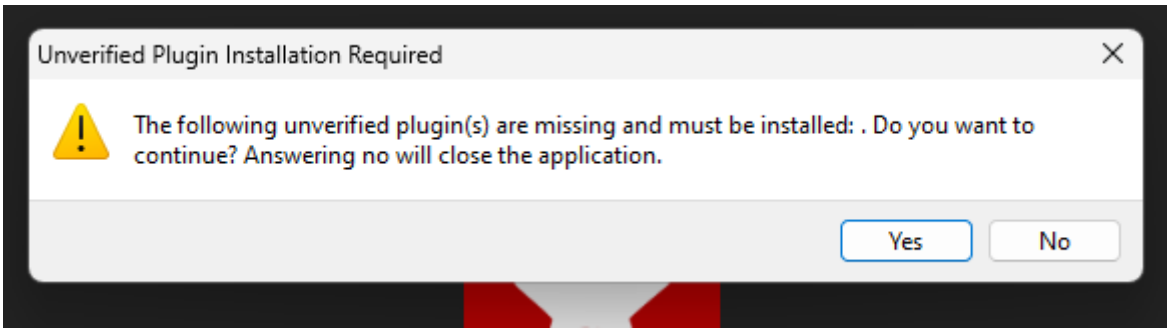
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Unverified Plugins

When launching smartCARS 3, you may see a popup message asking you to confirm the installation or update of **Unverified Plugins**.



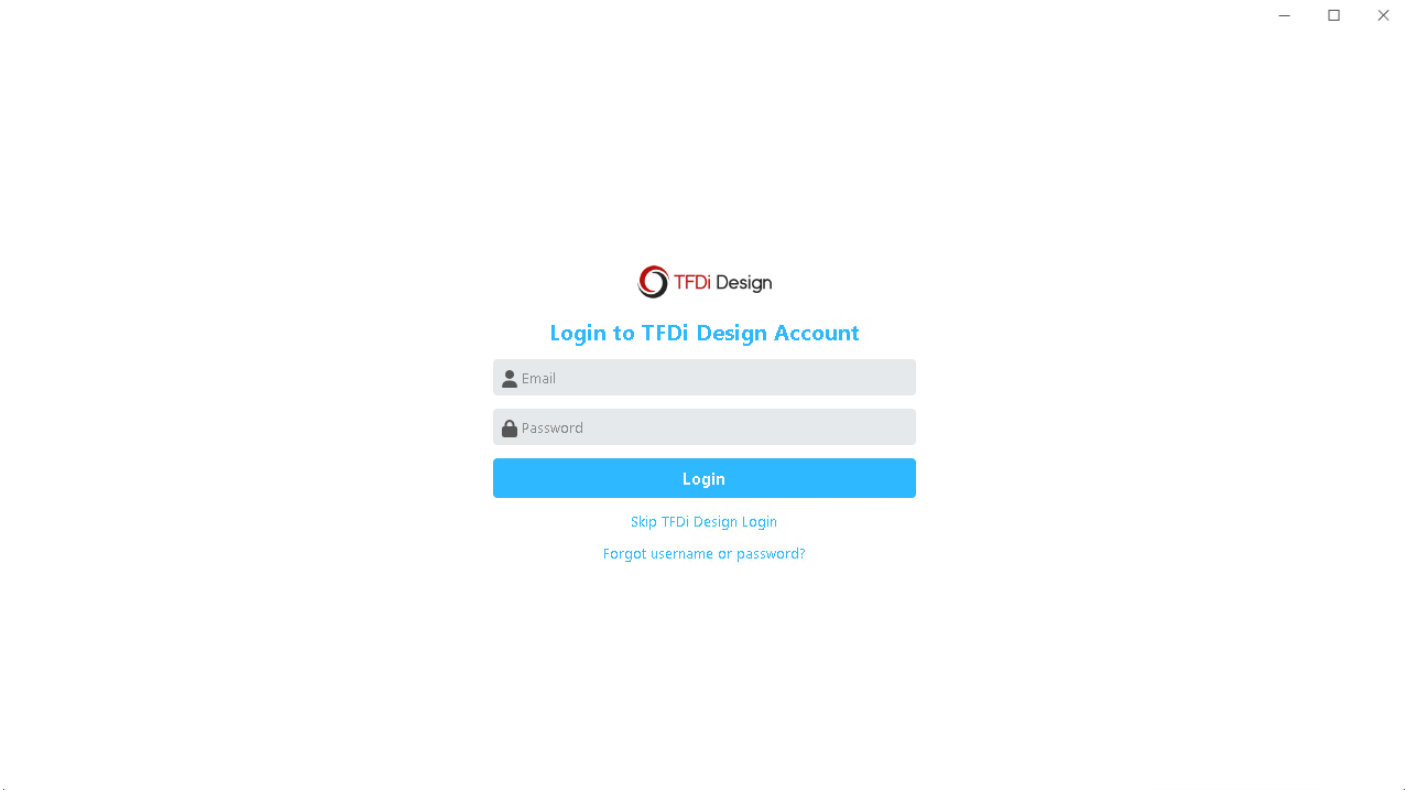
> **This is expected and nothing to worry about! Simply click Yes to proceed.**

