

New things in OpsGroup - gocrow, new alerts, Daily Brief, George 2, Foxes

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Hello!

Summer – for those of us in northern parts, at least – is progressing, and so are we. I'm excited to tell you about a **whole bunch of new things** we've built for OpsGroup, to **make your life easier** (which is why you're in the group in the first place, yes?)

Here's the game changer: We're starting to reach a point where you and your fellow members are reporting things to the Team every day, at a level that means we're really covering most of the important operational news out there. Now, we are working on better ways for you to find it ... read on.

Not a member yet? We **LOVE** welcoming new members to the group

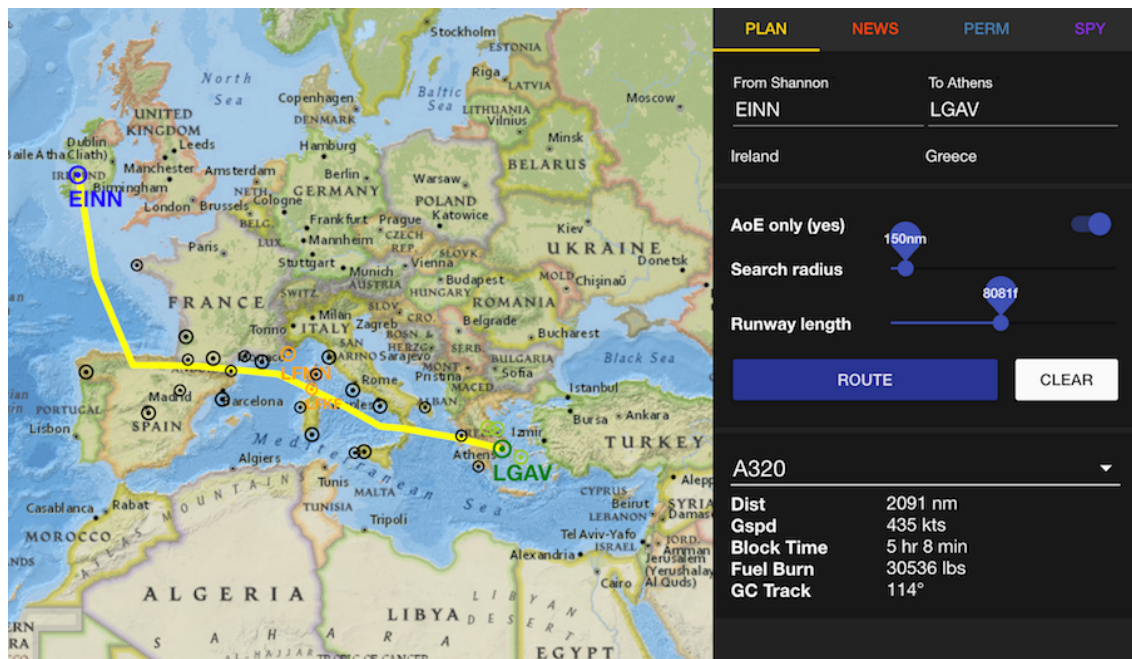
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GoCrow

