



AIXM Integration

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An AIM Solution using AIXM 4.5 as Integrating Link

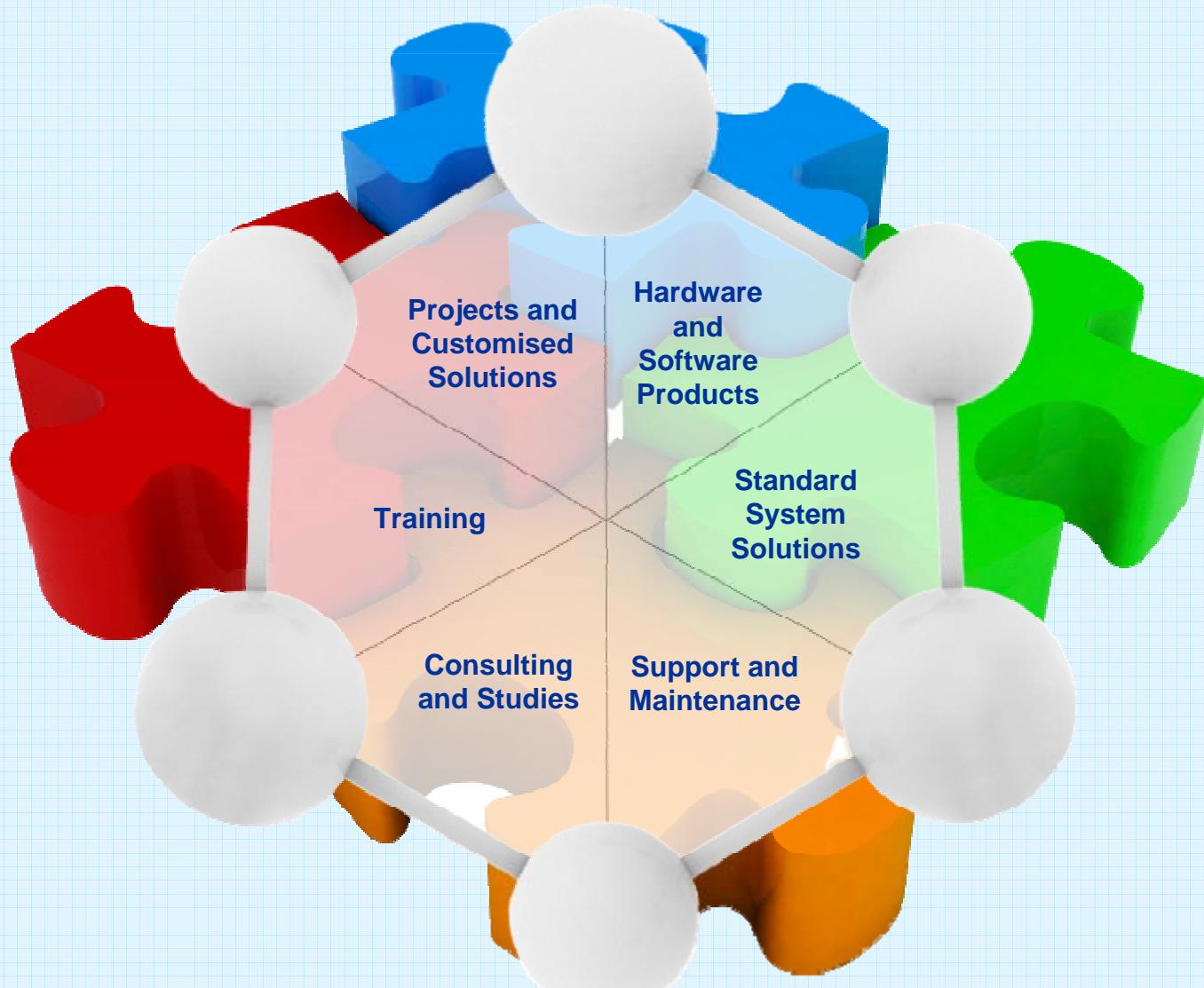
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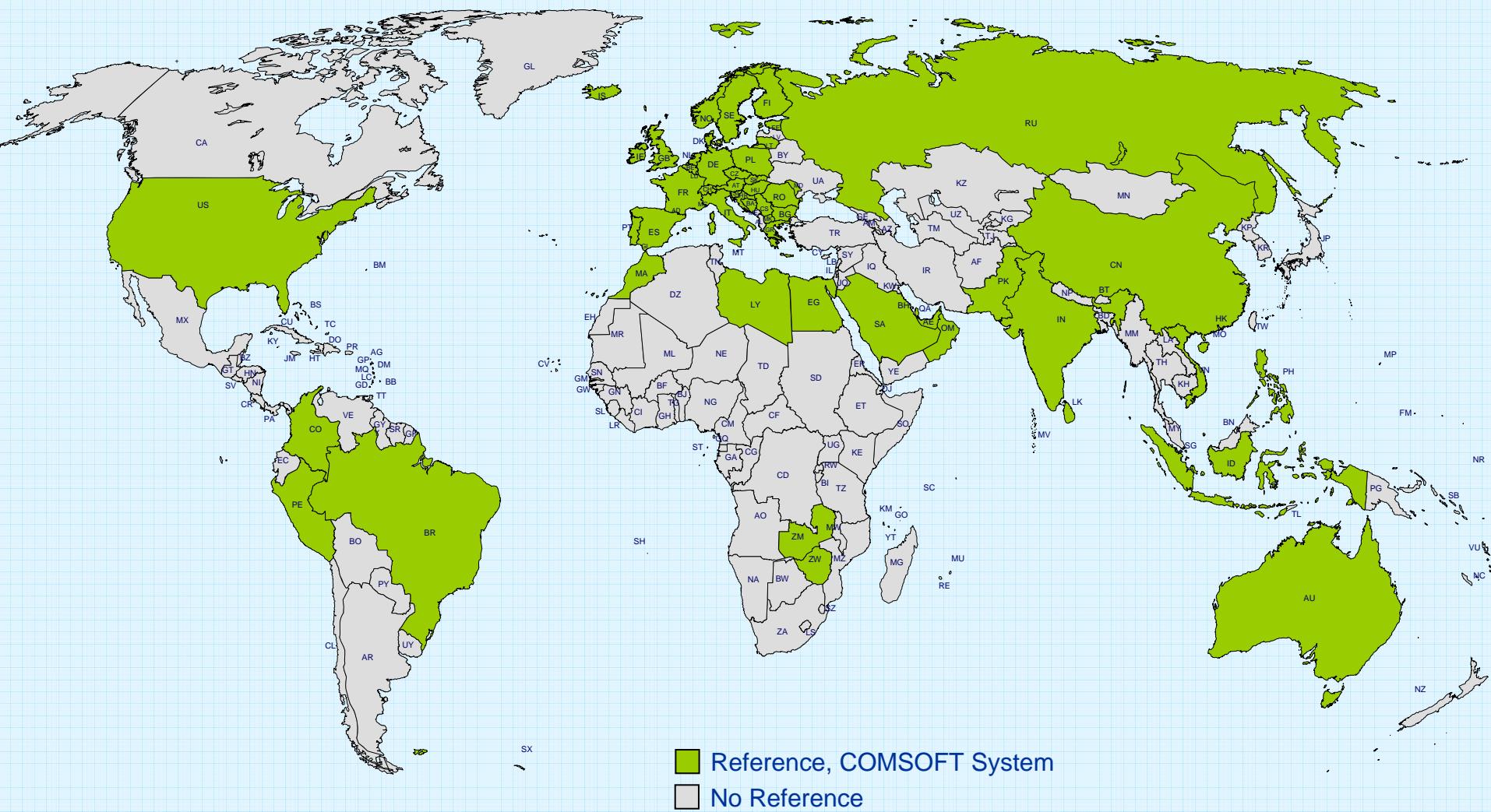


