown in the form of arcs, bars, boxes and values. Start of display is very fast. You can read oil pressure almost immediately, while Aetos primary display is still booting.



One or more slave round instruments can be added to the bus. They can show almost any value, which is available on the bus. The most typical are: air-speed indicator, altimeter, vertical speed indicator, engine RPM, rotor RPM, G-meter, etc. All indicators consists of a needle pointing to a scale and a LCD display. Pointer is driven by a stepper motor. Needle shows one value, but LCD display may show up to three different parameters.



HORIS slave primary flight display can complement the Aetos system, too. HORIS can show PDF screen, DI screen or G-meter screen.



Last but not least, Nesis slave display can complement the Aetos system, too.

3 Display Operation

This section will familiarize you with basic procedures referring to PFD and EMS operations.

3.1 Display Overview

The Aetos command panel is organized according to Figure 1. It uses three push buttons and one push knob for manipulation. It has an USB port for software, map and data updates.

Here is a brief description of individual items:

- ① The Selector knob detects knob rotation, short push and long push. It is mostly used to select things, confirm selection, change values, change



Figure 1: Organization of the Aetos display.

zoom levels, etc. Rotate the knob to select things and push the knob to confirm. Long push action opens the *options* screen.

- ② A short push on the button will perform Close/Back/Cancel commands. It is mostly used to close opened windows, to go back or to cancel some action. Long push action is user configurable.
- ③ The User button. Both, short and long push are user configurable. By default it shows the list of nearest airports and when autopilot is detected, it starts the autopilot actions.
- ④ A short push on the screen-switching button is used to switch to the next screen. Long push action is user configurable.
- ⑤ The USB port is used for software, map and data updates, to copy the flights and logbook, etc.

In most cases you only use the selector knob and the close button.

Short push is defined as a momentarily press and release of the button. An associated action is activated on the release.

Long push is defined as a press-and-hold of the button. Button must be pressed and keep pressed for about two seconds. An associated action will be activated after two second period even if the button was not released yet. Nothing happens on release.

3.2 Turning ON/OFF

Aetos is connected to an avionics power bus which has a mechanical switch between the bus and the battery. Thus it is automatically turned ON and therefore it does not have an ON/OFF button.

Aetos has a pretty low power consumption. So, you may try to activate Aetos after main switch and once Aetos is running, you start cranking the engine. This works well in vast majority of cases.



3.3 Start-up Sequence

When Aetos is powered ON and the program is ready, it opens the start-up window sequence also illustrated by Figure 2:

1. Use the Selector knob to confirm the warning (push the knob),
2. select the pilot,
3. select the instructor,
4. select the QNH (rotate until correct QNH is shown and then push the knob),
5. Set the fuel level (for software tanks only – not shown on the figure).

You are asked for the pilot only if more than one pilots are entered into the pilot list and you are asked for the instructor only if at least one of the pilots is also marked as an instructor. Please see the section 6.4 on page 50 to see how to enter pilots and instructors.

3.4 Status Bar

Most of the screens show status bar on the top. This bar holds some valuable information. It is illustrated on the Figure 3.

Status bar has the following elements:

- ① Outside air temperature.
- ② Flight time - time elapsed after takeoff was detected. In the case of traffic patterns, time since the last takeoff (touch-and-go) is shown.

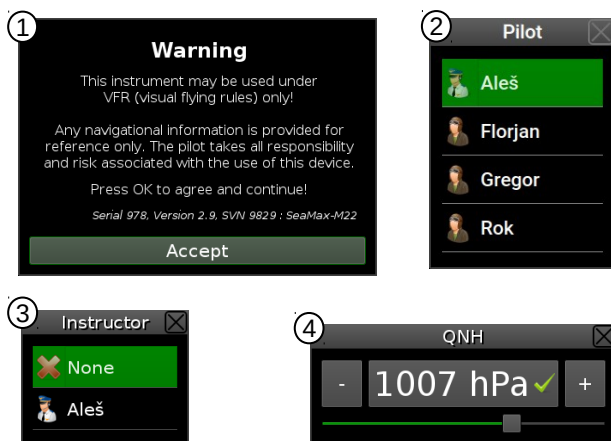


Figure 2: Typical start-up sequence.



Figure 3: Illustration of the Status bar.

- ③ Bearing and distance to the next navigation point. (Only when navigation is active.)
- ④ Estimated time of arrival to the next navigation point. Below is name of the navigation point.
- ⑤ Steering indicator in the top and current course on the bottom. A yellow line left of the center means that you should steer left and a yellow line right of the center means you should steer left. Steering indicator is pretty sensitive. A flashing yellow line indicates that course deviation is too large to fit onto scale.
- ⑥ Estimated time of arrival to the destination. Below is the name of the destination. (Only when route-navigation is active.)
- ⑦ Ground speed derived from GPS.
- ⑧ Current time.

- ⑨ Various status symbols. More details are given next.

Various symbols can appear on the symbol section of the status bar.

GPS Symbols

These symbols show health of the GPS receiver and reception of the GPS satellites.



A flashing red satellite symbol indicates an error. It means that communication with GPS receiver was lost.



A grey symbol indicates that GPS is working, but position is not available.



A cyan/gray color symbol indicates that only 2D fix is available – position is known, but its precision is limited.



A cyan color symbol indicates that full 3D fix is available.



This cyan color symbol indicates that precision of position is further enhanced with some augmentation system (WAAS, EGNOS, etc.)

Radio and WiFi Symbols



A communication with COM radio device was established.



A WiFi module was detected and communication was established. Note that this does not automatically mean that Aetos is also connected to the Internet.

3.5 Screens

Aetos can show different screens. Typically two basic screens are shown, but this number is not fixed. We work closely together with a customer and we can prepare special screen layout for each customer/aircraft. Figure 4 shows examples of these screens.

A generic solution will be shown next. Your solution may be slightly or even significantly different. However, principles remain the same.

Use short press on the *Screen switch button* to switch between the screens.

More details about each screen are given in next sections.

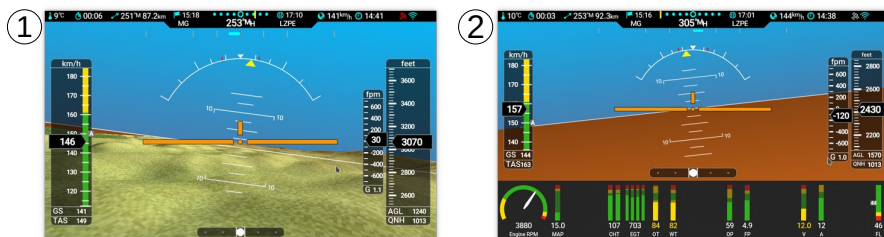


Figure 4: Basic two screens: 1 – PFD screen, 2 – PFD/EMS Screen.

3.6 PFD/EMS Screen

The PFD/EMS screen combines big artificial horizon and other primary flight indications with engine monitor part.

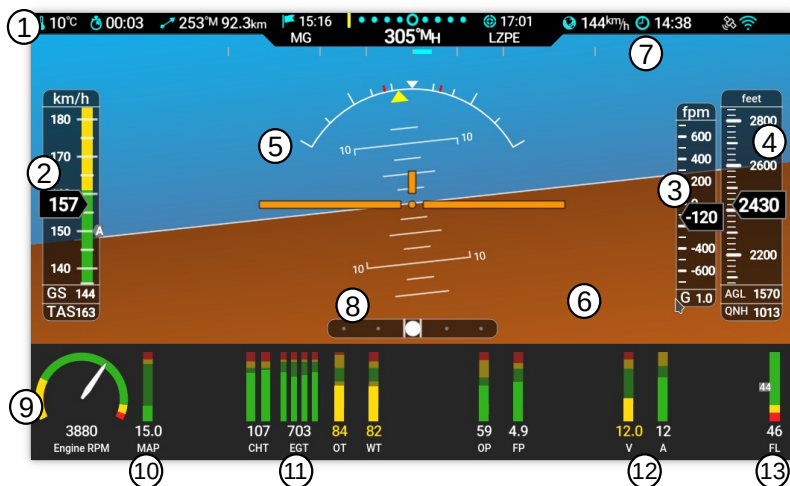


Figure 5: Illustration of the PFD/EMS screen with horizontal layout.

- ① Status bar. Please refer to section 3.4 on page 18 for more details.
- ② Airspeed tape. Indicated airspeed is shown in a form of moving tape. Current IAS value is emphasised. ground speed and true air speed are available at the bottom of the tape. In addition, various V speeds are also shown in the form of small tags.

- ③ Vertical speed scale.
- ④ Altitude tape. A height above ground level (AGL) and current QNH value are shown at the bottom.
- ⑤ Attitude indication of pitch and roll. Roll scale has dash markings at 10, 20, 30 (long), 45, 60 (long) degrees. Figure 5 shows situation at 45 degree roll. Long pitch scale line has number at side, medium line refers to a 5 degree step and short line is 2.5 degree step.
- ⑥ Relative wind indication. Wind direction and speed are shown below¹.
- ⑦ Heading rate indication.
- ⑧ Slip indication.
- ⑨ Engine parameter in the shape of round arc.
- ⑩ Single value engine parameter in the shape of vertical bar and a value below.
- ⑪ Multi value engine parameter in the shape of vertical bar. The highest value is shown below.
- ⑫ Trim position.
- ⑬ Fuel tank combination. Left and right tank and sum of both below.

3.6.1 Video

If Aetos is equipped with video option, then modern view also shows video image in the lower-left corner. This video image can be enlarged (over most of the screen, as shown on Figure 6). Video can be also removed.

4 Flight Time Activities

This section describes procedures that are mainly used during flight. The major flight-time activities are accessible from the main menu.

¹ The wind indication is shown only when MAGU is connected to the CAN bus.



Figure 6: Video example over most of the screen.

4.1 Main Menu

A push on the knob brings up the main menu. This happens on all screens. Figure 7 shows the main menu. Some other screens may have different set of options.



Figure 7: Main menu for the Modern Screen.

QNH Opens a QNH editor window. See section 4.2 for more details.

Radio Standby Opens a window, which allows setting a new standby frequency on the radio. The option is only visible when Aetos and radio are properly connected. See section 4.3 for more details.

- Waypoint** Opens a window for a waypoint selection and manipulation. See section 4.4 for more details.
- Route** Opens a window for route selection and manipulation. See section 4.5 for more details.
- Pitch** Allows for pitch correction. This option is available only when AHRS is visible on the screen.
- Toggle View** This option is available on the Modern screen only. It allows changing view settings - toggle 3D mode and toggle video.
- Map Layers** This option is available on the Map screen only. It opens a window for the map layer manipulation.
- Options** Opens options screen used to tune the system settings. See section 6 starting on page 41 for more details.

