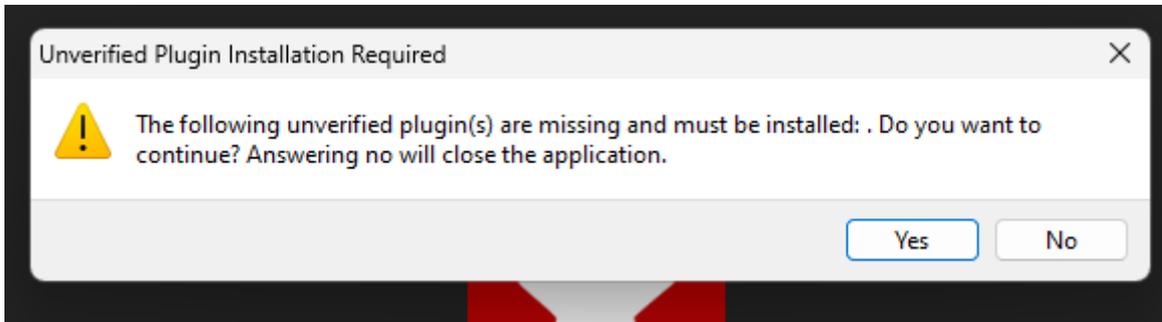


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Unverified Plugins

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.

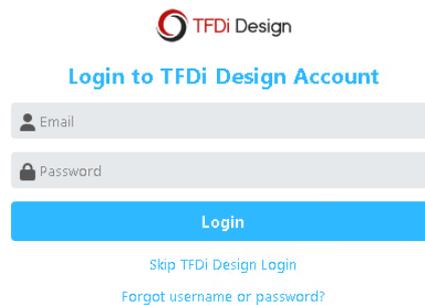
Canada Air has developed several custom plugins, the **Flight Center** and the **Live Flights** plugin. Anytime there is an update to those, you may see this message.

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.

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TFDi Design

Login to TFDi Design Account

Email

Password

Login

[Skip TFDi Design Login](#)

[Forgot username or password?](#)

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**.



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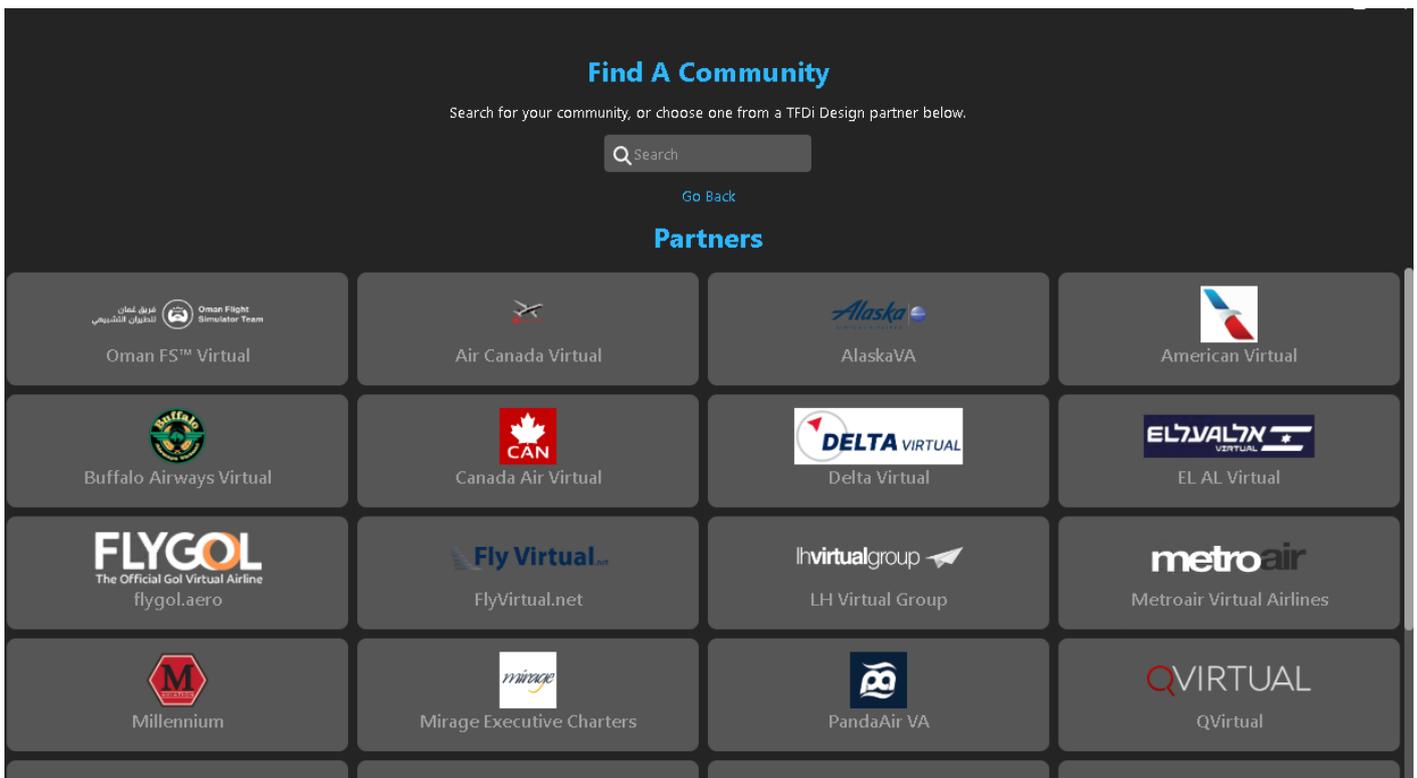


Connecting to Canada Air Virtual

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>.



Canada Air Virtual (Alpha)

 PILOT ID OR EMAIL

 PASSWORD

Create Desktop Shortcut

Login

[Go Back](#)

[Visit Community Website](#)

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.

The screenshot shows the smartCARS 3 dashboard with a sidebar on the left containing icons for home, chat, flight, navigation, documents, book, profile, puzzle, and settings. The main content area includes:

- Community Welcome Message:** A white box with the text "Welcome to Canada Air Virtual's ACARS system!".
- Pilot Survey:** A section with a header "Pilot Survey" and an image of a hand pointing at a laptop screen displaying charts. Below the image, the text reads: "The team at Canada Air Virtual is looking for ways to improve your experience and we're looking for your feedback. We've created a short survey that shouldn't take more than 5 minutes to fill out. We're hoping to find out more about how you like to fly, what kinds of tours you're..."
- User Profile:** A box for user "Jan P" (CAN3023, ATP Senior Captain) showing statistics: Hours (1791), Flights (667), and Landing Rate (-240 fpm). It includes links for "Switch Community" and "Log Out".
- Notifications:** A box with a "Clear All" button and the text "No notifications".
- Footer:** A "Sky Blue Radio" player showing "Suzie Mac - Brothers Johnson - Stomp" and a "Mobile app now available!" banner with "Download" and "?" buttons.

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.

Settings

Application Settings

Dark Mode
Use a dark background with light text

Flash on Notification
Cause window frame/taskbar to flash on notification

Notification Sound
Play a sound on notification

Weight units
Weight units to use for the application KGS

Altitude units
Altitude units to use for the application FT

Landings distance units
Landings distance units to use for the application M

Plugin Settings

Announcements Settings

Play cabin crew announcements

Play GPWS callouts

Sky Blue Radio
Suzie Mac - Katrina and The Waves - I'm Walking On Sunshine

Mobile app now available! [Download](#) [?](#)

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!