COMSOFT Staff

- Over 250 employees
- Our staff is constantly growing
- Large majority of our employees is holding advanced technical degrees
- Well-balanced mixture of young graduates and senior professionals with long-time experience
- Intercultural competence by international composition of staff
- Technologically up-to-date by permanent professional training



COMSOFT: World-wide References



Company Introduction ESRI

- As a Company
 - International network
 - Partnerships and alliances
 - Stable and reliable
- Proven Technology
 - Focus on GIS user community
 - Scalable and interoperable
 - Leverages shared components
- Industry Standards
 - ISO 9000 Certified
 - ICAO
 - AIXM / AICM





Task: An Integrated AIM Solution





System Components

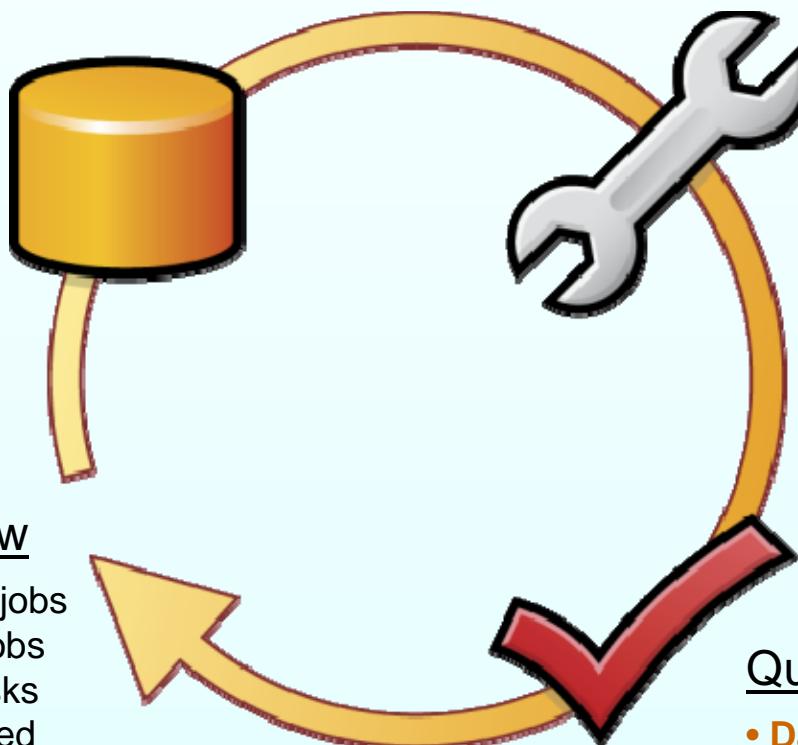
- ESRI Aeronautical Solution
- CADAS-ATS (FPL, RPL Handling, Active Flight DB)
- CADAS-IMS (NOTAM DB, MET DB, Briefing)
- GroupVerve AIS (eAIP)