4.2 QNH

Rotate the knob to change the QNH. Push the selector knob to close and confirm the selection. The window closes itself after some time-out period.

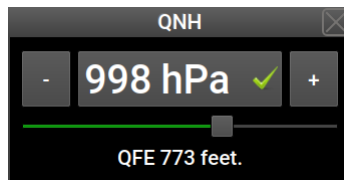


Figure 8: Setting the QNH value.

4.2.1 QFE Setting

When aircraft is operated locally the QFE altitude rather than QNH may be set. In order to set the altimeter to the zero altitude (the QFE altitude), turn the knob until the altimeter is close to zero ².

² Normally, exact zero can't be obtained as baro-correcting pressure change is made in discrete steps. One hPa at the sea level corresponds to approximately 8 meters of altitude.

4.2.2 Initial QNH Setting

When QNH is not known but the airfield elevation is known, the QNH can be approximated by setting the altimeter to the airfield elevation. This gives a pretty good QNH approximation.

4.3 Radio Standby

This option is available only when Aetos is connected with a compatible radio. Please refer to the Installation Manual for more details.

The frequency is set in a window as shown on Figure 9.

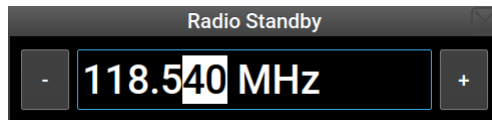


Figure 9: Setting the standby frequency value.

The frequency is set in three steps. First, value left of decimal point is set, then first digit after the decimal and finally the last two digits. Once new frequency is confirmed it is sent to the radio as a standby frequency. In order to make it active, some minimal action has to be made on the radio.

4.4 Selecting a Waypoint

Aetos maintains separate lists of airfields, navigation aids ³, VFR reporting points ⁴ and user points. Thus selection of a waypoint is a two step process. In the first waypoint type is selected – Figure 10 left. In the second step actual waypoint is selected, Figure right.

First Step

The following options are available in the first step:

Deactivate This option is visible only if some waypoint was previously made active. It will deactivate navigation mode.

³ By the navigation aid we mean VORs, NDBs, ILSes, TACANs and other similar radio navigation aids, which locations are often used in VFR flight for the navigation.

⁴ In Europe, VFR reporting points are more and more used in VFR flights to define the flying routes and entry/exit points in airspace zones.

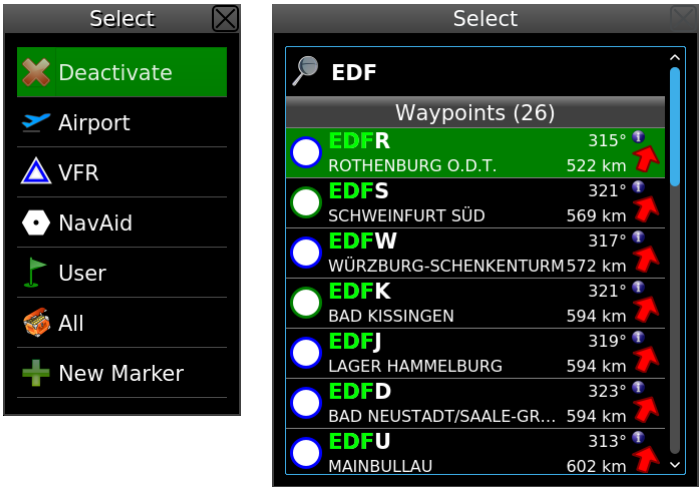


Figure 10: Waypoint options (left) and list of waypoints with active name filter (right).

- Airport** Displays only airports and those user waypoints that were classified as airports.
- VFR** Displays only VFR reporting points from the database.
- NavAid** Displays only VORs, NDBs, TACANs, etc. from the database.
- User** Displays only user specified waypoints and markers.
- All** Displays all items from all databases together.
- New Marker** This is a special command, described in next subsection.

Second Step

In the second step the list of points is displayed. The list is sorted according to the distance from the aircraft position at the time when the list was created. Select one waypoint from the list and Aetos will navigate to that point in the direct-to mode.

When too many points are listed, they can always be filtered by name. Select the name option on the top and enter a few letters of the waypoint. Number

of listed waypoints will rapidly decrease. Aetos searches both the name and the waypoint description. Matching part of the name is marked in green.

4.4.1 Creating a Marker

The *New Marker* option from the first step is special. Use it to mark current location. When selected, Aetos creates a marker – a special user waypoint. The marker name is automatic (Mark 1, Mark 2, ...).

Markers are intended to be used during flight. Issue the *Waypoint—New Marker* command in order to create a marker at some interesting place. After landing, the marker can be edited with a different name, description or coordinate.

4.4.2 Waypoint Details

Some waypoints, airfields for example, have more features but geographic coordinates and before actual selection, Aetos also offers the *Details* option.

The *Details* options opens the details window. An example is shown on Figure 11.

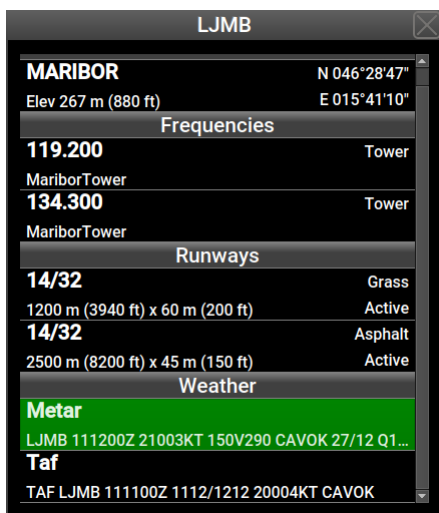


Figure 11: An example of the details window for LJMB airfield.

The window has several sections:

General The top part shows the coordinates and elevation.

Frequencies section lists frequencies associated with the waypoint, when available. When radio is connected with Nesis, a selection of frequency will transfer it into the radio. The selected frequency will be set as a standby frequency.

Runways section lists runways available on this airfield.

Weather section is available when Aetos is connected to the Internet. METAR reports are shown. In addition, when the METAR report is selected, a new window is opened, where the METAR report is interpreted in a more friendly form. For an example, see Figure 12. Full METAR report is shown on the top and the interpreted part below. Note that we try to interpret as much as possible, but some parts may be too difficult to handle.

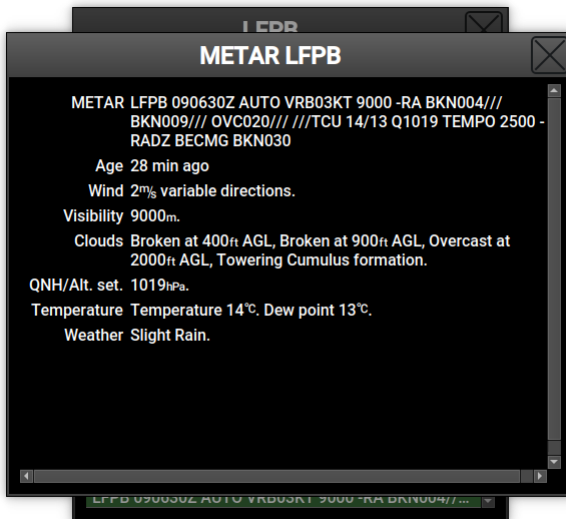


Figure 12: An example of interpreted METAR report.

4.5 Route

This section describes how to activate and manipulate a route. The route functions are accessed via the *Route* command from the main menu. Depending on the current situation two different windows are opened:

- When there is no active route, Aetos opens the route selection/activation window. See Figure 13 left. The window allows creation of a route, importing a route from USB stick or selection of one of existing routes from a list.
- However, if some route is already active, Aetos opens a route manipulation window. See Figure 13 right.

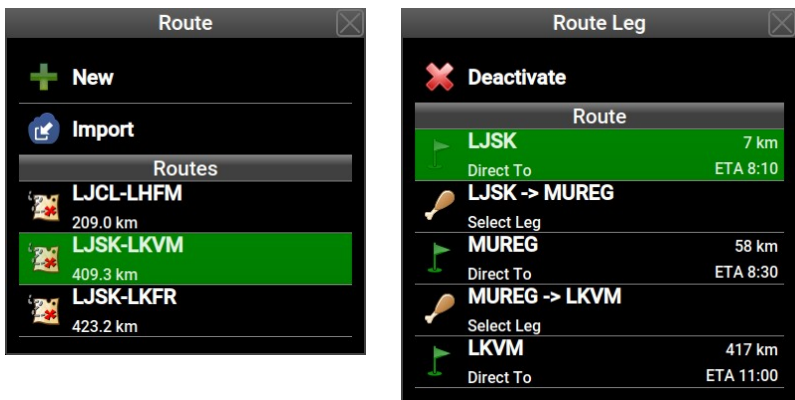


Figure 13: Route selection and activation window (left) and route manipulation window (right).

4.5.1 Activating a Route

With no active route a window opens, like shown on Figure 13 left. Routes are sorted alphabetically. Route name is typically defined by a takeoff - landing airfield pair.

To select a route, rotate the knob and push it or simply touch the route name. A window appears asking for further actions. Select *Activate* in order to make the route active. When window is closed, correct route leg will be

selected automatically. This depends on current aircraft position regarding to the route.

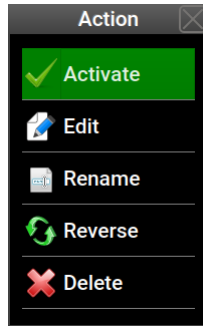


Figure 14: List of possible actions on the Route selection.

4.5.2 Creating a New Route – Aetos Without Touch Screen

A route consists of a takeoff and landing airfield. Between these two, there may be several intermediate waypoints.

The route creation process will be shown on an example of a route from LJCL (Celje) to LHFM (Fertőszentmiklós). This route may have the following intermediate VFR reporting waypoints: MW1, to avoid Maribor CTR, MUREG on border between Slovenia and Austria, SASAL on border between Austria and Hungary.

In order to create above mentioned route, follow the steps:

- Select the *New* option from Figure 13 left.
- Aetos asks you for the departing (takeoff) airfield. Search for LJCL and select it.
- Next, Aetos asks for arrival (landing) airfield. Search for LHFM and select it.
- A window shown on Figure 15 left appears. The window shows both airfields and an item labeled as *New in-between*.
- Select the *New* item to add MW1, MUREG and SASAL waypoints in sequence. All these are VFR waypoints, so select *VFR* or *All* when asked for a waypoint type.

- The final situation is shown on Figure 15 right. The item labeled as *New* will be removed from the final route automatically.
- Close windows. Note that a new route is not activated automatically. It must be activated manually.