Canada Air has developed several custom plugins, the **Flight Center** and the **Live Flights** plugin. Anytime there is an update to those, you may see this message.

> Note, there is currently a bug with smartCARS 3 where you will receive this message on every launch. Simply click Yes.

What is this TFDi Design Login about?

The very first screen that you see upon launching smartCARS 3 is a login screen for a TFDi Design account.



This is entirely optional and not required for your Canada Air Virtual flights!

Here are some potential benefits to creating a TFDi Design account:

- It's the only way to not be asked to log into a TFDi Design account on each launch of smartCARS 3
- Your flight will appear on the integrated map
- You then have the option to upgrade to a smartCARS 3 Pro account. More details at https://tfdidesign.com/smartCARS3.php

If you don't have a TFDi Design account, click **Skip TFDi Design Login**.



Login to TFDi Design Account

Email

Password

Login

Skip TFDi Design Login

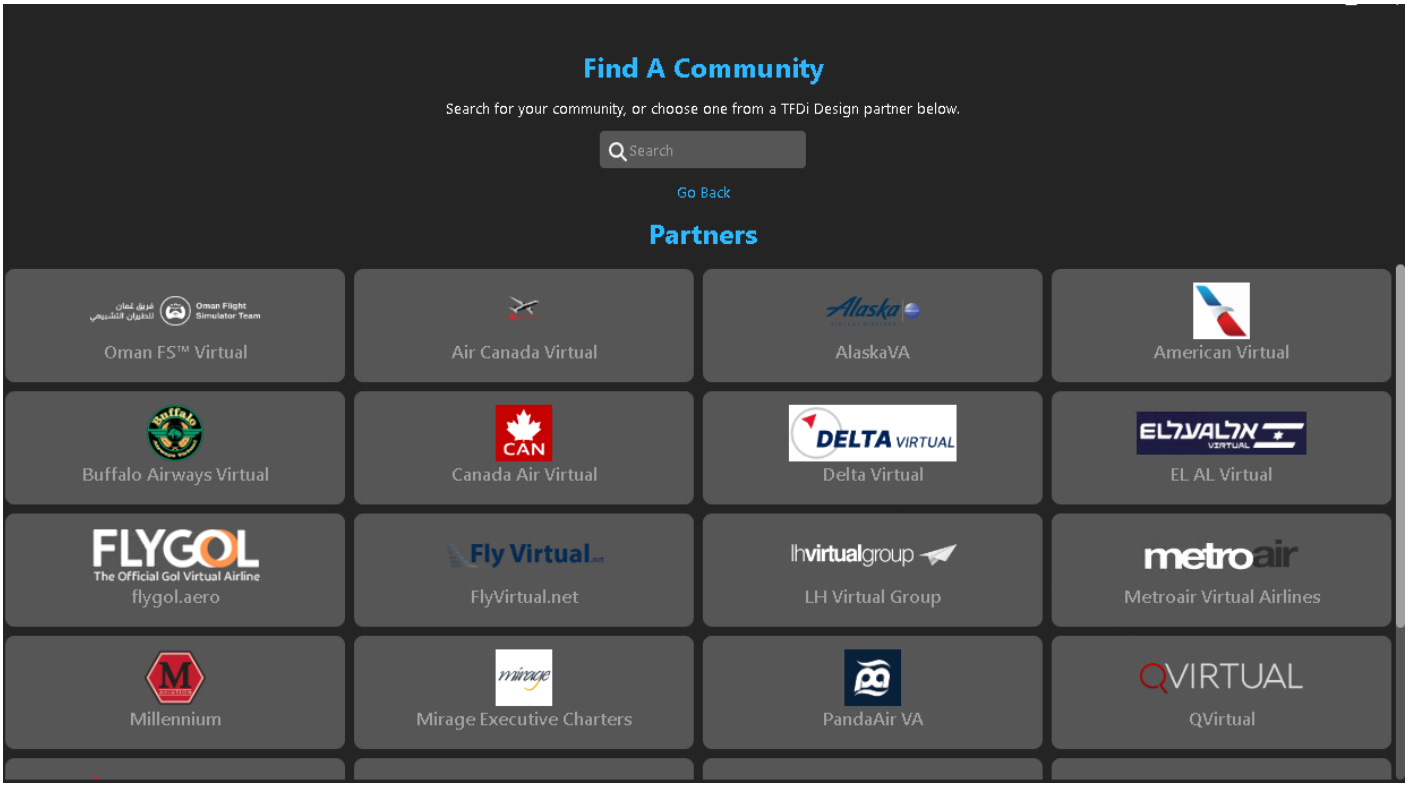
Forgot username or password?