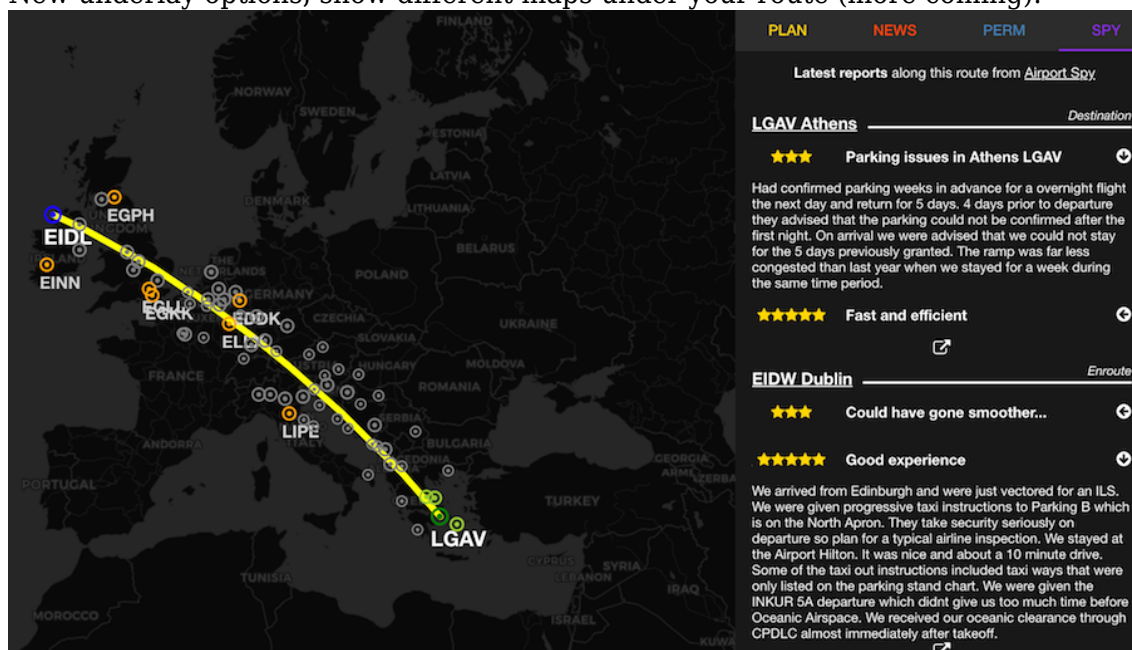
As the crow flies – pop in your **departure and destination**, and get all the information that we have for your route – Planning data – distances, times, fuel, Ops News and Alerts, Permit requirements, Airport Spy reports.

What's new?

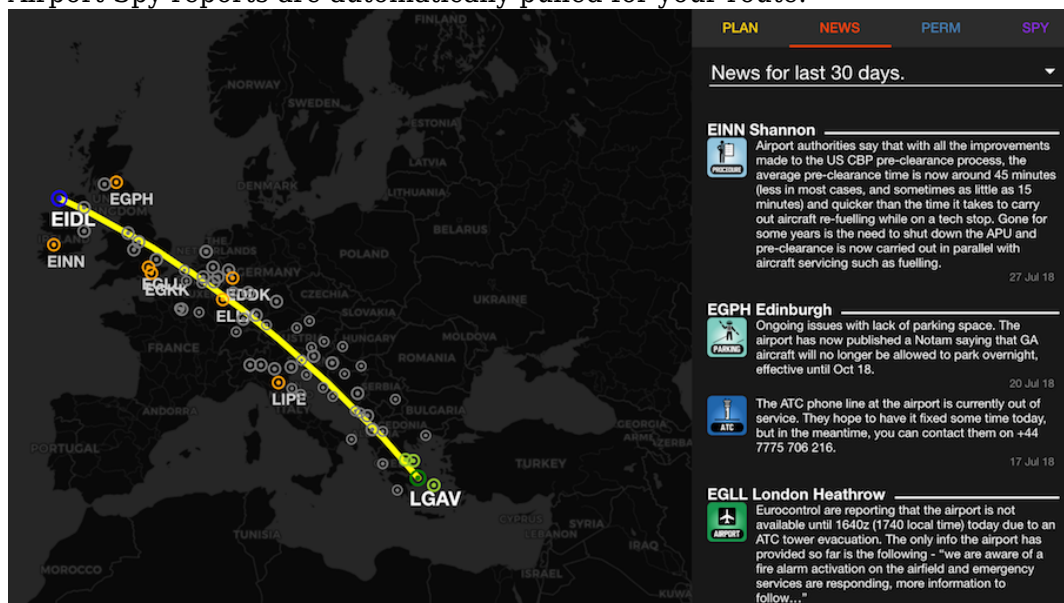
- New tabs for NEWS, PERMITS, AIRPORT SPY
- Sort News by last 7 days, 30 days, 3 months, year
- Permit information for each country you overfly or pass near
- **Drag and change route** – just click the yellow line, all info is recalculated
- OPSGROUP Airport Spy reports along your route
- Change underlays
- now **works on iPad**