ESRI Aeronautical Solution

Data-centric, end-to-end production system

Centralized Data

- Database-driven charting
- Automatic product updates
- Business rules



Tools and Data Exchange

- AIXM 4.5
- Product management
- Create and edit data
- Detailed cartography

Workflow

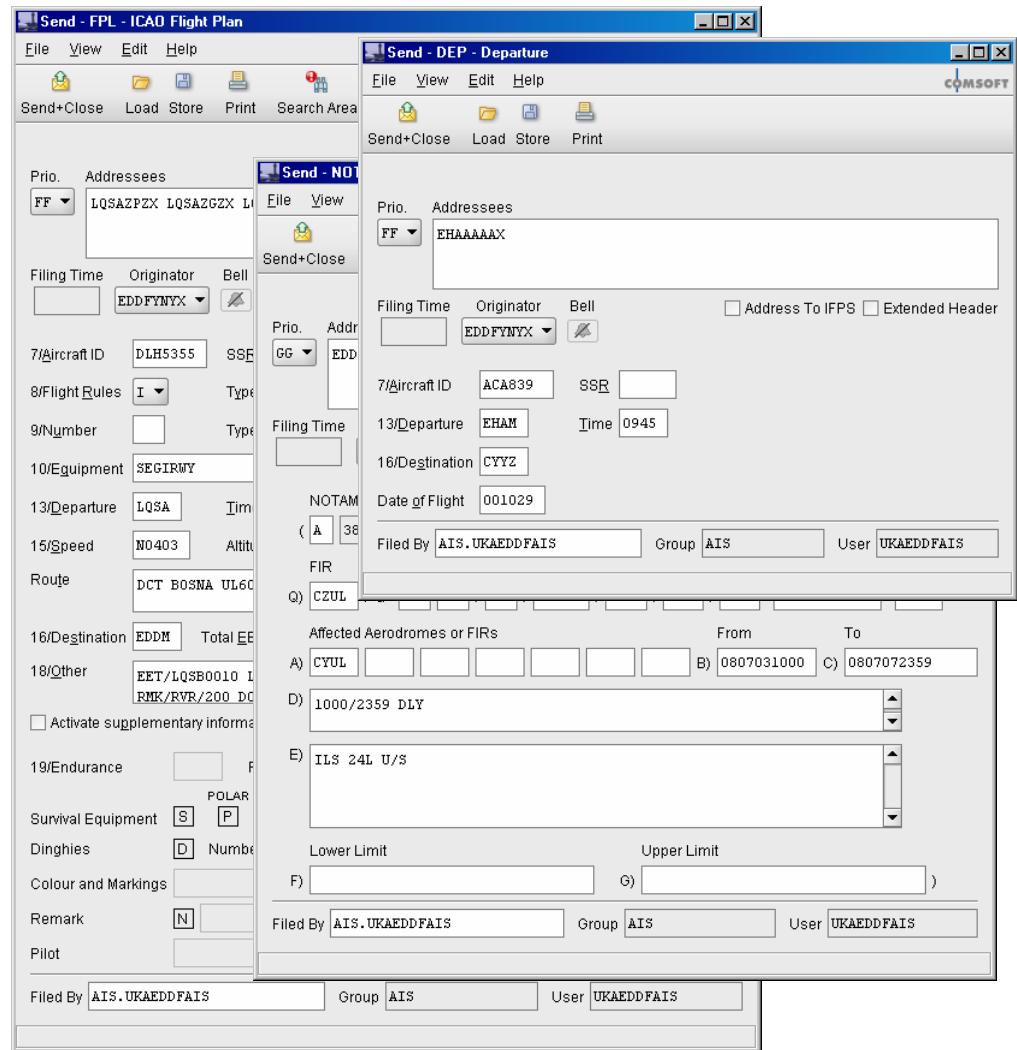
- Manage jobs
- Assign jobs
- Keep tasks organized

Quality Control

- Data validation
- Multi-user environment
- History

CADAS-ATS

- Flight planning and management
- Interactive forms for FPL and related messages
- Active Flight Database
- Repetitive Flight Plans
- Interactive forms for Project NOTAMs
- Interactive forms for MET messages



The screenshot displays two overlapping windows from the CADAS-ATS software:

