Pilot's Guide to Discord

Welcome to the Canada Air Virtual (CAV) Discord community! Discord is where we connect, share, and make virtual aviation even more engaging. Whether you're here to chat, learn, or join group flights, this guide will help you get started.

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What is Discord?

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Discord is a free communication platform designed for communities to connect via text, voice, and video. Think of it as a virtual hub where Canada Air Virtual pilots can:

- **Chat** in real-time.
- **Share screenshots** of flights.
- **Ask and answer aviation and simulator questions.**
- **Join weekly group flights** and hang out in voice channels.

Why Use Discord?

Discord is central to CAV's operations because it offers:

- **Instant communication** with fellow pilots.
- **Community bonding** through chats and events.
- **Powerful tools and bots** for easier access to VA functions.

Discord Basics

Setting Up Discord

1. **Download Discord:**
   - On your PC or Mac: <u>discord.com</u>
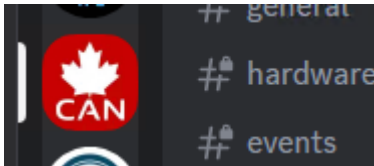   - On your phone or tablet: Search for "Discord" in your app store.
2. **Create an Account:** Sign up with an email address, create a username, and set a password.
3. **Join Canada Air Virtual's Server:** Use the invite link <u>https://discord.gg/CSujGGgyv3</u>
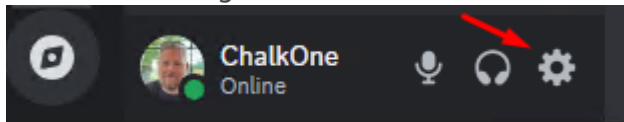
Navigating Discord

1. **Channels:**
   1. **Text Channels:** For typing messages (e.g., #general or #screenshots).
   2. **Voice Channels:** For real-time audio communication (e.g., during group flights).
2. **Server Menu:** On the left-hand side, you'll see icons for all servers you're part of. Click on Canada Air Virtual's icon to access our server.

3. **User Settings:**
   1. Access via the gear icon in the bottom-left.

   2. Adjust notifications, update your profile picture, or set your status.

Sending Messages

1. **Text Chats:** Click on a text channel and type your message. Press Enter to send.
2. **Mentions:** Tag someone with `@username` to get their attention.
3. **Reactions:** Click the emoji icon on a message to react.

Using Voice Channels

1. Click a **Voice Channel** to join.
2. Use the controls at the bottom to mute/unmute or adjust your audio settings.
3. When you're done, click **Disconnect** (the phone icon with an 'x') to leave.

How Canada Air Virtual Uses Discord

Your Canada Air Identity

To maintain consistency, your Discord nickname should be:
`[Your Callsign] - [First Name] [Last Initial]`
Example: `CAN3023 - Jan P`

To change your nickname:

1. Right-click your name in the member list or server menu.
2. Select **Edit Server Profile.**
3. Update your **Nickname** field and save.

You can also use the `/pilot_name` command.

Channels Overview

We have many channels accessible to members. Be sure to follow the on-boarding instructions in the #read-me-first channel to unlock them all!

- **#read-me-first:** Start here for rules and server info.
- **Canada Air** category
  - **#announcements:** Keep an eye out for important messages here.
  - **#general:** Hang out and chat about anything aviation or non-aviation.
  - **#hardware**: Discuss your home cockpit and PC questions.
  - **#events**: Chat about upcoming events.
  - **#tours**: Discuss our available tours or suggest new ones.
- **Media** category
  - **#screenshots:** Show off your latest flights! This also houses sub-threads for our monthly screenshot contests.
- **Helpdesk** category
  - **#helpdesk:** Ask and answer simulator and aviation questions.
  - **#support-tickets:** Use this to create a support ticket for a specific query or issue.

These are just a few of the channels we have available.

Weekly Group Flights

- Join us in voice channels like **IFRidays** or **Cessna Sundays** during scheduled events.
- You'll be able to chat while flying and enjoy a collaborative experience.

Helpful Bots and Features

1. **Website Integration:** Use bots to access quick website functions directly from Discord.
2. **Translator Bot:** Communicate with fellow pilots in different languages seamlessly.
3. **Commands:** Use specific commands to check schedules, stats, or events. Examples:
   - `/pilot_stats` - View your flight stats.
   - `/help` - Learn about bot commands.

Tips for Using Discord Effectively

Staying Engaged

- Check Discord regularly for updates and discussions.
- Participate in weekly group flights and community events.

Keeping Things Respectful

- Follow all server rules outlined in the **#read-me-first** channel.
- Be mindful of others in voice channels.

Notifications

Customize notifications for specific channels to avoid overload:

1. Right-click on a channel.
2. Select **Notification Settings** and adjust as needed.

Troubleshooting and Additional Resources

Common Issues

- **Can't hear in voice channels?** Check your mic and audio settings in User Settings.
- **Missing channels?** Ensure you've completed any server onboarding steps.

Help Resources

- Visit the **#helpdesk** channel for community support.
- Use Discord's <u>Help Center</u> for detailed guides.