Connecting to Canada Air Virtual

The first time you connect, you will be asked if you want to fly "On my Own" or "With a Community". Choose "With a (another) Community".



Simply click on the Canada Air Virtual logo in the list of airlines, or use the search box to search for "Canada Air" and select it.

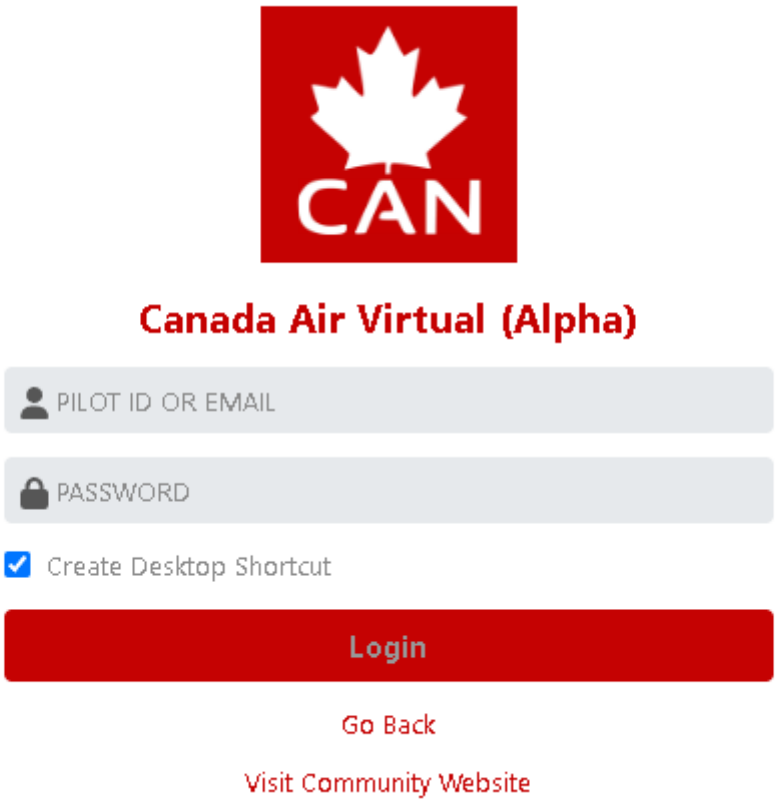


You'll then be presented with the login screen.

> Be careful not to accidentally select Air Canada Virtual!

Logging into your account

Provide your credentials in the form of your email address or callsign (i.e. **CAN1001**) and password. This is the same password that you use to log in at https://va.canadaairvirtual.ca.

