

# asss User's Guide

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## 1 Introduction

asss is a new server for Subspace/Continuum. It was written from scratch by Grelminar ([grelminar@yahoo.com](mailto:grelminar@yahoo.com)), with help from several other people (see the Acknowledgements section). The name asss stands for “a small subspace server.”

Although care has been taken to remain compatible with the original Subspace server, known as subgame, players, and especially staff and admins, should be aware that asss is a different piece of software. It has many features that subgame is missing, but it is also missing some from subgame. The features that are common to both may work different. They will have different bugs. In short, don't expect everything to work the same as in subgame, because it won't.

### 1.1 Platform and Requirements

asss was developed primarily on a Linux system on the Intel x86 platform. Although some effort has been spent making it run on Windows also, people running it on non-Linux systems should not expect everything to work perfectly: there may be missing features and it may run slower.

The requirements for running asss on Linux are pretty minimal: The system should have the pthreads library (any recent Linux system should), Berkeley DB 4.0 or greater (older versions won't work), and zlib. It also has optional mysql support, currently used only for the built-in alias database. To compile asss from source (on either Linux or Windows), the include files for those libraries must be installed, as well as a C compiler. If you've obtained the source from CVS, you'll also need the Python interpreter in order to generate certain files. If you're using a tarball instead, it will come with those files present already.

If you're missing mysql, you'll have to edit the Makefile by hand and remove `database.so` from the list of libraries to build.

If you're missing Berkeley DB, you can still build asss, but it'll be missing all support for scores and any other persistent information. You'll have to remove `scoring.so` and `dbtool` from the list of binaries to build.

Currently, only 32-bit Intel platforms are supported because of byte-order issues. Eventually, asss will be able to run on other architectures, but for now, Intel will have to do.

## 2 File Layout

The server always access files relative to the directory it was started from, which must have certain files and directories in certain places. That means that to run multiple copies of the server on one machine, you should make sure that each one is started from its own home directory.

Here's what a typical machine's file layout should look like:

```
/home/asss
+ bin
| + asss
| + dbtool
| + core.so
| + commands.so
| + flags.so
| + balls.so
| + ...
|
+ zone1
| + news.txt
| + bin (symlinked to ../bin)
| + defaultarena
| | + arena.conf
| |
| + arenas
| | + duel
| | | + arena.conf
| | |
| | + pb
| |   + arena.conf
| |   + balls.conf
| |   + pb.lvl
| |
| + conf
| | + global.conf
| | + modules.conf
| | + groupdef.conf
| | + groupdef.dir
| | | + default
| | | + mod
| | | + smod
| | | + sysop
| | |
| | + defs.h
| | + svb
| |   + svb.conf
```

```

| | + prizeweights
| | + misc
| | + ship-warbird
| | + ...
| |
| + log
| | + assss.log
| | + assss.log.1
| |
| + maps
| | + zone1-pub.lvl
| | + another.lvl
| |
| + data
|   + data.db
|
+ zone2
  + bin (symlinked to ../bin)
  + ...

```

The most important directory is `bin`. This directory should contain the main ass binary, as well as all files containing modules to be loaded by the main binary. To ease administration, it is not recommended that each zone on a machine have a full copy of the `bin` directory. Instead, `bin` should be a symlink to a shared directory containing binaries.

`conf` contains config files that affect the server as a whole. Among the important files are `modules.conf`, which specifies the list of modules to load at startup, `global.conf`, which contains config settings for the whole server, `groupdef.conf`, which describes which capabilities belong to each group, and `staff.conf`, which assigns groups to various players. `groupdef.conf` uses files in the `groupdef.dir` subdirectory to ensure more powerful groups have all the capabilities of lesser ones.

Also in `conf` is `defs.h`, which includes a bunch of other config files that are typically symlinks to files in the source code directory. This is done to ensure the server and config files agree on numerical values for various constants. All `.conf` files automatically `#include defs.h`.