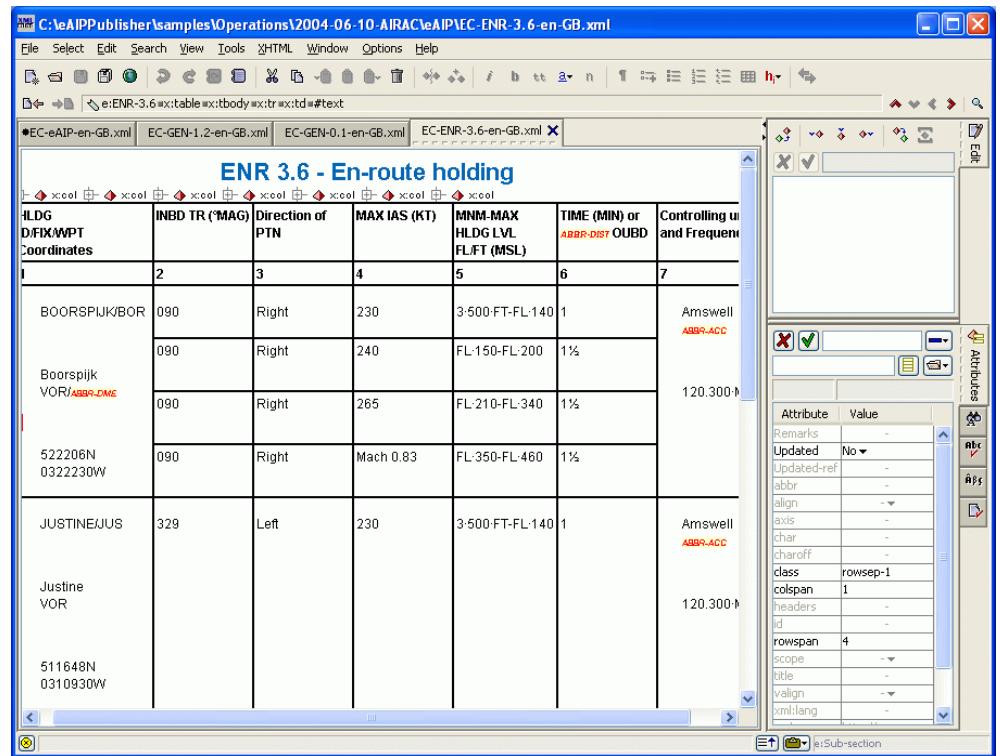
- Send - FPL - ICAO Flight Plan**: This window is the primary focus. It contains fields for Prio., Addressees (with a dropdown menu showing "FF" and entries like "LQSAZPZX LQSAZGZX"), Filing Time, Originator (set to "EDDFYNYX"), and Bell. Other fields include Aircraft ID (DLH5355), Flight Rules (I), Number, Equipment (SEGIRWY), Departure (LQSA), Speed (NO403), Altitude, Route (DCT BOSNA UL6C), Destination (EDDM), and Other (EET/LQSB00101 RMK/RVR/200 DC). A checkbox for "Activate supplementary information" is present. The NOTAM section shows a list of affected aerodromes or FIRs (CYUL, 1000/2359 DLY, ILS 24L U/S) with checkboxes for "From" and "To". The "Affected Aerodromes or FIRs" section lists CYUL, 1000/2359 DLY, and ILS 24L U/S. The "Lower Limit" and "Upper Limit" sections are partially visible. Filed By, Group, and User fields are at the bottom.
- Send - DEP - Departure**: This window is partially visible behind the first. It has similar fields for Prio., Addressees (showing "EHAAAAAX"), Filing Time, Originator (EDDFYNYX), and Bell. It includes fields for Aircraft ID (ACA839), Departure (EHAM), Destination (CYYZ), Date of Flight (001029), and Filed By, Group, and User fields.

CADAS-IMS

- NOF
 - MET office
 - Document server
 - Briefing
 - eAIP library
 - GRIB and BUFR processing & conversion