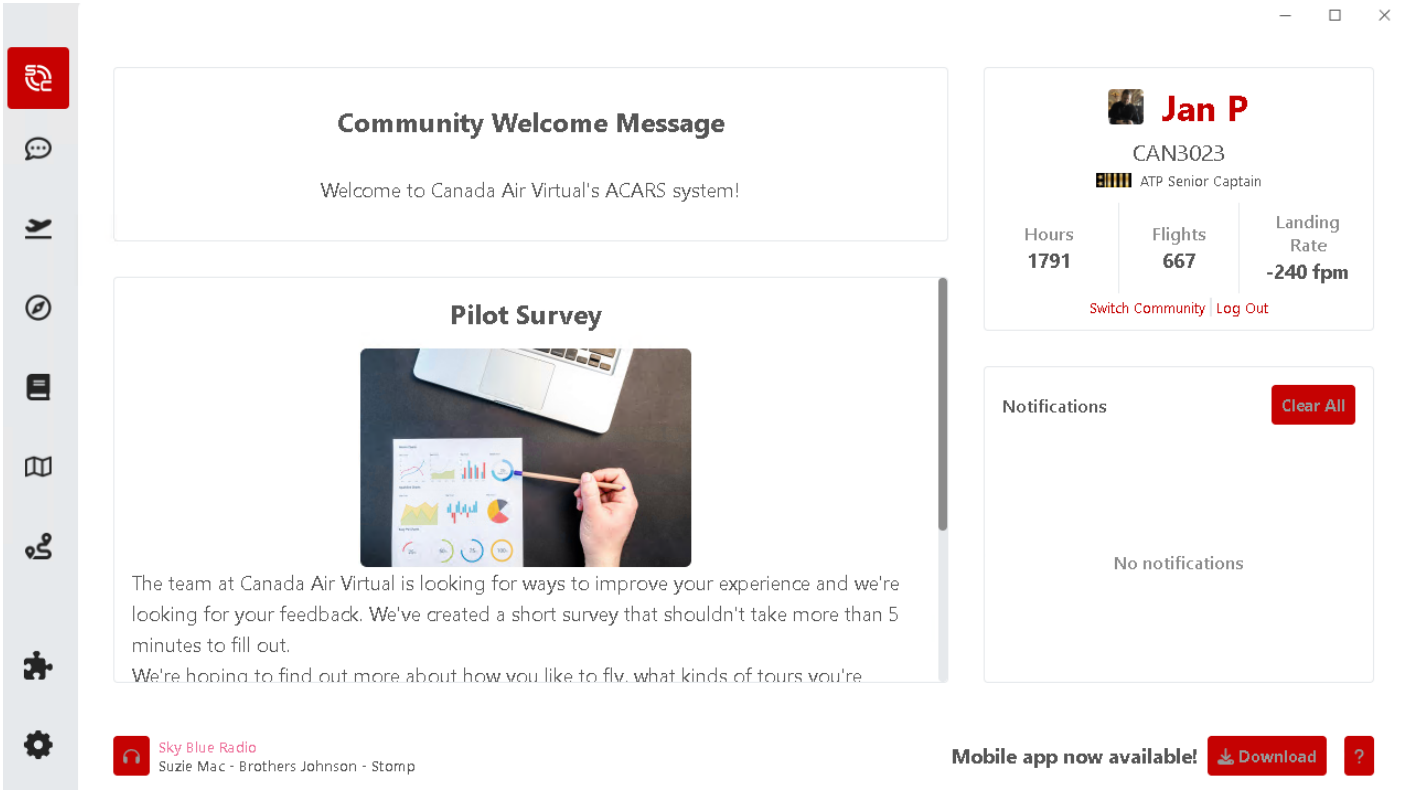


We suggest you leave the "Create Desktop Shortcut" checkbox checked. This will create a nice looking shortcut for "Canada Air Virtual" on your desktop.



Understanding the dashboard

Once logged in, this is what your dashboard in smartCARS 3 looks like.