`conf` can also contain partial config files for arenas to include. The default directory structure contains an `svs` directory, with the Standard VIE Settings, split into multiple files, by ship and function.

`log` will be used by the server to deposit any log files that it creates.

`data` is used to keep the database holding all persistent information, including scores. Information for all arenas is kept in the same database file.

`maps` is an optional directory that the server will search for `.lvl` files in. These files can also be located in arena directories, so this isn't a required directory. It might simplify administration, though, to keep all map files in this directory.

Each arena gets its own directory for storing settings related to that arena, as well as maps and `.lvz` files.

The default arena (also called the public arena) keeps its data in the directory `defaultarena`,

relative to the base directory for the zone. All other arenas keep their files in `arenas/foo`, where `foo` is the name of the arena.

Each arena directory must contain a file named `arena.conf`, which contains the settings for that arena. For ease of administration, this file may `#include` other config files in either the same directory, or the global `conf` directory.

The file `news.txt` should be located in the base of the zone directory as well, unless another location is specified in `global.conf`.

## 2.1 Running ass

### 2.1.1 Command line arguments

There are currently three things you can give `ass` on the command line:

- A file name on the command line will be interpreted as the name of a directory containing the zone files (as described in the last section). If no directory is specified, the current directory will be used.
- The optional switch `--daemonize` (abbreviated `-d`) tells it to fork into the background before starting up. You might want to use this when running `ass` from a startup script.
- Another switch, `--chroot` (abbreviated `-c`), tells it to attempt to chroot to the zone directory before starting up. See the next section for more information on this.

### 2.1.2 Running in a chroot jail

If you want to increase the security of your host a bit, you can run `ass` in a chroot jail. This means that it will run with its root directory set to the zone directory, and it won't be able to access any files outside of that directory.

You need to do a bit of preparatory work before chroot can work. You'll need to make a `lib` directory in the zone directory containing all the shared libraries needed by any modules you'll be loading. On my machine, I needed to put the following files from `/lib` and `/usr/lib` in there: `ld-linux.so.2`, `libc.so.6`, `libpthread.so.0`, `libz.so.1`, `libm.so.6`, and `libdb-4.0.so`. You'll also have to make sure that nothing within the zone directory is a symlink pointing outside of the zone directory. So you'll need a separate copy of the `bin` directory and shared settings files for each separate zone. It's also a good idea (although not strictly necessary) to create an `etc` directory with limited `passwd` and `group` files, and also things like `ld.so.conf`, `hosts`, and `nsswitch.conf`.

In order to do a chroot, `ass` needs to be run as root. It won't continue running as root, of course: as soon as it successfully chroots, it drops its privileges and runs as a normal user. The user it runs as depends how it was run: if the `ass` binary is installed `setuid-root`, it will always drop to the user who invoked the binary. If it's actually run by the root user, it will use the contents of the `USER` environment variable to control which user to drop to. So to run it as user "nobody" from a script running as root (like `rc.local`), you can run something like `env USER=nobody /path/to/ass /zone/dir --chroot --daemonize`.

### 3 Modules

Almost all of the functionality of ass is split into many small modules. The modules are in separate libraries with the extension `.so` (on Unix) or `.dll` (on Windows). One shared library can contain any number of modules.

There are currently 69 modules that are part of ass, but each zone might have some custom-developed modules for their zone as well.

When the server starts up, it loads all of the modules listed in the file `modules.conf`. Once it's running, more modules can be loaded with the `?insmod` command, and modules can be unloaded with `?rmod`. The current list of loaded modules can be examined with `?lsmod`.

The `modules.conf` file has a special format that's slightly different from the rest of the config files. It has no sections. Each line should contain a "module specifier." A module specifier is just something of the form `filename:module`. The filename part should be the name of the file containing the module, without the extension. The module part should be a module name that's contained in the file. The colon separating them is just a colon. Comments are indicated by an initial semicolon or pound sign.