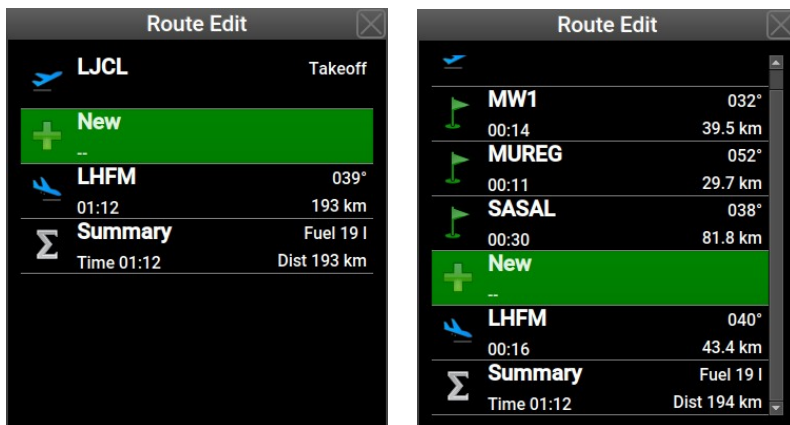


Figure 15: Route at the beginning, when only takeoff and landing airfields are known (left) and route at the end, when all intermediate points are entered (right).

Notice the *Summary* item. The total distance, estimated time needed for the route and estimated fuel consumption are shown. The time estimate is based on the typical aircraft cruising speed. See section 6.3.3 on page 45.



Note, this is a rough estimate. No extra climb time, descend time and traffic pattern times are added.



The same is true for fuel consumption estimate – no extra fuel for climb or any reserves are taken into account. It is based on the typical consumption. See section 6.3.3 on page 45 for more details.

Each item in the route can be changed. Any intermediate waypoints can be changed or removed. A new waypoint can be inserted before the selected item. Please feel free to experiment.

4.5.3 Importing a Route

Aetos can also import a route, which was previously prepared with some route planner. The route file must be saved in Garmin *GPX* format. This means that any route planner, which can save/export route in *GPX* format can be used.

- Prepare a route, save it in *GPX* format and copy it to USB stick.
- Insert the stick into Aetos and select the *Import* command. See Figure 13 left.
- Select the route file from the USB stick. This will only copy the route into Aetos but it will not make it active.

4.5.4 Deleting a Route

Select a route from the list of routes and then select the *Delete* command. The selected route will be deleted from the list. The command can not be reverted.

4.5.5 Renaming a Route

In most cases routes have an automatic name, which consists of takeoff and landing airfield. In order to put a special name to a route, select the *Route* from the main menu and then select the *Rename* command. Use the on-screen keyboard or the knob to enter a new name.

4.5.6 Editing a Route

This command allows editing an existing route. New waypoints can be added or modified. In the case of touch screen a new page opens. See section ??.

4.5.7 Reversing a Route

This is a very convenient command. It reverses order of items in selected route. Route name is also automatically adjusted, unless route was previously renamed. Figure 16 shows a reversed route from the previous example.

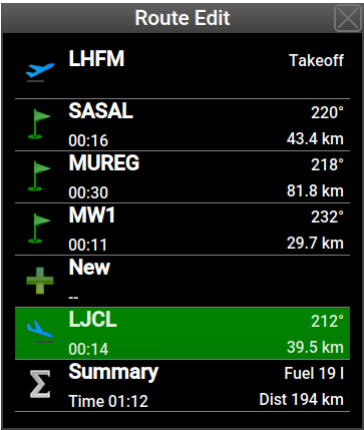


Figure 16: Result of a reversed route from previous example.

4.5.8 Actions on an Active Route

When the *Route* command is issued and some route is already active, a different window appears. See Figure 13 right on page 29.

The following options are possible here:

- The *Deactivate* item will make the route inactive.
- Select one of remaining route waypoints in *direct to* mode. Aetos will navigate directly to this waypoint and once the waypoint is reached, it will resume with route navigation.
- Select one of the remaining route legs. Aetos will select this leg as a new active leg. This can be used to switch to the next leg early. Note that legs that were already completed can’t be selected.

4.6 Adjusting Fuel Level

This option is available only when no fuel level sensors are connected to the EMS unit (DAQU) and Aetos calculates the fuel remaining from the fuel flow information.



Note that such way of fuel level indication is highly speculative and may lead to very inaccurate results. Never fully trust this indication.

Fuel level is first adjusted during the Aetos start-up procedure. Later, you can adjust it during the flight.

4.7 Setting Pitch Correction

A change in the cruising speed results in a different pitch angle. In order to correct the pitch, a correction value can be entered. Figure 17 shows a pitch correction window.



Figure 17: An example of the pitch correction window.

4.8 Pitch and Roll Trim

Please refer to DAQU Installation Manual for connections and settings.

Once the pitch or roll trim is configured any change of trim opens a window shown on Figure 18. The window shows relative position of the trim. When trim position stops changing the window will disappear.



Figure 18: An example of the pitch trim and roll trim position window.

In additions to this, trim positions for roll, pitch and yaw are shown on all major screens. Only positions for detected sensors are shown. For examples, see Figures ??, ??, 5, ??.

5 Logbook

Aetos automatically keeps a log of flights and stores them in a logbook. It keeps recording as long as Aetos is powered on. When logs are requested, it

extracts takeoff and landing events and combines them in flights. An example is given on Figure 19.

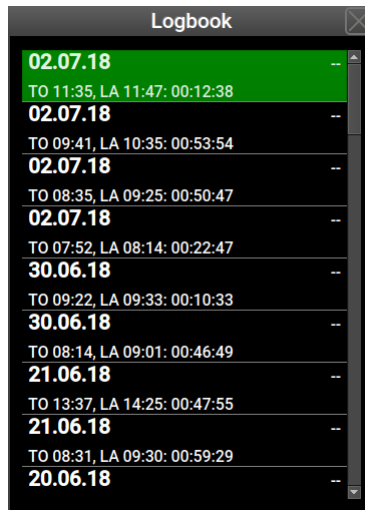


Figure 19: A logbook example. Pilot names are missing, two dash characters are shown instead.

Logbook can be accessed from the *Options* page by selecting the *Logbook* icon. See Figure 27 on page 42. Alternatively, a long-press on the pager button also opens the Logbook window by default.

The logbook shows only basic information about each flight, like date, name of the pilot, time of takeoff and time of landing.

Note that the logbook has a limited capacity of about 270 hours. When the limit is reached, the oldest log entries will be overwritten. Since Aetos is logging all the time and not only when flying, some invisible internal logs are created. This means that actual logged flying time will be about 25% less – you can expect to see about 200 flight hours.

When an item from the logbook is selected, more options are available. See Figure 20.

5.1 Show Details

The *Show Details* option, opens a window with more details about selected flight. Figure 21 gives an example.

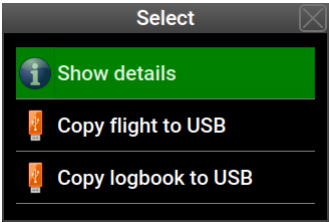


Figure 20: A logbook options example.

A screenshot of a 'Flight Statistics' window. It has a title bar with the text 'Flight Statistics' and a close button. The window displays a table with flight statistics. The first row is a header with a green background and the word 'Flight'. The subsequent rows are: 'Takeoff' with '08:31:22', 'Landing' with '09:30:51', 'Duration' with '00:59:29', 'Distance' with '138 km', 'Max IAS' with '169 km/h', 'Max GS' with '166 km/h', 'Avg GS' with '139 km/h', and 'Max Alt' with '4090 feet'.

Flight	
Takeoff	08:31:22
Landing	09:30:51
Duration	00:59:29
Distance	138 km
Max IAS	169 km/h
Max GS	166 km/h
Avg GS	139 km/h
Max Alt	4090 feet

Figure 21: An example of flight details.

These details have three groups: general, flight and engine. The general group shows:

`Date` of the flight.

`Pilot` name – as it was defined at the time of the takeoff.

`Instructor` name – as it was defined at the time of the takeoff.

Flight section gives details and some statistics about a flight.

`Takeoff` time when takeoff conditions were detected.

Landing time when landing conditions were detected.

Duration total flight duration.

Distance distance traveled. This is not point-to-point distance. This is a distance of the path projected to the ground traveled during the flight.

Max IAS maximal indicated airspeed detected during flight.

Max GS maximal ground speed detected during flight.

Max Alt maximal baro-corrected altitude reached during flight.

Min Alt minimal baro-corrected altitude reached during flight.

Max Acc maximal normal acceleration reached during flight.

The engine group shows similar statistics for the engine.

Start time of engine start.

Stop time of engine stop.

Duration engine run time.

Max CHT maximal CHT reached during engine run.

Max RPM maximal RPM reached during engine run.

Avg RPM average RPM measured during engine run.

Fuel used during engine run.

Avg fuel average fuel consumption during engine run.



Please note that the fuel used and average fuel consumption strongly depend on the fuel flow measurement/estimation. If fuel flow is wrong, these two items will be wrong, too.

5.2 Copy Flight to USB

The *Copy flight to USB* option creates two files on the USB stick for the selected flight. One file has .kml extension and the other has .tab extension. The file name is a combination of pilot name, date and flight made on this date. For example a file name *ALES13-08-18-B* means: pilot name is ALES, flight was taken on 13-th of August 2018 and letter *B* means that this was the second flight of the day.

5.2.1 The Kml File

The kml file stores 3D points of the flight and can be viewed in any third party software, which accepts such format. One such software is Google Earth, but many others are supporting this format as well. Figures 22 and 23 show two examples. First is the top view of a flight and the second one is a detail with visible vertical profile.

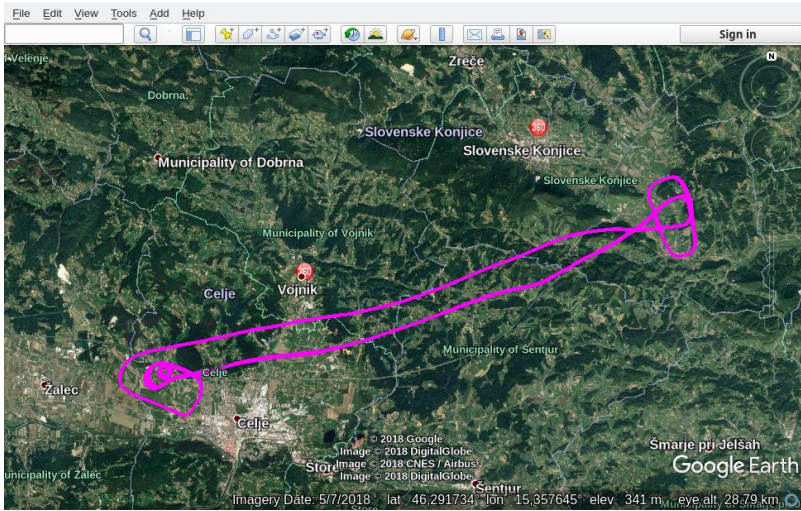


Figure 22: A flight file with kml extension opened in Google Earth.