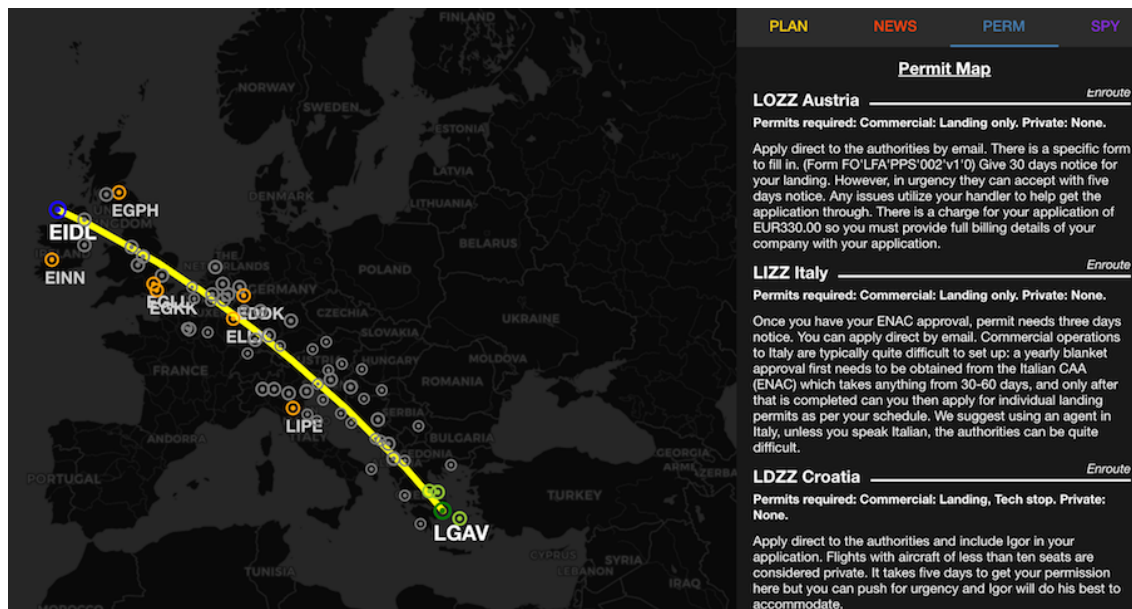
New underlay options, show different maps under your route (more coming).



Airport Spy reports are automatically pulled for your route.