If a particular zone has no need for a particular module (e.g., Chaos zone doesn't have any flags or balls, so it doesn't need those modules), it shouldn't load those modules. Only loading the modules that are actually used for a zone will decrease the memory usage of the server, and make it run faster.

Once a module is loaded into the server, it has full access to the server's data, including player IP addresses, machine id's, scores, and passwords. It can also access files on the machine it is running on, and make network connections, and it can easily crash or deadlock the server. Thus, admins and sysops should be careful to only load modules from sources that they trust.

In the future, it will be possible for some modules to run in separate processes or even separate machines, it will be possible to write modules in languages besides C, and it will be possible to limit the information that modules have access to.

### 4 Capabilities

The old Subspace server supported a very limited notion of authority: There were moderators, super moderators, and sysops. Each level allowed access to more and more commands. Additionally, moderators and above could see private freqs and private arenas, and bypass freq and arena size limits.

ass is much more flexible. It lets sysops and admins assign any set of powers to any group of people. In the ass model, each of the above powers, plus a few more, like energy viewing, is assigned a capability name. Each command also gets a capability name (actually, each command gets two, one for using the command with public messages, and one for using it with private messages). Whenever the server needs to determine if a player can take a certain action, it asks the capability manager, which replies either yes or no.

The server comes with one capability manager, contained in the `capman` module, but there's no reason why another one couldn't be used if your zone has peculiar needs for assigning people powers.

## 4.1 Capability names

The most common capability names are for commands. If a player tries to run a command, say, `?lastlog`, the server would query the capability manager with the name `cmd_lastlog`. If a player uses a command as a private message, as in `:annoying_player:?freqkick`, the capability name used would instead be `privcmd_freqkick`.

There are several other capabilities that are currently used in the server:

- `seeprivarena` controls whether private arena names are sent to a player for the `?arena` command.
- `seeprivfreq` determines if a player sees private freqs in the freq listing.
- `findinprivs` is needed by a player running `?find` for the server to report the names of private arenas. (Not implemented yet.)
- `seepd` allows players to see other ship's energy and specials from spectator mode. ("epd" stands for extra position data.)
- `seesysoplogall` allows a player to see all important log messages in the zone.
- `seesysoplogarena` only allows a player to see only important log messages having to do with the arena he is currently in.
- `seemodchat` allows players to see the moderator chat.
- `sendmodchat` controls who can send moderator chat messages. Usually, these two capabilities would be given to the same people.
- `uploadfile` allows a player to upload files. Note that the player must also have the `cmd_putfile` to upload a file using that command.
- `bypasslock` allows players to switch ships even though the arena or themselves have been locked into a ship or into spectator mode by a staff member.

## 4.2 The default capability manager

The default capability manager works with groups. Each group has a set of capabilities, and players are assigned to groups. To check if a player has a certain capability, the capability manager simply checks if the group he's in has that capability.

To determine which groups have which capabilities, the `groupdef.conf` file is used. It should have a section for each group, and a line within that section for each capability.

To determine which players belong to which groups, the `staff.conf` file is used. It should have a single section, called "Staff," with player names as keys and group names as values. Players not listed in the staff file will be assigned to the group "default." If a player is assigned a group in `staff.conf`, he will be in that group in any arena he enters.

Sometimes, however, a sysop will want to give certain players powers in only certain arenas. Each arena's config file can also contain a "Staff" section. Groups assigned through arena config files will only be valid in that one arena. Additionally, the global

`staff.conf` can be used to give a player powers in only certain arenas by using a value like “`arena1:agroup arena2:othergroup`.”

The command `?setgroup` can be used to control group assignment.

The default capability manager also supports passwords for groups, although using this feature is strongly discouraged. It is intended for sysops or other staff members to gain privileged access when the zone isn't connected to a billing server to provide authentication. But there's a better way to do this: if you load the `auth_file` module before `billing`, the server will fall back to using `auth_file` when the billing server is not connected. Staff members can set passwords using the `?passwd` command (specific to `auth_file`), and they will have access to their usual group.