5.2.2 The Tab File

The tab file stores a detailed information for every recorded second. The recording typically starts when engine start is detected and ends when engine is stopped.

The *Tab* file format is a plain text format, where each row represents one record and parameters in the record are separated by a tab character. Each record has several flight and engine parameters like: date, time, position, altitude, static pressure, velocities, wind speeds, engine temperatures, engine pressures, RPMs and many others. Typically, the file is opened with Microsoft Excel or with LibreOffice Calc.

Here are the steps needed to open the file in LibreOffice Calc. Steps in Microsoft Excel are similar.

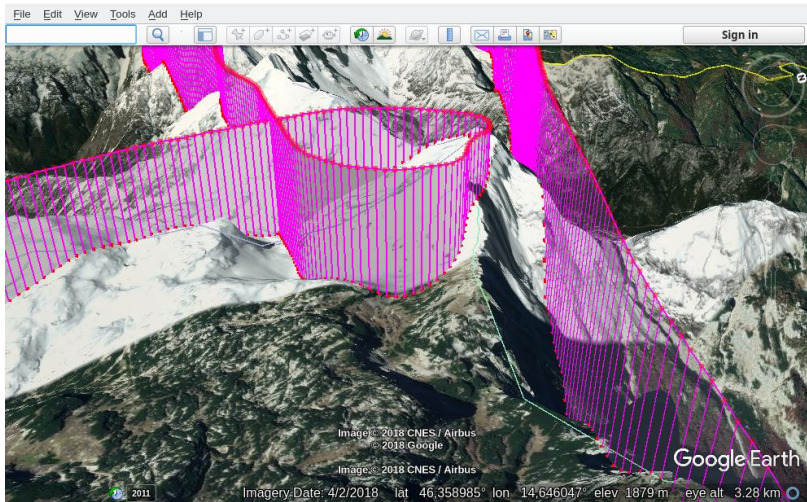


Figure 23: A detail of flight opened in Google Earth. Vertical profile is visible here.

1. Start the LibreOffice Calc.
2. Select the *File:Open* from the menu.
3. In the selection window, set *Filter* to *All Files*.
4. Search for file with the tab extension. An example is *ALES12-08-18-B.tab*
5. Calc detects that a text file is being imported and it opens a window as shown on Figure 24. Please make sure that the *Tab* option is selected as the separator and *English (USA)* as the language. This makes sure that decimal values are properly imported.
6. The result of the import is then shown on Figure 25. Some column widths were adjusted and some cells were hidden.

5.3 Copy Logbook to USB

This command creates a logbook file in *html* format and copies it to USB stick. The logbook entries can be filtered for a pilot and for a period.

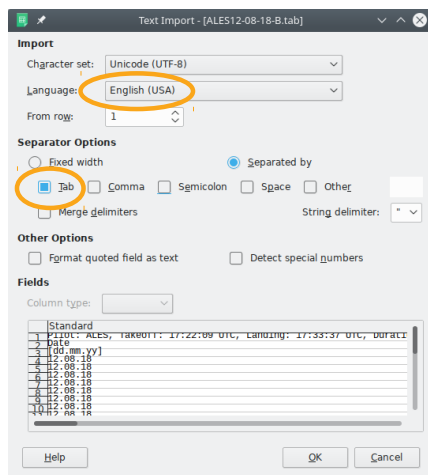


Figure 24: An example of Calc Text Import window.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	Pilot: ALES, Takeoff: 17.22.09 UTC, Landing: 17.33.37 UTC, Duration: 00:11:27														
2	Date	Time	Lat	Lon	Alt-GPS	Static-p	QNH	IAS	GS	OAT	GPS-sat	MAP	Engine-RPM	Oil-press	Fuel-press
3	[dd.mm.yy]	[hh:mm:ss]	[deg]	[deg]	[m]	[hPa]	[hPa]	[km/h]	[km/h]	[C]	[-]	[bar]	[RPM]	[bar]	[bar]
385	12.08.18	17.23.26	46.2493	15.2561	430	968	1018	139	158	26	15	0.92	5260	3.92	0.26
386	12.08.18	17.23.27	46.2492	15.2567	435	967.5	1018	139	151	26	15	0.93	5270	3.88	0.26
387	12.08.18	17.23.28	46.2492	15.2573	435	967.5	1018	140	151	26	15	0.92	5270	3.92	0.26
388	12.08.18	17.23.29	46.2492	15.2579	435	967.5	1018	140	153	26	15	0.92	5280	3.96	0.26
389	12.08.18	17.23.30	46.2492	15.2584	435	967.5	1018	142	155	26	15	0.93	5280	3.88	0.26
390	12.08.18	17.23.31	46.2493	15.259	435	967.5	1018	142	157	26	15	0.92	5280	3.88	0.26
391	12.08.18	17.23.32	46.2495	15.2596	435	967	1018	142	160	26	15	0.93	5290	4.04	0.26
392	12.08.18	17.23.33	46.2498	15.26	440	967	1018	140	162	26	15	0.93	5300	4.04	0.24
393	12.08.18	17.23.34	46.25	15.2603	440	966.5	1018	139	162	26	15	0.93	5310	3.84	0.26
394	12.08.18	17.23.35	46.2504	15.2606	445	966	1018	139	162	26	15	0.94	5310	3.8	0.26
395	12.08.18	17.23.36	46.2507	15.2608	445	966	1018	137	164	26	15	0.94	5310	3.92	0.26
396	12.08.18	17.23.37	46.2511	15.2609	450	966	1018	137	162	25	15	0.93	5310	3.92	0.26
397	12.08.18	17.23.38	46.2515	15.2608	450	965.5	1018	135	162	25	15	0.94	5300	3.96	0.26
398	12.08.18	17.23.39	46.2518	15.2607	455	965	1018	133	165	25	15	0.93	5280	3.92	0.26
399	12.08.18	17.23.40	46.2521	15.2604	460	964.5	1018	131	165	25	15	0.94	5270	3.8	0.26
400	12.08.18	17.23.41	46.2523	15.26	460	964.5	1018	130	151	25	15	0.93	5260	3.88	0.24
401	12.08.18	17.23.42	46.2524	15.2597	465	964	1018	130	148	25	15	0.93	5250	3.96	0.24
402	12.08.18	17.23.43	46.2525	15.2592	465	964	1018	130	144	25	15	0.93	5250	3.8	0.24
403	12.08.18	17.23.44	46.2525	15.2587	465	963.5	1018	128	140	25	15	0.93	5240	3.8	0.24
404	12.08.18	17.23.45	46.2524	15.2584	465	963.5	1018	128	137	25	15	0.94	5250	3.88	0.24

Figure 25: An example of flight details upon successful import.

First, select a pilot or select *All pilots* in order to get a logbook for everyone. Second, select how far to look back. The options are: complete history, last year, last six months, 30 days, 7 days. After this selection, the logbook is generated on the USB stick. Any web browser can be used to view it or print it. The last flights come first. When touch-and-goes are detected, flight time for each such event is also shown. Figure 26 shows an example.

#	Date	Pilot	Instructor	Take off	Landing	Flight time	Flight total	Engine on	Engine off	Run time	Engine time
1	13.08.18	ALES	-	08:44 09:00	09:00 09:11	00:15:22 00:11:16 [00:26:39]	22.7	08:37	09:14	00:36:42	52.9
2	12.08.18	ALES	-	17:22	17:33	00:11:27	22.2	17:17	17:35	00:18:26	52.3
3	12.08.18	ALES	-	15:42	16:49	01:07:21	22.0	15:34	16:51	01:16:26	52.0
4	07.08.18	ROK	-	06:24	07:11	00:46:31	20.9	06:17	07:13	00:55:48	50.7
5	02.08.18	ALES	-	06:59	08:03	01:04:03	20.1	06:52	08:05	01:13:36	49.8
6	01.08.18	ROK	-	10:30	11:37	01:06:23	19.1	10:13	11:40	01:27:25	48.5
7	01.08.18	ROK	-	04:37	05:58	01:20:30	18.0	04:30	05:59	01:29:17	47.1
8	30.07.18	ROK	-	06:08	06:56	00:47:13	16.6	06:02	07:00	00:57:34	45.6

Figure 26: An example of logbook opened in Firefox browser. *All pilots* and *Complete History* were selected. A touch-and-go event is shown in row 1.

6 User Options

Aetos options are split into two parts: user options and service options. User options are always accessible, while service options require special unique password. This section explains user options. See section 7 on page 59 for service options.

The user options screen can be accessed from the main menu. See Figure 7 on page 23 – the last item. Alternatively, a long-press on the knob also opens the user options screen by default.

Some icons require password before proceeding and some options are available only when correct hardware is detected. The factory default password is **314**, first three most significant digits of number π . The password was introduced in order to prevent unwanted accidental alterations of important settings. The password can be disabled, see section 6.3.1.



Figure 27: Illustration of the user options screen.

6.1 Logbook

Select the *Logbook* icon in order to access the logbook. Logbook activities are covered in section 5 starting on page 34.

6.2 Routes

Select *Routes* icon to work with routes. Route activities are covered in section 4.5 starting on page 29.

6.3 Settings

Figure 28 shows the main settings options. In next sections each of them will be explained.

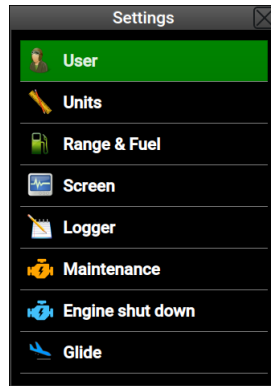


Figure 28: Main settings options.

6.3.1 User

This icon is used to specify some user specific options and to assign actions to buttons and knobs.

Language Select between languages for which the translation was provided. Note that translations can be provided after the release of the software. In the case of partial translations, the missing translations will appear in English language.

Time zone Specify the difference between local time and UTC time. Specify zero in order to show the UTC time everywhere. In majority of cases the difference is given in whole hours. However, some time zones also require the minute part. For example, Eucla in Australia is using UTC+8:45. In this case, set hours to 8 and minutes to 45.

Use 314 password Some people hate our 314 protection password. To turn the password off, set this option to *no*.

Aircraft designation Enter aircraft registration number.

Depending on the Aetos model, some short-cut actions can be assigned to individual buttons:

User default action opens list of nearest airfields.

User long default action issues the *Waypoint* command.

Pager long default action issued the *Logbook* command.

External is not used by default. In fact external button is usually not connected to Aetos. When it is connected, it is typically set to deactivate autopilot.

External long When connected, it is typically used to re-activate autopilot.