eAIP

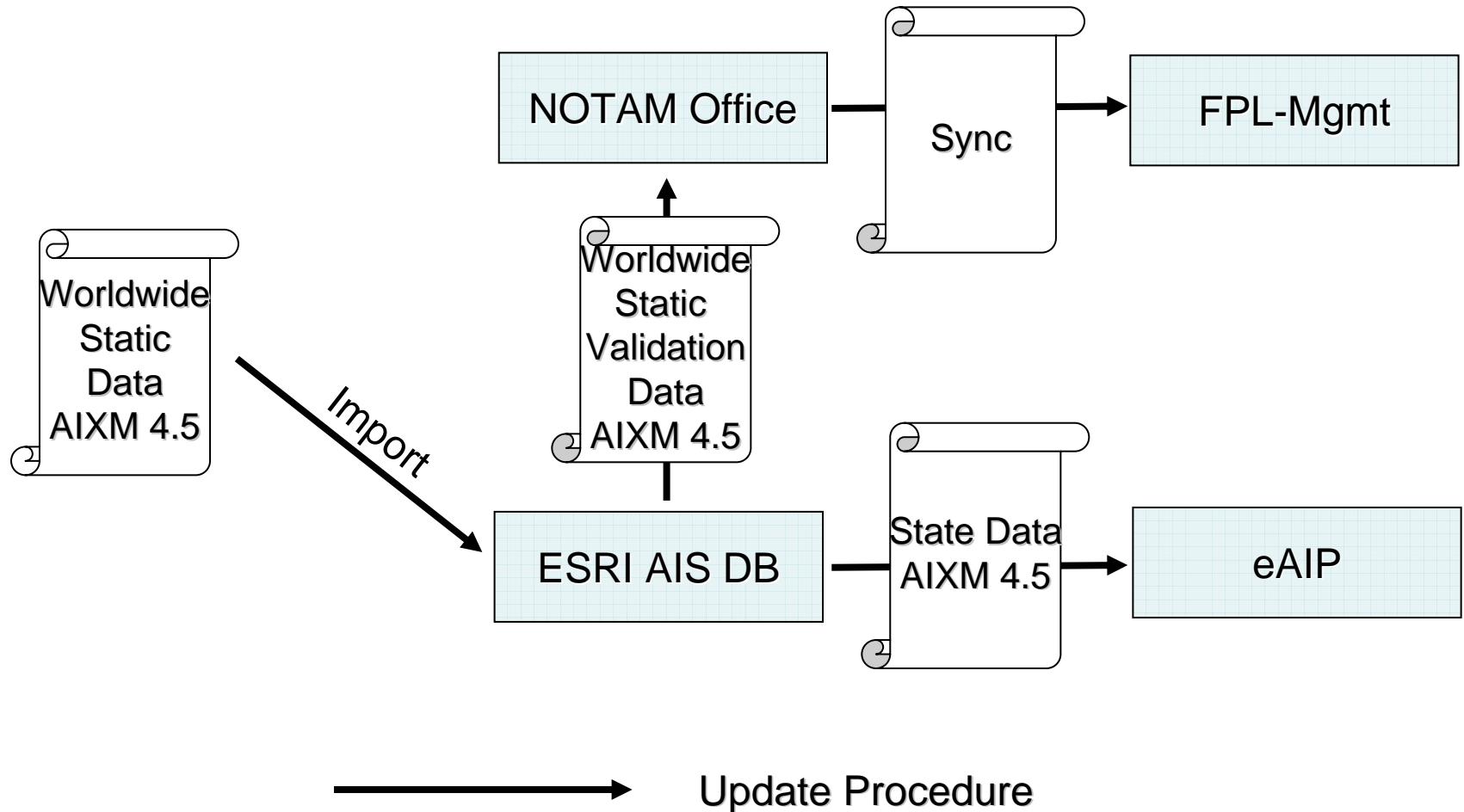
- ICAO and EUROCONTROL compliant eAIP
- Bi-lingual
- AIP Supplements
- AIP Amendments
- Non-AIRAC AIP Amendments



The screenshot shows a Windows application window titled "eAIP C:\eAIPublisher\samples\Operations\2004-06-10-AIRAC\enr-3.6-en-GB.xml". The menu bar includes File, Select, Edit, Search, View, Tools, XHTML, Window, Options, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations. The main area displays an XML document structure for "ENR 3.6 - En-route holding". The table has columns: LDG, INBD TR (*MAG), Direction of PTN, MAX IAS (KT), MIN-MAX HLDG LVL FL/FT (MSL), TIME (MIN) or *ABBR-DIST, and Controlling unit and Frequency. Data rows include entries for Boorspijk VOR and Justine VOR, both associated with Amswell ABRR-ACC and 120.300-M. The right side of the interface features a property browser with attributes like Remarks, Updated, and Updated-ref, and a detailed table of attributes for the current selected element.