#### 4.2.1 Emulating the old system

Using the default manager, it's relatively easy to set up `asss` to emulate the old server's moderator, super moderator, and sysop model: The `groupdef.conf` file looks like this:

```
; conf/groupdef.conf

[default]
#include groupdef.dir/default

[mod]
#include groupdef.dir/default
#include groupdef.dir/mod

[smod]
#include groupdef.dir/default
#include groupdef.dir/mod
#include groupdef.dir/smod

[sysop]
#include groupdef.dir/default
#include groupdef.dir/mod
#include groupdef.dir/smod
#include groupdef.dir/sysop
```

The files in `groupdef.dir` contain simply lists of capabilities. Each group includes the file for itself, as well as the files for the lesser powerful groups.

## 5 Logging

`asss` has extensive logging capabilities. Any remotely interesting event in the game will generate a log message, which will be passed to any number of loaded logging handlers.

## 5.1 Levels

There are five importance levels defined for log messages: DRIVEL is unimportant information that you probably don't want to see, but is logged anyway, just in case. INFO is basic information about common, unexceptional events. MALICIOUS is for exceptional conditions that are caused by players sending bad data to the server. These might be indications of cheating or other illicit activity. They also might be caused by abnormal network conditions. WARN is for error conditions that can be worked around, or aren't too catastrophic. ERROR is for really really horrible error conditions. These usually indicate misconfigured servers or bugs in the server itself.

## 5.2 What is logged?

There are currently 304 distinct log messages in the server. By type, there are 33 ERROR messages, 84 WARN messages, 67 MALICIOUS messages, 51 INFO messages, and 69 DRIVEL messages.

## 5.3 Filtering

Log handlers support a common method of filtering that give you lots of control over which handlers see which messages.

By default, all messages are seen by all handlers. To limit messages to a handler `log_foo`, create a section with the same name as the handler in `global.conf`. The keys in that section will be module names, and the values will be a set of priority levels to allow, specified by listing the first letters of the allowed levels. The special key `all` will be used for modules not listed. For example:

```
; this keeps flag positions and ball fires from appearing in the log
; file, but allows other DRIVEL messages.
[log_file]
all = DIMWE
flags = IMWE
balls = IMWE

; this allows all messages to go to the console except those from
; cmdman.
[log_console]
all = DIMWE
cmdman = none

; this lets only important messages (malicious and error) go to sysops
[log_sysop]
all = ME
```

## 5.4 Commands

In general, all commands run by anyone are logged, at level INFO, along with their parameters and targets. Some commands, however, contain personal or sensitive information that might be abused by zone staff who can view logs. To prevent this abuse, there is a hardcoded list of commands whose parameters don't get logged (they get replaced by . . . in the log messages).

## 5.5 Handlers

The current log handlers are:

- `log_console` simply writes all log messages to standard out, which is usually the terminal that `asss` is started from. Usually, `asss` will run detached from any terminal, so this is primarily intended for debugging.
- `log_file` write all log messages to a file. The name of the file is controlled by the `Log:LogFile` configuration option. The command `?admlogfile` may be used to flush or reopen the log file while the server is running. `asss` always appends to a single file. If log rotation is desired, it should be accomplished with an external program such as `logrotate`.
- `log_sysop` informs players of log events within the game. "Important" messages, as defined by the logging filter, are sent to players with the capabilities `seesysoplogall` and `seesysoplogarena`. Players with the latter capability only see log messages that originated in the arena. This logging module also implements the `?lastlog` command.

# 6 New Features

## 6.1 Freq Ownership

**Requires module:** `freqowners`

If the arena controller allows it, private freqs can now be owned. The first player to move to a particular private freq becomes an owner for that freq. An owner can kick non-owners off of his freq by sending them the command `?freqkick`. An owner can give owner privileges to other players by sending them the command `?giveowner`. The spec freq can't be owned.