The following actions can be assigned to each of the buttons mentioned before.

Autopilot menu is a shortcut to the Aetos autopilot menu. See section 10.8 on page 69.

Autopilot disable is a shortcut to the autopilot disable command.

Autopilot level is a shortcut to the autopilot level command.

Logbook is a shortcut to logbook actions.

Settings is a shortcut to the user options page.

Near airfields is a shortcut to the list of nearest airfields.

Waypoints is a shortcut to the waypoint selection window.

User Wayppoints is a shortcut to user waypoint selection window.

Set marker is a shortcut to the marker setting command.

Home is a shortcut to the default (home) screen.

Alarms is a shortcut to the alarms window.

6.3.2 Units

Aetos uses several units for different physical quantities like distance, velocity, mass, volume, etc. Table 6 shows available units. The quantities are grouped according to their function.

Physical quantity	Available units
Altitude	feet, meters
Climb rate	ft/min, m/s
Distance	NM, km, mi(les)
Airspeed	kts, km/h, mph
Windspeed	kts, km/h, m/s
QNH	hPa, inHg
Pressure	bar, psi
Temperature	°C, °F
Fuel	liters, US gallons
Flow	l/h, gal/h
Engine RPM	RPM, %
Rotor RPM	RPM, %

Table 6: Available units for the individual physical quantity.

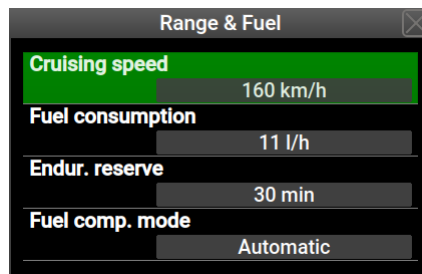


Figure 29: Parameters related to the range in fuel calculations.

6.3.3 Range & Fuel

Parameters needed for range and fuel calculations are defined here. Figure 29 shows these parameters.

Cruising speed This speed is used in *route* calculations, when aircraft is on the ground. Once aircraft is airborne, actual ground speed will be used.

Fuel consumption represents average cruise fuel consumption of aircraft. This value will be then used in the fuel computer for the endurance and range calculation. See also the Fuel computer mode section.

Endur. **reserve** is the reserve used in the endurance and range calculation. The reserve is given in time.

Fuel computer mode Fuel computer works in one of two modes: fixed or automatic.

- The *fixed* mode always uses the fuel consumption given here in range and endurance calculations. It ignores the values given from fuel flow sensor/calculator.
- The *automatic* mode uses the fuel consumption given here only while the aircraft is not flying – while on the ground or taxing. As soon as aircraft is airborne, it starts calculating average consumption from the fuel flow and then it uses its average for the range and endurance. The average is true average and takes all data after take-off into account – it is not a moving average.

6.3.4 Screen

Figure 30 shows some options that affect how Aetos screens are shown.

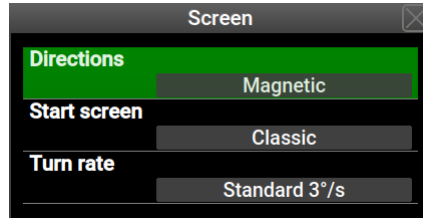


Figure 30: Parameters related to the Aetos screens.

Directions This options affects all directions shown in Aetos (bearings, tracking, flight planning etc.). These directions can be:

- true directions – as they are taken from standard paper map – they are related to true geographic North.
- magnetic directions – all directions are related to magnetic North.

Start screen This option tells Aetos, which of the four major screens shall be activate on the start.

Turn rate defines visual aids for turn rate markers:

- Off – turn rate markers are not shown.
- Standard $3^\circ/\text{s}$ – this is what most GA uses.
- Double $6^\circ/\text{s}$ – double turn speed is slightly more dynamic.
- Glider option $12^\circ/\text{s}$ – pretty fast rate.

6.3.5 Logger

Logbook and logger use several parameters needed for correct takeoff and landing detection. Figure 31 shows these parameters.

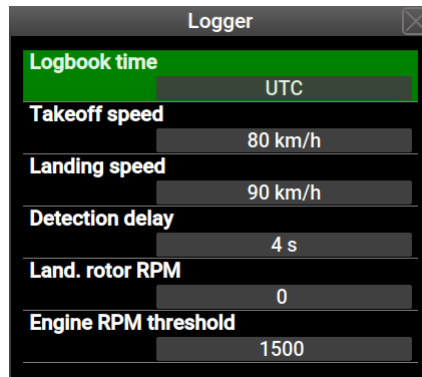


Figure 31: Logger and logbook specific parameters.

Logbook time defines the time used in logbook reports. It can be either local time or UTC.

Takeoff speed is the threshold speed, which must be exceeded. As soon it is exceeded (with a small delay) Aetos treats the aircraft as airborne. This speed shall be larger than wind gusts to prevent false logs.

Landing speed This is similar to takeoff speed, but it is used to detect landings. As soon as airspeed drops below this threshold, Aetos considers that the aircraft has landed and marks this in logger. It also stops counting flight time.

Detection delay is valid both for takeoff and landing speed. It defines the time for which takeoff or landing condition must be met. This is used to prevent false takeoff/landing detection.

Landing rotor RPM Set this to zero for all aeroplanes. Rotorcraft shall set this to a value, where they can't fly anymore (say 200 RPMs). When landing rotor RPM is set, Aetos does not relay completely on the landing speed alone, but it also demands that rotor RPMs are lower than given threshold. Only when both, speed and rotor RPMs are below their thresholds, it will detect landing.

Engine RPM threshold is the limiting engine RPMs used to detect that engine is running.

6.3.6 Maintenance

This option is used to set a maintenance warning. Figure 32 shows the maintenance options on the left and a warning window on the right.

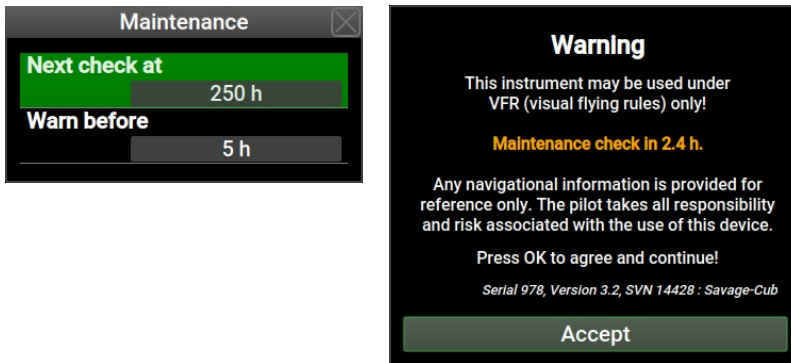


Figure 32: Left: Maintenance options. Right: Maintenance warning.

Next check at specifies engine hours when maintenance check shall be performed.

Warn before is used to define how many hours before the check the warning starts to appear on the startup window.

6.3.7 Engine Shut Down

This is special option for the cases, where the engine shall be cooled down by running on idle before shutting down. When aircraft is below some speed

threshold and the engine RPMs are on idle a large countdown window starts on the Aetos screen. Once the countdown disappears, it is safe to shut the engine down.

Figure 33a shows the parameters and Figure 33b shows the countdown.

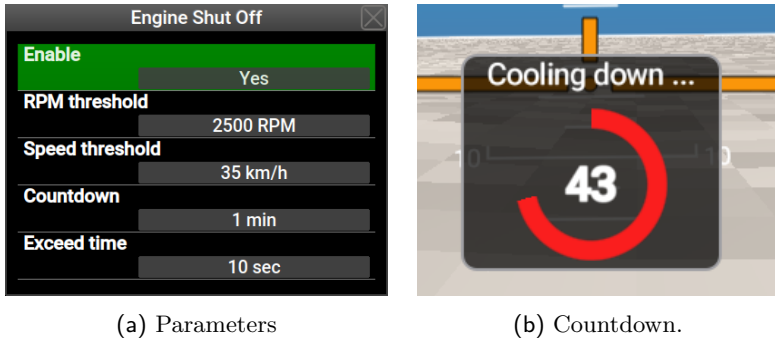


Figure 33: Engine shut down example.

Enable toggles this function on and off. It is off by default.

RPM threshold When engine RPMs are above this threshold for a certain amount of time (exceed time), it is considered that the engine is hot. When aircraft speed is below the speed threshold and engine RPM is below this threshold, the countdown starts (only when engine is in hot mode).

Speed threshold This limit shall be set below flying speed. It is used together with the RPM threshold to determine when to start the countdown.

Countdown The countdown time - waiting time. When this time elapses, it is considered that engine is cool enough.

Exceed time It works together with the RPM threshold. When RPMs are higher than the threshold for more than *Exceed time*, it is considered that the engine is hot.

6.3.8 Glide

Glide is used to calculate the distance that can be reached by aircraft with engine not working – in a glide mode. The following parameters have to be

defined:

Glide ratio (finesse) Define the glide ratio of the aircraft. Act conservatively. Smaller values yield to shorter glide distances.

Reserve altitude Define the reserve altitude. If some airfield can be reached in a glide mode above this altitude, then Aetos marks this in green. If an airfield can be reached, but below this altitude, it is marked yellow. All others are marked red.

This feature is impractical for some aircraft types: gyro-planes and helicopters. In this cases set the glide ratio to zero.

6.4 Pilots

When several people are flying an aircraft, pilots and instructors can specified. When more that one pilot is given, Aetos ask for its name on the startup and when at least one instructor is given, Aetos also asks for an instructor. Pilot and instructor names are automatically recorded, when takeoff conditions are detected and they will show in the logbook.

Figure 6.4 shown an example of one instructor and three pilots. A check over an icon means that this pilot/instructor is currently active.

Only one pilot can be active at the time. In addition, one instructor can be also active. An instructor can appear in two roles as a pilot or as an instructor.

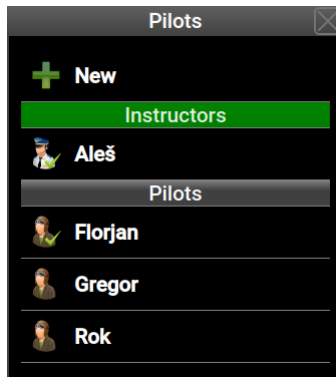


Figure 34: An example of window used to edit pilots.

Adding a Pilot

Select the *New* command in order to enter new pilot or instructor. A window appears and it ask to select between a pilot or an instructor. After this, enter a new pilot or instructor name.

Editing a Pilot

First select a pilot or an instructor name from a list. A command window appears. Select *Edit* from the list. Next, select class.

Note that a pilot name can't be edited. If a mistake was made, delete a name from the list and create a new one.

Deleting a Pilot

First select a pilot or an instructor name from a list. From a command window select *Delete* and name will be removed from the list.