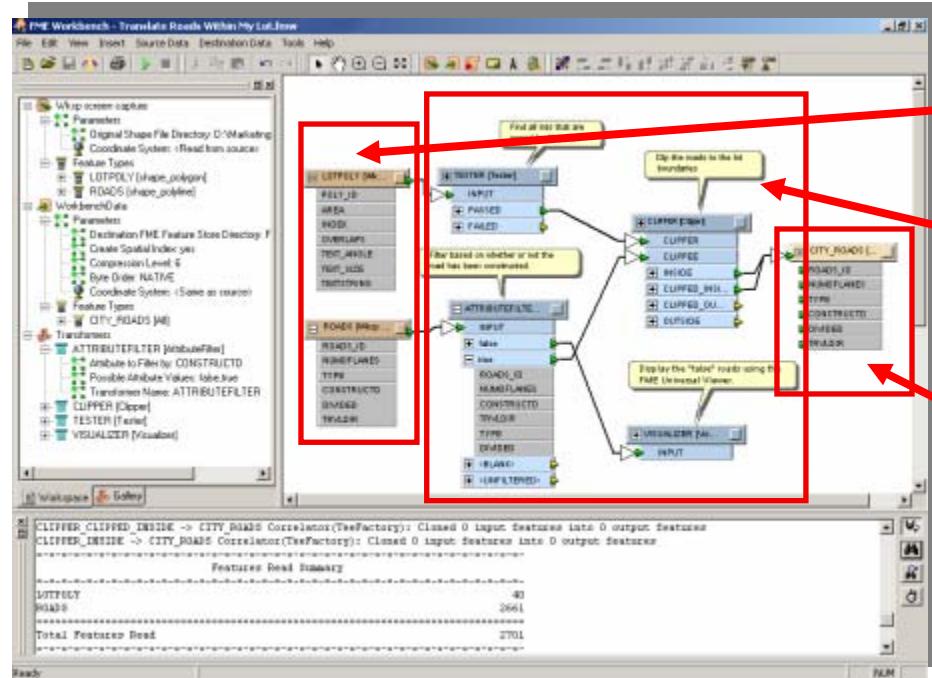
| LDG INBD TR (*MAG) | INBD TR (*MAG) | Direction of PTN | MAX IAS (KT) | MIN-MAX HLDG LVL FL/FT (MSL) | TIME (MIN) or *ABBR-DIST | Controlling unit and Frequency |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| BOORSPIJK/BOR | 090 | Right | 230 | 3-500-FT-FL-140 | 1 | Amswell ABRR-ACC |
| Boorspijk VOR _{ABBR-DIST} | 090 | Right | 240 | FL-150-FL-200 | 1½ | 120.300-M |
| | 090 | Right | 265 | FL-210-FL-340 | 1½ | |
| | 090 | Right | Mach 0.83 | FL-350-FL-460 | 1½ | |
| JUSTINEJUS | 329 | Left | 230 | 3-500-FT-FL-140 | 1 | Amswell ABRR-ACC |
| Justine VOR | | | | | | 120.300-M |
| 511648N 0310930W | | | | | | |

AIXM 4.5 Data-Workflows



Data Exchange

ArcGIS Data Interoperability Extension



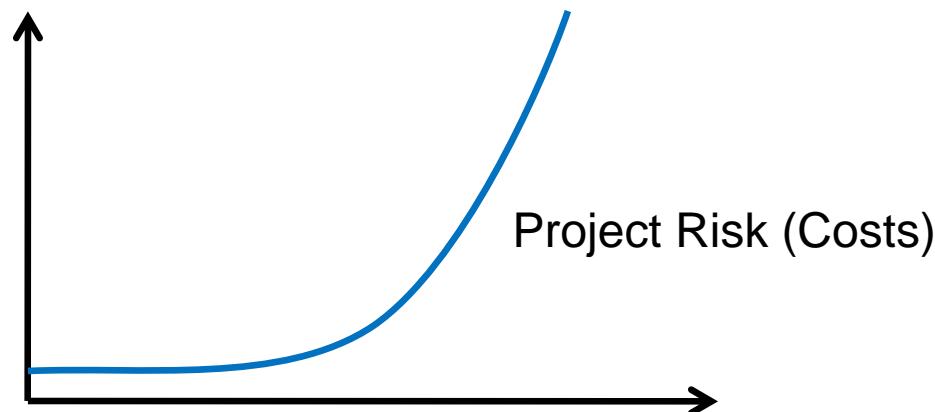
- A complete spatial ETL solution
- End-to-end system connection (EAD→Charting→AIP)

AIXM Challenges

- Import of worldwide data
 - Huge data amount
 - Great variety of data characteristics (quality)
- Separation of state and worldwide data using one data source
 - Worldwide static validation data is needed for NTM and FPL
 - State data is needed for eAIP
 - Both based on the same data source
- AIXM 4.5 MID attribute