The config variable `Team:AllowFreqOwners` controls whether to enable freq ownership. It defaults to on.

## 6.2 Arena limiting

**Requires module:** `arenaperm`

Any arena can specify a `General:NeedCap` value in it's config file. If present, players will not be allowed to enter the arena unless they have the specified capability.

## 6.3 Autowarping

**Requires module:** `autowarp`

Using the region system, certain areas of the map can be configured to warp a player who enters them to somewhere else on the map.

FIXME: include details about specifying autowarp settings.

## 6.4 Moderator chat

asss includes an actual moderator chat system, which should be an improvement over the `?cheater`-based systems in use currently.

Mod chat messages begin with a backslash (\), and are displayed in dark red (the same color as `sysop` warning messages). Who is allowed to send and receive mod chat is controlled by two capabilities: `seemodchat` and `sendmodchat`, which do what they sound like.

## 6.5 Multiple commands

You can specify multiple commands on one line by dividing them with vertical bars (|). The subsequent commands (after the first bar) don't need question marks (although they are ignored if present). You can send multiple private commands, but you can't send both public and private commands on the same line.

## 6.6 Built-in alias database

**Requires module:** `mysql`, `aliasdb`

asss includes a hastily-written alias database. The alias database depends on `mysql` support, although it's written so that it should be easy to port to another relational database if necessary.

All logins are automatically entered if the `aliasdb` module is loaded. There are several ways to query the database: `?qalias` isn't written yet, but it will be the most useful interface when it's done. `?qip` allows you to query by IP address range. `?rawquery` allows you to make custom queries with most SQL commands. You can find the documentation for these commands in the Commands section.

The `?last` command uses the alias database to find the last 10 people to log in.

## 6.7 Authentication

Ok, so this isn't new, but it's greatly expanded in functionality: authentication can now be done with things other than billing servers, and some authentication modules can be "stacked."

For example, one useful auth module is `auth_file`, which uses a file of hashed passwords to authenticate users. This module is intended for use by private servers who want to allow a small group of people (say, a squad) to play together, and not allow anyone else in. It can also be used as a fallback module by the `billing` module (which acts as an auth module, among other things). This means if the billing server is connected, login

requests will be authenticated against the billing server, but if it isn't, they get passed to `auth_file`.

If the user is listed in the file and supplies a correct password, he will be allowed access and be granted groups. If not, he will be either accepted or rejected depending on the value of `General:AllowUnknown` setting in `passwd.conf`. If an unknown player is allowed, he will *not* be assigned groups based on name. (That will also not happen if no auth modules are loaded.)

The `auth_file` module also allows you to lock a specific player name out of a zone.

To use a fallback module for the `billing` module, simply make sure that that module is loaded before `billing` is loaded.

## 6.8 Multiple “public” arenas

asss supports a general player placement interface to decide which arena a player should be placed in upon entering the zone. The most useful arena placing interface is `ap_multipub`, which has the effect of creating multiple “public” arenas.

To use `ap_multipub`, simply make sure it's loaded from `modules.conf` (somewhere near the end is good). It is controlled by two settings in the global config file: `General:PublicArenas` is a whitespace-separated list of public arena *types* (not names). For example, if `General:PublicArenas` is set to “pb turf wz,” the server will start placing people in the arena named “pb1,” then when that gets full, it will move to “turf1,” then “wz1,” then “pb2,” etc. To control how many people it will put in each arena, use `General:DesiredPlaying`, which is a count of *playing* players (i.e., not spectators).