Deleting a name from a list will also delete name from logbook. A flight, made by this pilot will be still in the logbook, but “-” will appear instead of the name.

Activating a Pilot

On Aetos start, a chance is given to select a pilot or an instructor from the list. When a wrong name was selected, a new active pilot or instructor can be activated from the options screen. Select the *Pilots* icon, select a name from the list and finally select *Activate* from the command window. An active instructor is selected in the same way.

6.5 Alarms

Aetos has several alarms, which are triggered, when certain parameter turns *red*. Selecting the *Alarm* icon from the *Options* screen opens a window with alarms. Figure 35 shows an example.

For each alarm a behaviour can be specified. There are four possibilities:

Disable is used to disable alarm completely. This is useful in case of a sensor failure. A faulty sensor keeps signaling false alarms and with this options it will be disabled.

Text is used to display an alarm without any sound.

Sound is used to play a beep sound along with the text.

Voice is used to play a voice describing the alarm along with the text. Alarm text output and voice depend on the language settings.

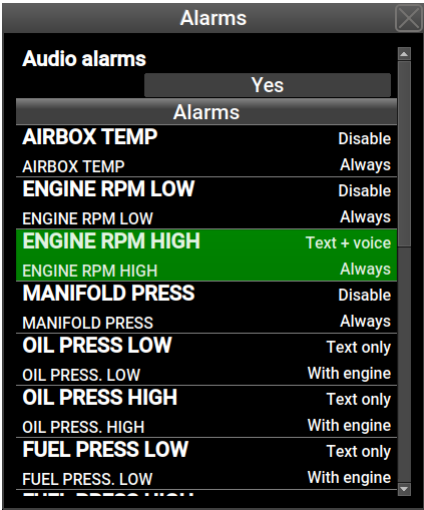


Figure 35: An example of alarms in Aetos.

A special (topmost) option on Figure 35 allows a quick mute of all alarms. When *No* is selected, no sound or voice will be played regardless of the actual state of individual alarms.

6.5.1 Editing an Alarm

Select an alarm from the list in order to open the alarm editor window shown on Figure 36.

- Mode** Select one of behaviour modes. See previous description.
- Alarm text** Edit or enter a new text to be shown on the screen.
- Voice file** Select the voice file to be played when alarm is on. Voice will be played only if *Voice* option is selected for mode.
- Test voice** plays selected voice file. This is used to check if the selected file is the correct one.
- Activity** defines condition when an alarm is active.
 - *Always* means that the alarm is always active.

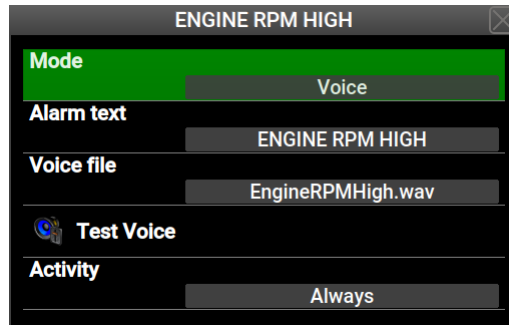


Figure 36: An example of alarm editor for the high engine RPM situation.

- *With engine* means that the alarm is active only when engine is running.

6.6 Brightness

The brightness icon is used to change the display brightness in range Aetos always starts with maximal 100% brightness. When Aetos detects that it runs on a backup battery (when such option is installed) it will automatically reduce brightness to 80% unless lower brightness was already selected. Brightness is selected in 10% steps.

6.7 Audio

The *Audio* icon is used to change the audio level output for Aetos warnings. Figure 37 illustrates an example. The *Test* option is used to play a test file and the *Volume* sets the volume level in 10% steps.

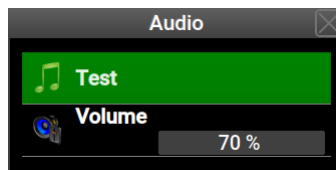


Figure 37: The audio level window.

6.8 Compass

The *Compass* icon opens a window for the calibration of optional electronic compass device called *MAGU*. The window is opened only when Magu was detected on the CAN bus.

Due to complexity of *MAGU* installation and calibration the details are explained in the *MAGU Manual*. Please refer to our web site and download the manual.

6.9 Waypoints

The *Waypoints* icon is used to add and edit user specific waypoints. Figure 38 shows a window that appears. The top part list commands and the bottom part list all user waypoints.

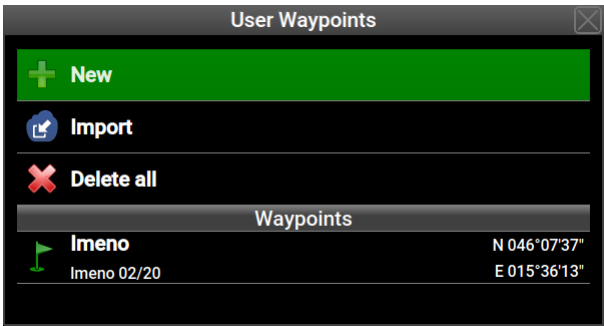


Figure 38: An example of user waypoint window.

6.9.1 New Waypoint

The *New* command is used to create a new user waypoint. First Aetos asks for a waypoint name and once the name is given, it asks for the details. Figure 39 shows an example.

Name Name of the waypoint.

Description Longer description of the waypoint.

Type Type of the waypoint. When one of the airfield types is specified, this waypoint will also appear in the airfield list.

Figure 39: An example of user waypoint details window.

Latitude Waypoint latitude in degree, minutes, seconds format.

Longitude Waypoint longitude in degree, minutes, seconds format.

Elevation Waypoint mean sea level elevation.

6.9.2 Import

The *Import* command is used to import waypoints from a file on USB stick. Three different formats are recognised:

- Garmin GPX format,
- Google KML format,
- Glider CUP format.

During import, all importing waypoints that are closer than 0.5 NM to any existing waypoint are ignored.

Also, the total limit for user waypoint is set to 700. Any waypoint inserted after the limit has been reached, is ignored.

6.9.3 Transfer

This option is shown only, if the second Aetos is detected on the bus. This command will transfer all user waypoints from this Aetos to the other. Any existing user waypoint on the other Aetos will be overwritten.

6.9.4 Delete all

The *Delete all* command deletes all user waypoints in one step. A confirmation is required.

6.9.5 Delete unnamed

This command deletes all user waypoints that have no name assigned. These are typically markers, which name has not been changed to something meaningful.

6.9.6 Waypoint Edit/Delete

When a waypoint from the list is selected it can be either deleted or edited. No confirmation is required in the delete case. When *Edit* option is selected, a window shown on Figure 39 is opened. See section 6.9.1 for details.

6.10 Transfer

The *Transfer* icon is used to copy certain helper files from the USB stick into the system. Such files are maps, airspace, configuration, translation, etc. Figure 40 shows all transfer options.

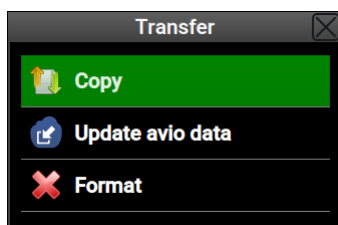


Figure 40: Transfer options window. Note that some options are available only when Aetos is connected to the Internet.

Copy copies a file with *kus* or with *lic* extension from an USB stick. All these files are in Kanardia specific format and they have special header, which tells Aetos what this file is for and where to store it. Each copy is a two part process. First, Aetos checks the integrity of the file and if the check passes, the file is copied. Usually, a restart is required after

the file copy has been completed. Please note that you can't use the copy command for the system update, although the update file has the correct extension. Use the *Update* icon instead.

Update avio data This command appears only if Aetos is connected to the Internet. The command will download latest airspace, airfield, way-points database from Kanardia server.

Format is a very powerful command and normally it should never be used. It will reformat internal disk section. The command can't be revoked.

6.11 Update

The *Update* icon starts system software update. It asks for a confirmation and when confirmed, restarts Aetos in special update mode. More details are given in section 8 starting on page 61.

6.12 Wireless

The *Wireless* icon opens a window where parameters for wireless connection are given. Standard Aetos does not have wireless capabilities. You need a compatible wireless USB plug in adapter. It is typically connected to the USB port on the Aetos back side. Please refer to the Aetos Installation Manual for more details.

6.13 Info

The *Info* icon tells some technical information about the Aetos and connected CAN bus devices. Figure 41 shows an example.

Qt Library tells the library version. When selected it opens further options. Please refer to section 11.1 on page 72 for more details.

Model tells Aetos model.

CPU tells the model of the main CPU used in Aetos.

Serial tells serial number of Aetos.

Screen defines the screen pixels resolution.

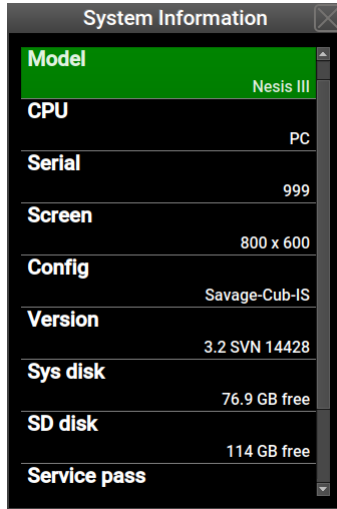


Figure 41: An example of info window with the system details.

Config defines the configuration file used to define the number and look of Aetos screens.

Version is the version number of software in Aetos. First number is version in standard format and the second number is a build number. The later is useful in troubleshooting.

Sys disk tells free space on the Aetos system disk.

SD disk tells free space on the internal SD card, where map files are stored.

Service pass holds a numeric password, which is needed to access the *Service Options* section.

GNSS details opens a window with GNSS satellite positions and status. The following status are shown:

- *Error* is shown if there is no GNSS reception or some internal error is detected.
- *2D fix* is shown when a position is known, but precision is limited.
- *3D fix* is shown when a position is known and enough satellites are visible for a good fix.

- *3D+SBAS* is shown when a position is also augmented with SBAS system – highest precision.

Counters section lists three internal counters:

- Engine total time – total time of engine running.
- Flight total time – total time of aircraft being airborne.
- Power-on total time – total time of Aetos being powered on.

CAN devices section lists all devices detected on the CAN bus.

6.14 Service

The *Service* icon is entry point to protected *Service Options* section. It requires a special password. This password is unique for each Aetos. It can be found under *Service pass* item on the info window. See section 6.13.

Additionally, this password is also written on the warranty card, that comes with each Aetos.

Service option icons are explained in separate section 7 starting on page 59.

7 Service Options

Most of *Service options* are covered in depth by other manuals, particularly in the *Aetos Installation Manual*. Here, only a brief information will be presented. Figure 42 shows the service options screen. Note that slave Aetos has only a subset of these icons.