The MID Challenge

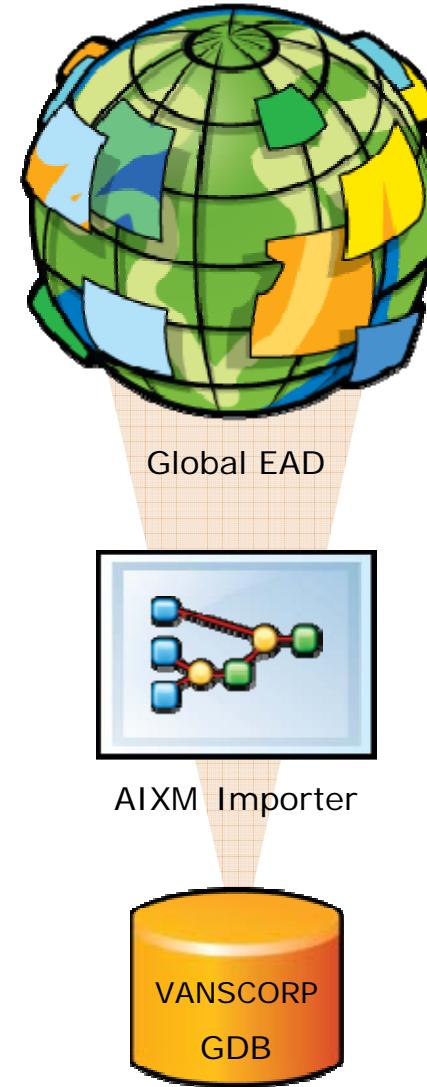
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<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xsd:annotation>
    <xsd:documentation>Version: 4.5-r2</xsd:documentation>
  </xsd:annotation>
  <xsd:include schemaLocation="AIXM-DataTypes.xsd" />
  <xsd:attribute name="mid" type="xsd:string">
    <xsd:annotation>
      <xsd:documentation>Optional, could be used to
          exchange generated UID values</xsd:documentation>
    </xsd:annotation>
  </xsd:attribute>
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Challenges: Data Ingest

Global EAD, high-volume complex data

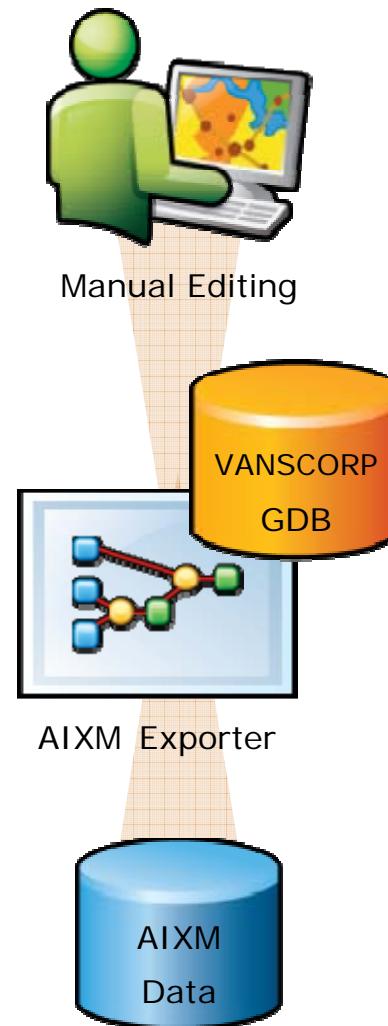
- Data Challenges
 - Worldwide coverage
 - High volume
 - Complex
 - Quality
- Resource Challenges
 - Hardware
 - Software
 - Load wait time



Challenges: Manual Edits

AIXM compliant data adjustments

- Manual Data Editing
 - User-friendly
 - Does not require AIXM-compliant keys
- Export Challenges
 - Hardware configuration
 - Software adjustments
 - Wait time



Lessons Learned and Outlook

- Detailed and comprehensive data format specification is crucial
 - Optional attributes like the MID attribute can easily break the link and increase projects costs considerably
- Quality of source data important
- AIXM has proven to be an integrating link between applications
- Increases flexibility in system design
- Ideal for turnkey solutions

AIXM 5 and open interfaces like WFS will further improve system modularity and will lead to even more economic solutions

if we do not sacrifice a strict specification for sake of easy adoption

Thank You!





Highlights

- One central Aeronautical database using ESRI ArcGIS server
 - AIP and Charts generated from the same data
 - Updates apply to both, automated by workflow
- Master database provides other applications with adequate data
 - No manual adaptation/correction needed
 - Static Validation data for NTM and FPL applications come from one consolidated data source
- Data creation, manipulation and publication workflow is integrated into AIS workflows.
- Data Replication to three slave databases at sub-sites