## 6.9 Bandwidth Throttling

asss supports bandwidth throttling for players on slower connections. To make the game fairer, packets are prioritized depending on their function. For example, weapons packets will be preferred over chat messages when deciding how to use up the last few bytes of allotted bandwidth. The server will also reserve a certain percentage of the total bandwidth for packets of certain priorities. Techniques similar to those used in modern TCP implementations are used to dynamically adjust the bandwidth limit to players based on their connection quality.

# 7 Lag Control

## 7.1 Lag Measurement

Lag, which includes both latency and packetloss, is difficult to measure accurately and control. asss does as well as it can with limited information.

There are several ways that the server collects latency information: Position packets sent from the client contain timestamps that the server can compare to its own current time to determine approximately how long the packet took to get there. This is complicated by the fact that the times on the server and client aren't always perfectly synchronized. Reliable packets need to be acknowledged, and the round-trip time between the sending of a reliable packet and the receipt of its acknowledgement can be measured. That will

be equal to approximately twice the one-way latency, but that isn't exact either because the two trips might take different amounts of time. Finally, the client can measure latency using the same techniques, and periodically send its results to the server for processing.

Packetloss is slightly easier: the client and server can keep track of how many packets each has sent and received, and compare numbers periodically. Reliable packets also provide opportunities to measure packetloss: if a reliable packet isn't acknowledged within the timeout, the server knows either the original packet or the acknowledgement got lost. If a reliable packet is received twice, the server knows the acknowledgement got lost. Again, the client can also measure these numbers and send the results to the server.

## 7.2 Settings and Actions

There is one global setting for lag, `Lag:CheckInterval` which controls how often each player's lag numbers are checked to perform actions. It's specified in ticks. Each arena can specify its own lag limits. All of the parameters described below go in the `Lag` section in the arena's configuration file (or a file included from it).

There are four main values that lag actions are based on: average ping (determined by an exponential averaging scheme, based on S2C, C2S, and reliable pings), S2C packet loss, S2C weapons packet loss, and C2S packet loss. Each value has four thresholds associated with it: one controls when a player gets forced into spectator mode, one controls when a player is allowed to pick up flags and balls, and two control weapons ignoring. The units of the settings concerning latency are milliseconds, and the units of the settings concerning packetloss are tenths of a percent (i.e., fractions out of 1000).

Forcing into spec is easy enough: if the value is over the threshold when a player is examined, he's forced into spec. Disabling flags and balls also works on a simple threshold: if the value is above it, the player won't be allowed to pick up any flags or balls. If he's currently carrying a flag or ball, and one of the values moves over the limit, he'll get to keep it.

Weapon ignoring is slightly more complicated: There are two thresholds, one to start ignoring weapons, and one where all weapons will be ignored. If all of the values are below their respective starting thresholds, none of the player's weapons will be ignored. If one of them is higher, a percent of incoming weapons from that player to be ignored is calculated by interpolation between the starting threshold (0%) and the higher threshold (100%). If multiple values are above their starting threshold, the percent of weapons that gets ignored is the maximum of the percent ignored from each value. C2S packetloss doesn't cause weapon ignoring, since C2S packetloss generally gives the player a disadvantage, not an advantage.

The names of these settings are: `PingToSpec`, `PingToStartIgnoringWeapons`, `PingToIgnoreAllWeapons`, `PingToDisallowFlags`, `S2CLossToSpec`, `S2CLossToStartIgnoringWeapons`, `S2CLossToIgnoreAllWeapons`, `S2CLossToDisallowFlags`, `WeaponLossToSpec`, `WeaponLossToStartIgnoringWeapons`, `WeaponLossToIgnoreAllWeapons`, `WeaponLossToDisallowFlags`, `C2SLossToSpec`, and `C2SLossToDisallowFlags`. Their functions should be clear from their names and the above description.

One final setting `SpikeToSpec`, determines the length of time that the server can receive no packets from a player before forcing him into spectator mode.

## 8 Virtual Servers

asss allows one server process to appear to clients as several different servers. The primary advantage of this feature is that players connecting to all virtual servers are treated the same internally and can move between arenas and communicate as if they connected to the same server.