Settings opens a window, where access to further options is provided. It is used to select layout - screen organization, defines parameter limits and color codes, flap positions, trim limits and video signal type.

AHRS Level is used to set the level position of the AD-AHRS-GPS module.

Engine opens window for the EMS device. Channels and sensors are configured here.

Tank is used for tank calibration.

Offset allows various sensor and counter adjustments.

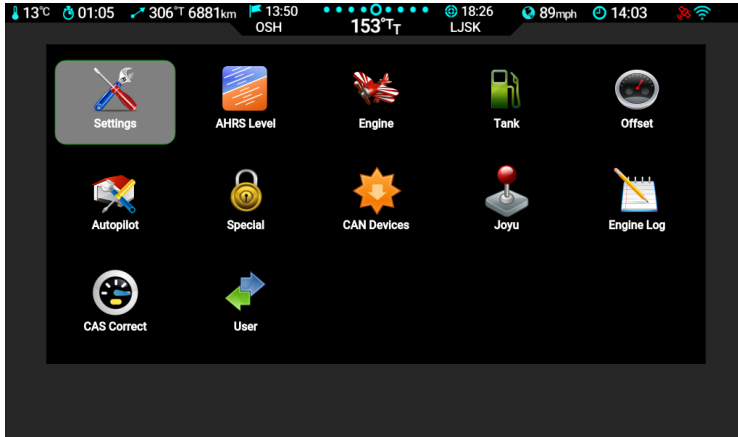


Figure 42: The service options window and corresponding icons.

Autopilot is access point to several autopilot configuration windows. A separate document was prepared for autopilot installation and settings. Please see the *Autopilot Installation Manual*.

Special Special functions allows you to enter various passwords which affect Aetos behaviour. To prevent unwanted changes, do not use this function unless we instructed you to do so. Most passwords are given to the customers on a need-to-know basis.

CAN devices lists devices found on CAN bus and allows to perform some special operations on them.

Joyu is used to assign commands to the JOYU command stick.

Engine Log is similar to the logbook, but it shows logs based on the engine time. It also detects shorter test engine runs, which are normally not detected by the logbook. This is useful for service and testing purposes. When an item is selected, it is copied to an USB memory stick in the *tab* format. See section 5.2.2 for more details.

CAS Correct is used to enter the calibration airspeed corrections. Please refer to the Installation manual for more details.

User brings back the *User Options* screen.

8 Software Update

The Aetos software is under constant development and we recommend updating it regularly. This section describes actions required to update the software.

8.1 Updating with USB Stick

In most cases, Aetos is updated using USB stick. Here the following steps are required:

1. downloading an update file,
2. copying the update file to the USB stick,
3. updating Aetos with the USB stick.

In the case of two or more Aetos units, they must be updated one by one.



Once Aetos is updated to a new version, old version can not be put back without causing system instability. If you really want to put the old version back, you have to send Aetos and all CAN bus devices connected to Aetos back to Kanardia.

8.1.1 Downloading Updates

The latest (actual) software can be found on the Kanardia web page www.kanardia.eu. Follow these steps:

- ① Open the home page and select *Aetos* icon on the top. This leads to Aetos specific page.
- ② Select *Software* next. This opens a page with Aetos specific software. An example is shown on Figure 43.
- ③ Click on the link to start download process of selected software file. Before downloading the software, a window appears asking for your email address. This is optional. Download will be completed also if address is not given.

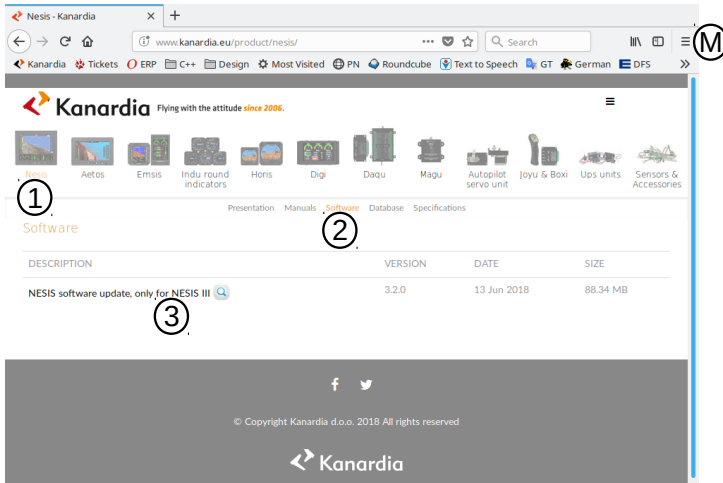


Figure 43: Illustration of the Aetos software download page. Usually only latest update is available.


Problems with Download

Some people complain that after click on the link nothing happens. This is most probably because their browser blocks pop-up windows. Solution for this depends on the browser.

Mozilla Firefox solution is given in next steps:

1. Click on the \equiv menu symbol. See label (M) on Figure 43.
2. Select *Preferences* option. This opens a window in Firefox.
3. Select *Privacy & Security*.
4. Scroll down to the *Permissions* section.
5. Click on the *Exceptions* button next to the *Block pop-up windows*.
6. The *Allowed Websites – Pop-ups* window appears. Enter url address *www.kanardia.eu*.
7. Click on the *Allow* button.
8. Click on the *Save Changes* button.

Chrome solution:

1. Click on the  menu symbol.
2. Select the *Settings* option.
3. Scroll completely down and click on the *Advanced*. This opens *Privacy and security* options.
4. Click on the *Content settings* to open them in a new window.
5. Click on the *Pop-ups and redirects*.
6. Under *Allow* section, click on the *Add* button.
7. Enter *www.kanardia.eu* and press *Save*.

Safari solution:

1. Click on the *Safari* menu and select *Preferences*.
2. A window appears. Select the *Security* icon.
3. Uncheck the *Block pop-up windows* checkbox.

Note that Safari does not allow exceptions for individual web sites.

8.1.2 Copying Update File to the USB Stick

The downloaded file must be copied to the USB stick. We recommend copying it to the root folder.

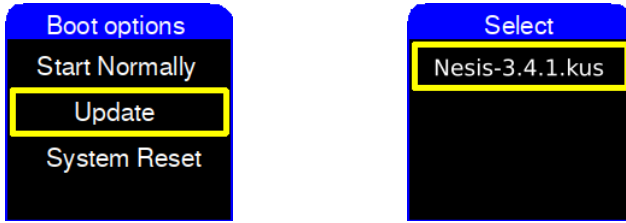


Important: Once file was copied, please make sure that the USB stick is safely removed from PC. This makes sure that all files are properly copied and closed before the stick is actually removed from PC.

8.1.3 Performing the Update

Once the update file is on the USB stick follow the steps below:

1. Insert the USB stick with the update file into USB port.
2. Select *Options* from the main menu and then select the *Update* icon and confirm the decision. Aetos will restart in special update mode.
3. Upon restart a window similar to Figure 44a opens. Select the *Update* option.
4. A window similar to Figure 44b opens with kus files listed. Normally, only one file is listed. Select the update file (kus file) and push the knob. The update process is now started.



(a) Aetos update mode options.

(b) Update file selection.

Figure 44: Special update mode example.

Once update process has been started, do not cancel or terminate it. Make sure that battery is sufficiently full. The update process may take a few minutes.



The update process will automatically perform the following steps:

- The update file integrity is verified. In the case of *Update file checksum ERROR* message, it usually means that the file was corrupted and it must be downloaded again. In most cases, forgetting to *safely remove* the USB stick from PC is to blame.
- Files stored inside the update file are copied into Aetos. Once this is completed, Aetos restarts.
- A few moments after the restart, firmware update begins. Aetos will update firmware in all devices found on the CAN bus automatically. The firmware update process may take a few minutes⁵. Secondary Aetos does not perform firmware update⁶.

8.2 Direct Update Mode (Emergency Mode)

In the case of software failure, where Aetos does not start-up properly anymore and the *Update* icon from the *Options* screen can't be reached, the following approach may help:

1. Power Aetos off,

⁵ In rare cases, the firmware update may fail. In this case, simply turn Aetos off and then on again. On the second try, it will update the remaining devices.

⁶ Secondary Aetos with IGEP CPU is an exception, as it will only update its own MABU device.

2. power it back on and
3. keep pressed the *Screen switching button*, see label ⑤ on Figure 1, page 17. Wait until the window similar to window shown on Figure 44a appears.

This brings Aetos to the point where software can be updated.

9 Database Update

The Aetos is using several aviation databases. These databases are regularly maintained and their latest versions are available on our web site.

The databases include: airfield information, frequency information, navigation points, airspace zones, recommended VFR routes, etc. All these databases are packed into one bundle and published on our web site. The name of the bundle is *AvioLatest.kus*.

9.1 Updating with USB Stick

In most cases the databases are updated using USB stick in three steps.

1. downloading the latest database file,
2. copying the file to the USB stick,
3. updating databases from the USB stick.

9.1.1 Downloading Updates

The latest (actual) software can be found on the Kanardia web page www.kanardia.eu. Follow these steps:

1. Open the home page and select *Support* menu from the top and then select the *Database* option. A list of available files appears.
2. Select the *AvioLatest.kus* file. Check the publish date.
3. Click on the link to start the download process. Before downloading the software, a window appears asking for your email address. This is optional. The download will commence also if email is not given.

If you have problems with the download, please refer to the section 8 starting on page 61.

9.1.2 Copying Update File to the USB Stick

The downloaded file must be copied to the USB stick. We recommend copying it to the root folder.

Important: Once file was copied, please make sure that the USB stick is safely removed from PC. This makes sure that all files are properly copied and closed before the stick is actually removed from PC.



9.1.3 Performing the Update

Once the file is on the USB stick follow the steps below:

1. Insert the USB stick with the update file into Aetos USB port.
2. Select *Options* from the main menu and then select the *Transfer* icon
3. Select the *Copy* option.
4. Search for the *AvioLatest.kus* file and select it. Aetos will copy the databases.
5. Wait for copy to finish and then close all windows.

Aetos will restart with new databases being active.

10 Autopilot

When Aetos system is extended with one or two servo motors, than Aetos can be also used as an autopilot controlling device. In general, no other electronics, but servos is needed. This section describes basic operations with autopilot system.

10.1 Intended Use

The autopilot is designed to help a pilot in stable, controllable flight conditions during cruising. If such conditions are met, the autopilot can be engaged to take some relief from the pilot, who can perhaps focus a bit more on ATC communication or to do some navigation task. Nevertheless, it is still pilot's responsibility to monitor the autopilot and airplane behavior all the time.



10.2 Operation Limitations



Always respect the following limitations.