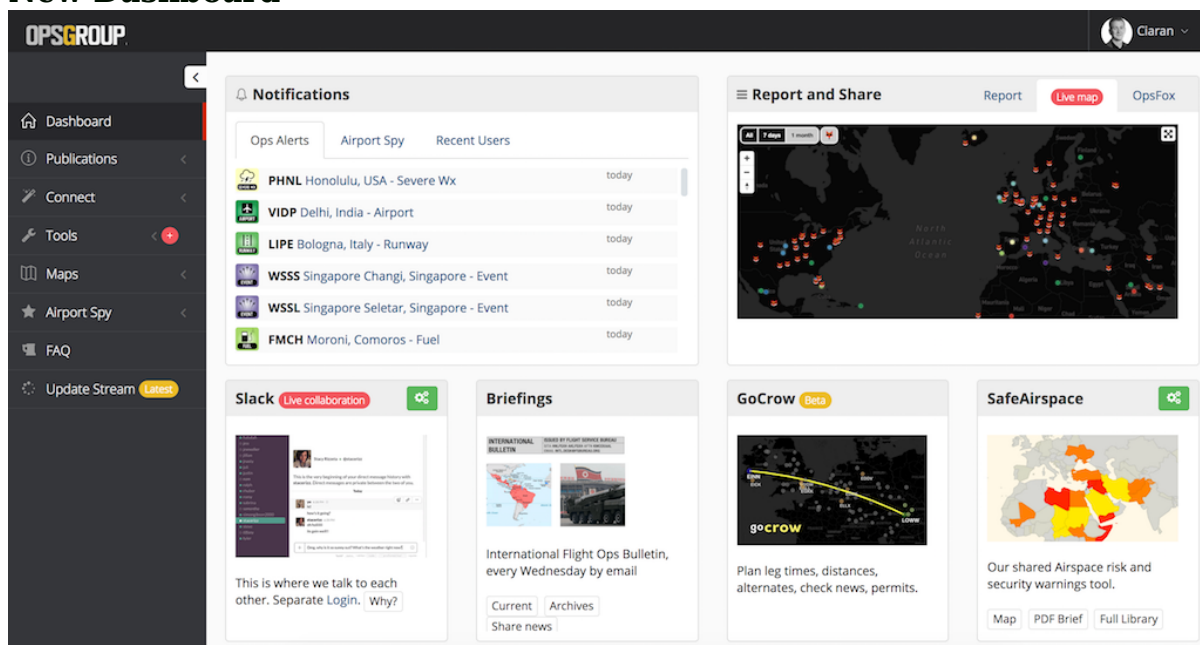


Customized news report for your route.



Get country by country permit information.

New Dashboard



What's new?

- Re-designed and improved look
- A notifications tab for Ops Alerts and new Airport Spy reports.
- A live map of alerts, toggle 7 days/ 1 month / All, searchable news feed
- Daily Brief archives in publications
- FSB Blog posts now appear here also
- Report it tool

New Alerts Window

All ops-alerts issued by FSB for the group now have their own home at <https://ops.group/ops-alerts>. You can also find them in slack in the **#ops-alerts** channel, which will push notifications to your phone.

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Ops Alerts Monitor slack #ops-alerts channel for live updates

**PHNL/Honolulu, USA**

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**VIDP/Delhi, India**

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**LIPE/Bologna, Italy**

✓ Active14 Sep - 18 Sep★ More

Bologna will shut down completely from Sep 15-17 inclusive for heavy maintenance of runway and

**WSSS/Singapore Changi, Singapore**

✓ Active09 Aug - 11 Aug★ More

National Day Aug 9- no slots Aug 9 for GA/BA from 1300-midnight, and none at all avail on Aug 11. Also, 02R/02L will be closed for repairs thru Aug 15, so slots harder than ever to get. Published today

**WSSL/Singapore Seletar, Singapore**

✓ Active08 Aug - 10 Aug★ More

National Day Aug 9, closed 16-23 local, arrivals 07-16 must file 12 hrs in advance, departures 6 hours in

**FMCH/Moroni, Comoros**

✓ Active06 Aug - 14 Aug★ More

Ongoing fuel supply issues mean that there will be no fuel available for international flights from Aug 6-14

**MMZZ/Mexico**

✓ Active31 Jul - 10 Aug★ More

Ongoing issues with the system mean that no flight plans to or from Mexico can be filed by AFTN, and no TAF/METARs are being reported for any Mexican airports. For flights from Mexico, flight plans can still be filed locally at airports, as the towers can pass along to other ACC's. But for flights to Mexico, you can call +52-669-982-2075 or +52-669-954-8035 to file your flight plan - just expect some trouble getting through

**WSSS/Singapore Changi, Singapore**

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airport authority has said it will not approve any slots for GA/BA from 1300-midnight local time on Aug 4, 5 and 9, and all day on Aug 11. This is due to a bunch of events that will be happening around Singapore's National Day Parade on Aug 9. Published 6 days ago

**DTZZ/Tunisia**

Expired 2 days ago31 Jul - 04 Aug★ More

Airport employees across the country have called off a strike that was due to take place this week, after a deal was reached with the government to improve working conditions. Published 6 days ago

**SMJP/Zandery, Suriname**

✓ Active31 Jul - 31 Jul★ More

CAT 1 ILS is now back in operation on Runway 11. They have installed a completely new system, as the