To create virtual servers, you have to tell the `net` module to listen on more than one port. You do this by creating additional settings in the “Net” section of `global.conf` named “Listen1,” “Listen2,” etc. Each setting must specify a port, and can also optionally specify a virtual server identifier, and a specific IP address to bind to.

Virtual server identifiers are used in several ways: if you are using an arena placing module that supports them (e.g., `ap_multipub`), the server id will be used as the arena basename to place players who connect through that port in.

The `directory` module also supports virtual servers: it will create one directory entry for each virtual server. The server name and description can be different for each virtual server. To specify them, create “Name” and “Description” settings in the section “Directory-*servername*” for each virtual server identifier. If either of those settings is missing from that section, it will fall back to their values in the “Directory” section.

Finally, an example to make this all clear:

```
;; global.conf

[Net]
;; listen on 3 different ports:
;; players connecting to port 2000 will be send to a random arena.
;; players who connect to 5000 will be sent to pb1, pb2, etc. port 7500
;; will send them to aswz by default, and so on.
Listen1 = 2000
Listen2 = 5000:pb
Listen3 = 7500:aswz
;; just as an example, this will force the server to listen on an
;; internal interface only, and send those players to a secret arena:
Listen4 = 192.168.0.23:3300:#secret

[Directory]
;; point to the directory servers you want to be listed on. using
;; default port and password.
Server1 = sscentral.one.com
Server2 = sscentral.two.com

;; now describe what this server is called by default:
Name = A Testing Zone
Description = Testing happens here.

[Directory-pb]
;; specify the name and description for pb:
```

```
Name = PowerBall
Description = Play with balls!
```

```
[Directory-aswz]
;; specify only name for aswz:
Name = A Small WarZone
```

## 9 Command Reference

These are all of the commands that the server currently recognizes. Not all of them will always be available. If a command requires a module that's not one of the core modules, that will be indicated above its description. Most other commands require the `playercmd` module.

Possible targets are listed for each command. The targets can be "none," which refers to commands typed as public (arena) messages, "player," for commands that can target specific players, "freq," for commands that can target a whole freq at a time (with either ' or " ), or some restriction of one of those.

Each command also describes any required or optional arguments.

Note that the section doesn't list who is allowed to run a particular command, because that is determined by the capability manager, which can be fully customized for each particular server.

### a

**Possible targets:** player, freq, or arena

**Arguments:** <text>

Displays the text as an arena (green) message to the targets.

### aa

**Possible targets:** player, freq, or arena

**Arguments:** <text>

Displays the text as an anonymous arena message to the targets.

### admlogfile

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** `flush` or `reopen`

Administers the log file that the server keeps. There are two possible subcommands: `flush` flushes the log file to disk (in preparation for copying it, for example), and `reopen` tells the server to close and re-open the log file (to rotate the log while the server is running).

### arena

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** [all]

Lists the available arenas. Specifying **all** will also include empty arenas that the server knows about.

## **attmod**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** [-d] <module name>

Attaches the specified module to this arena. Or with **-d**, detaches the module from the arena.

## **az**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <text>

Displays the text as an anonymous arena message to the whole zone.

## **ballcount**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <number of balls to add or remove>

Increases or decreases the number of balls in the arena. Takes an argument that is a positive or negative number, which is the number of balls to add (or, if negative, to remove).

## **billingadm**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** status—drop—connect

The subcommand 'status' reports the status of the billing server connection. 'drop' disconnects the connection if it's up, and 'connect' reconnects after dropping or failed login.

## **billingid**

**Possible targets:** player or none

**Arguments:** none

Displays the billing server id of the target player, or yours if no target.

## **botfeature**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** [+/-seeallposn]

Enables or disables bot-specific features. **seeallposn** controls whether the bot gets to see all position packets.

## **cheater**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <message>

Sends the message to all online staff members.