- The autopilot shall be only used in VFR (Visual Flying Rules) conditions.
- Information from the Aircraft Operating Handbook always supersedes information given in this manual.
- The autopilot is designed to be used only in cruising conditions. It will not work at low and high speeds. It can't fly approaches and departures and it can't do takeoffs and landings.
- The autopilot shall not be used in turbulence.
- Do not use the autopilot with flaps extended.
- In any case of abnormal activity, the autopilot must be deactivated and the pilot must take over the commands immediately. Never wait for autopilot to deactivate itself automatically.
- Autopilot does not use any information from Magu (magnetic compass).

10.3 System Description

Autopilot system shown on Figure 45 consists of Aetos, power supply switch and two or more servo motors units called *Seru*. All these units are connected via CAN data bus which enables the communication between them. The Aetos is used for autopilot control and configuration. The *Seru* units are servo-motors which are moving the aircraft control surfaces. Power switch is used to cut the power to the servo motors – this quickly disables servo motors and frees the aircraft commands. It is also possible to install a quick autopilot disable switch which can be placed on the command stick of the airplane.

Each *Seru* unit is controlling one aircraft control surface. In two axis autopilot system, one *Seru* unit is linked to the aircraft aileron which is controlling the roll angle and therefore controlling the heading of the aircraft. The second *Seru* unit is linked to the aircraft elevator and is controlling aircraft pitch and therefore altitude or vertical speed.

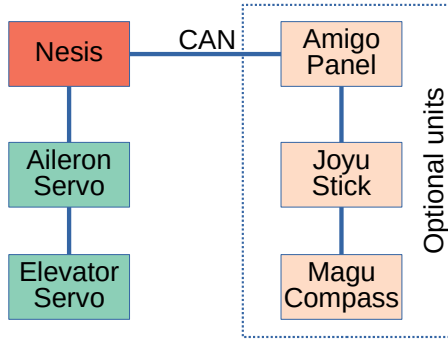


Figure 45: Main units of the autopilot system. Some units are optional.

10.4 Autopilot Status Window

Autopilot status box as shown in Figure 46 can be found on each Aetos screen. The status box shows state of autopilot axes. A green text next to the axis indicates that it is active. A gray text means that an axis is disabled. In addition, selected autopilot parameters are also shown in the status box. When both autopilot axes are disabled the status box is hidden, automatically.



Figure 46: An example of the autopilot status box.

10.5 Autopilot Setup

For autopilot installation and setup please check separate document: *Autopilot Installation Manual*. In this section only autopilot operations are described.

10.6 Setting User Button

User button shall be configured to provide a quick access to autopilot functions. It is advised to configure buttons as:

- *Short Press* set to the *Autopilot Menu* function,

- *Long press* set to the *Autopilot Disable* function.

Please check section 6.3.1 on page 43 for more details.

10.7 Safety



Autopilot system is not terrain aware and it will not make any avoidance action or issue any terrain warning!

Please refer to the Autopilot Installation Manual for more details about the safety measures.

10.8 Operation

Short press on the *User* button shows the autopilot menu, Figure 47. All autopilot actions are accessed trough this menu.

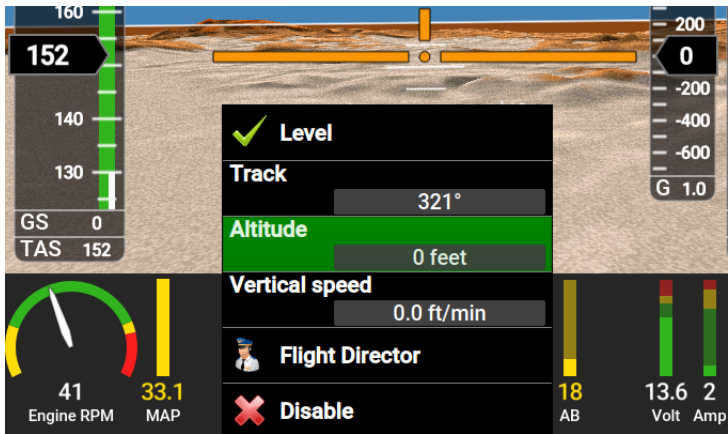


Figure 47: An example of the autopilot menu.

The description of the actions is presented below. Some actions enable only pitch and some only roll autopilot servo. The level action is the only one, which enables both autopilot servos simultaneously.

Autopilot menu remembers last selection. When the menu is opened, last action is already selected. This saves time when you change one parameter often.

10.8.1 Track

In order to fly some desired track course the *Track* action is selected from the menu. A window with track direction input is shown on Figure 48. The default value of the input window is always current track. If active screen also shows the heading bug, the bug is adjusted as well.

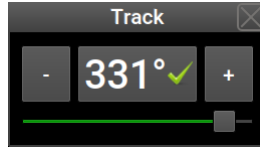


Figure 48: Illustration of the track input window.

If the autopilot was not active before selecting new track the the roll servo motor will be automatically enabled after the track is confirmed. Otherwise, the autopilot will try to follow desired track while changing values on the input window.

The autopilot will always turn the airplane in the direction which is closer to the current track. When a change for more than 180° is made in one direction, the autopilot will turn the aircraft in opposite direction. The maximum roll angle of the turn is selected in autopilot setup menu. See *Autopilot Installation Manual* for reference.

10.8.2 Altitude

In order to hold or change desired flying altitude the *Altitude* action is selected from the autopilot menu. A window with altitude input is shown on Figure 49. The default value of the input window is always current altitude.

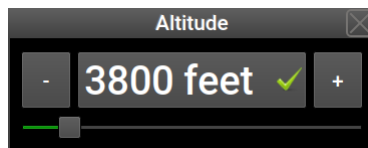


Figure 49: Illustration of the altitude input window.

10.8.3 Flight Director (HNAV)

In order to follow a pre-planned route or fly to some selected waypoint the *Flight director* action is selected from the autopilot menu. Aetos then becomes primary navigation source for the autopilot. The autopilot will follow any active navigation. Roll servo motor is automatically activated. Please refer to section 4.5 starting on page 29 for more information about route planing.



The flight director is controlling only direction of flight. To change altitude use *Altitude* or *Vertical Speed* commands.

The navigation can be changed dynamically. When flight director is active the aircraft will start to turn immediately after selecting new waypoint or activating a different route leg.

When aircraft is significantly off-course, flight director approaches the active route leg at 45° angle. When close enough, it turns back to the leg direction minimizing the cross-track error.

Once aircraft reaches the last point of the route or a direct-to waypoint it starts to circle around that point. During turns, the aircraft is maintaining the roll angle configured in settings.

10.8.4 Disable

The *Disable* command disengages all servomotors connected to the system. This action is immediate and the user is not asked for any confirmation. The route or direct-to waypoint selection remains unchanged.

10.8.5 Level

The *Level* command is the only autopilot command that activates both servos. When the command is issued, autopilot keeps aircraft leveled. It does not follow any course and it does not maintain any particular altitude.

11 Third Party Software

This section has nothing to do with the usage of the Aetos. You can skip it completely if you are not interested in software development and licensing issues.

11.1 The Qt Library

The Aetos software was developed with the help of the *Qt library*, which is a product of *The Qt Company*. The library offers several licenses. One of them is the LGPLv3 license, which we chose for the Aetos.

Choosing this license gives us some obligations. They are partly fulfilled by Aetos, partly by this manual and partly by our web server. The following subsections give insight into the details.

11.1.1 Modules and Linking

Aetos is using dynamic linking (.so) with the following libraries from the Qt library bundle: libQt5Core.so, libQt5Gui.so, libQt5Widgets.so, libQt5Xml.so, libQt5Concurrent.so, libQt5Network.so, libQt5DBus.so, libQt5OpenGL.so and libQt5EglDeviceIntegration.so.

11.1.2 Source Code and Toolchain

The source code of the Qt library used with Aetos and the toolchain used to build the binary image of library modules can be obtained following next steps:

1. Use your browser and open <https://www.kanardia.eu> web page.
2. Select **SUPPORT|Software** from the menu on the top right side. A list of various software bundles will appear.
3. Select **QtLibrarySource** to download the Qt library source code.
4. Select **Toolchain** to download the suite of programs that were used to build the library binaries.

11.1.3 Compiling The Library

Once both the library and the toolchain were downloaded, use the following steps to build the library binaries on your computer. We are using Kubuntu flavor of Linux operating system and instructions will be given for such system (or similar).

1. Extract `Toolchain.tar.bz2`.

2. Extract `QtLibrarySource.tar.bz2`.
3. Enter folder `qt5base-5.6.0/`.
4. Configure Qt5 with following command and replace `{DIR}` with the folder, where the toolchain was extracted:

```
# ./configure -opensource -shared -no-static -no-sql-mysql -no-sql-psql \
-widgets -gui -opengl es2 -eglfs -no-openssl -no-gstreamer \
-prefix {DIR}/QT -no-rpath -nomake tests -device buildroot -no-xcb \
-no-cups -no-nis -no-gtkstyle -no-pulseaudio -no-xcb-xlib -no-harfbuzz \
-no-libproxy -no-icu -no-xcb -device-option \
CROSS_COMPILE={DIR}/host.a20/usr/bin/arm-buildroot-linux-gnueabi- \
-sysroot {DIR}/host.a20/usr/arm-buildroot-linux-gnueabi/sysroot
```

5. Compile library with:

```
# make
```

6. Install library with:

```
# make install
```

Library files are installed into folder:

```
{DIR}/host.a20/usr/arm-buildroot-linux-gnueabi/sysroot/QT
```

11.1.4 Installing Modified Qt Library

The LGPLv3 license allows you to freely adapt and change the source code according to your needs.

1. Use your favorite source code editor to edit and modify the Qt library source code.
2. Compile the changes using the toolchain (see section 11.1.3) and produce the binaries.
3. Copy the binaries to a USB memory stick. Put them into the USB stick root folder.
4. Insert the USB stick into Aetos.
5. Switch to the **Options** page and then select the **Info** icon.

6. Select the **Qt Library** from the list.
7. Select the **Install Qt Library** option.
8. Confirm the decision – select **Yes**.
9. Aetos will copy the libraries found on the USB stick to the internal flash drive by overwriting any existing libraries.
10. Close all windows and turn Aetos off.
11. Power Aetos on. Now, it should start with new version of Qt libraries.

If something goes wrong and Aetos does not start anymore, start it in emergency mode. See section 8.2 . Then perform software update with the official version of Aetos software. This should restore Aetos back to working state.

11.1.5 Copy of Qt License Document

A copy of the Qt license document is stored in Aetos. It can be viewed using the procedure below:

1. Switch to the **Options** page.
2. Select the **Info** icon.
3. A list of items appears. Choose the **Qt Library** option.
4. Another list appears. Choose the **View Qt license** item.
5. A window with original Qt license document appears. Scroll down to read the complete text.

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