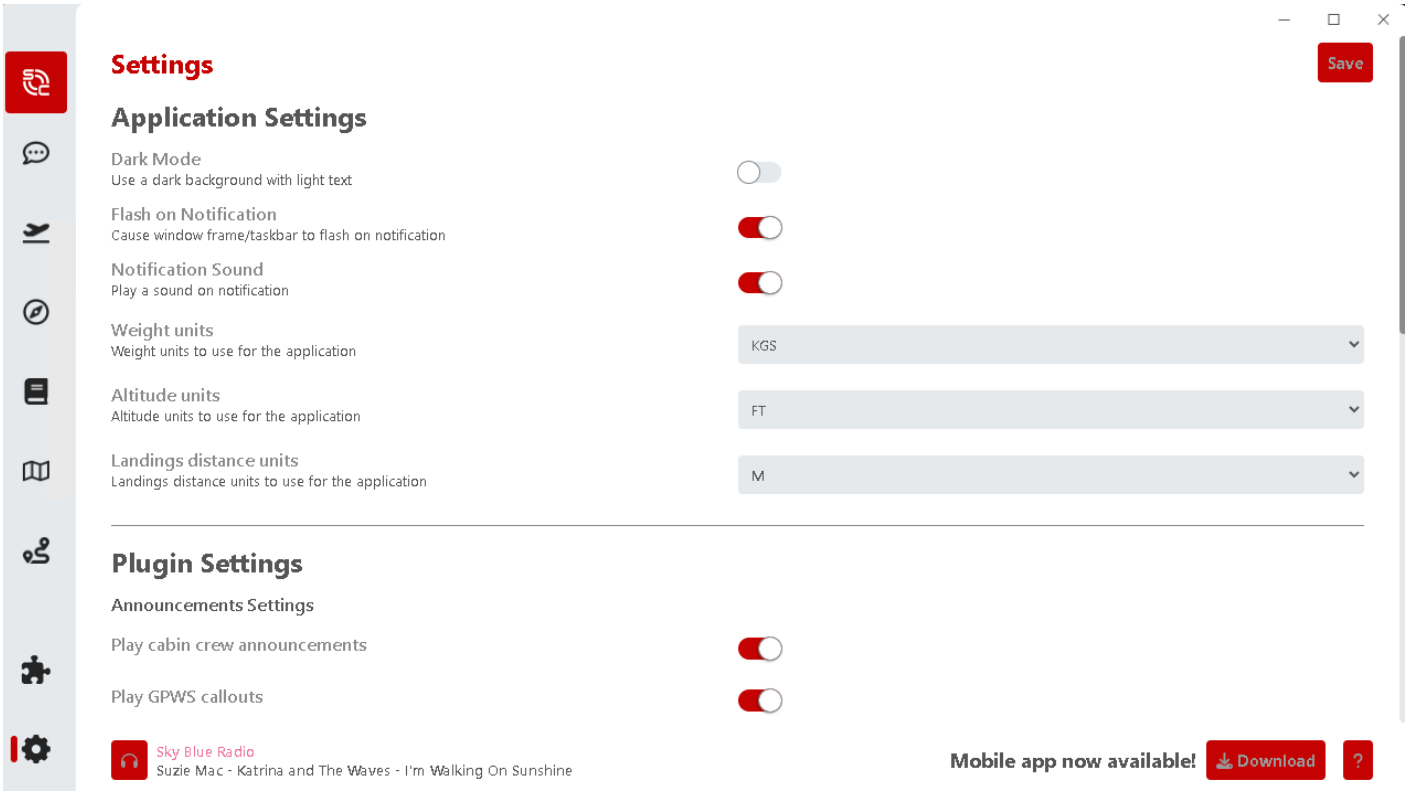
> Note: you may not have one of the icons on the right side until you install the Simbrief plugin, should you so desire.

Configuring settings & plugins

The icon in the bottom left of the sidebar is the Settings icon:



This is where you can configure various functions of smartCARS 3 to your liking.



Some settings worth noting are:

- **Dark Mode**
- **Flight Tracking Settings**
  - Automatic PIREP submission (recommended ON)
- **SimBrief Settings** (if plugin enabled)

Be sure to click the **Save** button in the top right to save your settings!