**EICK/Cork, Ireland**

Expired 5 days ago31 Jul - 01 Aug★ More

The last of the planned night-time runway closures will be happening tonight, from 0055-0515 local time. No more runway repairs planned after this; the airport will go back to being H24. Published 6 days ago

**MMZZ/Mexico**

Expired 6 days ago30 Jul - 31 Jul★ More

Reports of an AFTN failure causing issues when filing to Mexico. No Notams have been issued, and it is unknown when the issue will be fixed. Operators can call +52-669-982-2075 or +52-669-954-8035 to file,

George

You know George from before, but we sent him for remedial training in North Korea and now he's back, smarter, sharper, and better. **George is a bot.** We can't call him AI, because he's not that intelligent, but he understands a whole load of new commands: **permits, weather, ICAO codes, airport names, countries, keyword searches.** Go to the **#george** channel in slack to **test him out.**

#george

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Today

Knowledge is power ... (127 kB) ▾



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italy permits



George APP 5:57 PM

Sure. Getting permit info for Italy ...

Requirements (R = required, - = not required)

Private flight > Overflight: - Landing: - Tech Stop: -

Commercial Flight > Overflight: - Landing: R Tech Stop: -

Once you have your ENAC approval, permit needs three days notice. You are typically quite difficult to set up: a yearly blanket approval first needs anything from 30-60 days, and only after that is completed can you then a We suggest using an agent in Italy, unless you speak Italian, the authorities



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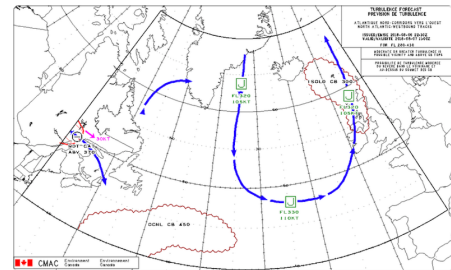
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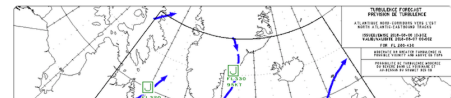
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OK, here's the NAT turbulence charts ...

Turb West (55 kB) ▾



Turb East (58 kB) ▾



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EINN



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OK, checking what I have on EINN - matched as airport ICAO code, hang on ...

Airport data for Shannon, Ireland EINN/SNN

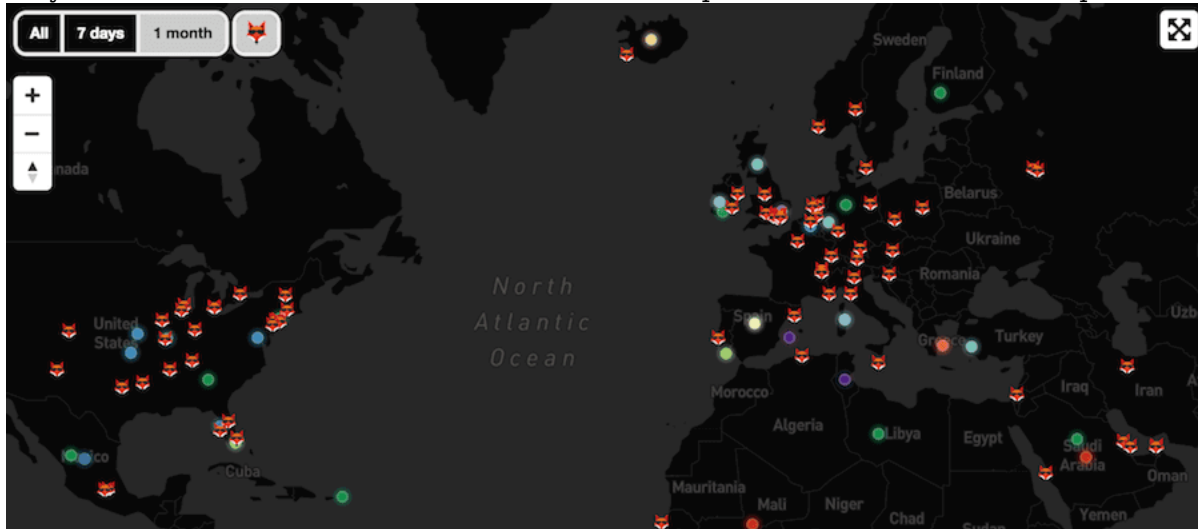
Main runway: 06/24
Length: 3199 m, 10493 ft
Elev: 46 ft.
Airport of Entry (Customs): Yes
Size: Large
Scheduled Services: Yes

The 3 closest International airports to Shannon are: EIKY/Kerry - 38nm, EICK/Cork -
✈️ Airport Spy: Members rate EINN/Shannon 4.6 out of 5, from 10 reports.

The last group member to visit, operating a F900, gave it 5 stars, with this report:
Arrived EINN for tech stop about 0900Z on a weekday from central Europe via TIPUI
DERAG. Cleared TWY A, and parked Stand 21 for Universal Weather (recommended)
Oceanic via ORCA was about 5 minutes total.
Airborne within 45 minutes into NAT to US.
Did not use Customs pre-clearance.

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OpsGroup has set up a trusted network of spies: Pilots, Air Traffic Controllers, Dispatchers, and Ops Specialists – that can report directly into our system, adding categorized reports, based on what they see and know at their home base, or visited airport. We call this network OpsFox.



You can view the live map, or search for a specific country, or location:

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RJZZ/Japan

Typhoon Shanshan is heading towards Japan with gusting winds of over 100 kts. Based on current forecasts, the storm could make landfall near Tokyo as early as Aug 8, bringing heavy winds and strong rains to a region currently suffering from an intense heatwave.

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about 14 hours ago Fox Command

RJAA/Tokyo Narita

An Air Canada 787-9 landed and exited onto a disused taxiway from 16L/34R on 30JUL18. Don't make the same mistake, it appears not to be clearly marked.

8 days ago Fox Command

Daily Brief

We love that you all love the Daily Brief! It's been the most popular feature of the year – and we are happy to bring you daily updates every morning.

Daily Brief

Monday, August 6th



What do you know? news@fsbureau.org. For live alerts, monitor [#ops-alerts](#) in Slack.



LIPE
Bologna Italy

Report: LIN1



Bologna will shut down completely from Sep 15-17 inclusive for heavy maintenance of runway and taxiways. Last flight arrival accepted Sep 14 at 22Z. [More info](#)



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Delhi India

Report: IKA1



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Honolulu USA

Report: BNA1



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See those little fox badges? When we get a report from a Fox, we'll mark it like that on the Daily Brief. If you're a **ground handler**, and want to have your name listed as a reporter, then tell us and we'll credit you for any reports you file – so that our members can contact you directly for more.

Also, as a fox, you earn points. Here's the current Top 5!



Spymasters



1 LCY1 1585 points

Fox Base: **London City**, UK. Reports: **28** Medals: **18**



2 CEB1 1405 points

Fox Base: **Cebu**, Philippines. Reports: **22** Medals: **42**



3 APA1 1185 points

Fox Base: **Denver**, USA. Reports: **18** Medals: **20**



4 VRN1 1125 points

Fox Base: **Villafranca**, Italy. Reports: **7** Medals: **62**



5 NCY1 970 points

Fox Base: **Annecy**, France. Reports: **5** Medals: **49**

We really hope you enjoy the new features! We listen to what the members want, and we build it – so keep your ideas coming to us. And of course, when you hear about something new:

Please! whether you've just checked in to the Holiday Inn at Teterboro, or are enroute with some fancy satcom wi-fi, let the other members know when you hear something important:

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We hope you have a wonderful week! As always, keep us posted on anything the group should know about.

Oh - and if you **REALLY** liked something we added, hit reply and let us know! We'd love to hear.

Kind regards,

The Team.

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