## **disablecmdgroup**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <command group>

Disables all the commands in the specified command group and released the modules that they require. This can be used to release interfaces so that modules can be unloaded or upgraded without unloading playercmd (which would be irreversable).

## **dropturret**

**Requires module:** autoturret

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Drops a turret right where your ship is. The turret will fire 10 level 1 bombs, 1.5 seconds apart, and then disappear.

## **enablecmdgroup**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <command group>

Enables all the commands in the specified command group. This is only useful after using ?disablecmdgroup.

## **endinterval**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** [-g] [-a <arena group name>] <interval name>

Causes the specified interval to be reset. If -g is specified, reset the interval at the global scope. If -a is specified, use the named arena group. Otherwise, use the current arena's scope. Interval names can be game; reset; or maprotation:

## **flaginfo**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Displays information (status, location, carrier) about all the flags in the arena.

## **flagreset**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Causes the flag game to immediately reset.

## **forceding**

**Requires module:** turf\_reward

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Forces a reward to take place immediately in your current arena.

## **forcestats**

**Requires module:** turf\_stats

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Displays stats to arena for previous dings.

## **freqkick**

**Requires module:** freqowners

**Possible targets:** player

**Arguments:** none

Kicks the player off of your freq. The player must be on your freq and must not be an owner himself. The player giving the command, of course, must be an owner.

## **gamerecord**

**Requires module:** record

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** status — record <file> — play <file> — pause — restart — stop

TODO: write more here.

## **geta**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** section:key

Displays the value of an arena setting. Make sure there are no spaces around the colon.

## **getcm**

**Possible targets:** player or arena

**Arguments:** none

Prints out the chat mask for the target player, or if no target, for the current arena. The chat mask specifies which types of chat messages are allowed.

## getfile

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <filename>

Transfers the specified file from the server to the client. The filename should include the full relative path from the server's base directory.

## getg

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** section:key

Displays the value of a global setting. Make sure there are no spaces around the colon.

## getgroup

**Possible targets:** player or none

**Arguments:** none

Prints out the group of the target player.

## giveowner

**Requires module:** freqowners

**Possible targets:** player

**Arguments:** none

Allows you to share freq ownership with another player on your current private freq. You can't remove ownership once you give it out, but you are safe from being kicked off yourself, as long as you have ownership.

## grplogin

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <group name> <password>

Logs you in to the specified group, if the password is correct.

## help

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <command name> — <setting name (section:key)>

Displays help on a command or config file setting. Use **?help section:** to list known keys in that section. Use **?help :** to list known section names.

## info

**Possible targets:** player

**Arguments:** none

Displays various information on the target player, including which client they are using,

their resolution, ip address, how long they have been connected, and bandwidth usage information.

## **insmod**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <module specifier>

Immediately loads the specified module into the server.

## **jackpot**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none or <arena name> or all

Displays the current jackpot for this arena, the named arena, or all arenas.

## **lag**

**Possible targets:** none or player

**Arguments:** none

Displays basic lag information about you or a target player.

## **laghist**

**Possible targets:** none or player

**Arguments:** [-r]

Displays lag histograms. If a -r is given, do this histogram for reliable latency instead of c2s pings.

## **laginfo**

**Possible targets:** none or player

**Arguments:** none

Displays tons of lag information about a player.

## **last**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Tells you the last 10 people to log in.

## **lastlog**

**Requires module:** log.sysop

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** [<number of lines>] [<limiting text>]

Prints out the last 10 lines in the server log. You can specify a number as an argument, it will print that many lines instead. If you specify any text as an argument, besides a

number, the display will be limited to lines that contain that text. You can specify both a number and limiting text, just put the number first.

## **listarena**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <arena name>

Lists the players in the given arena.

## **listmod**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Lists all staff members logged on, which arena they are in, and which group they belong to.

## **lock**

**Possible targets:** player, freq, or arena

**Arguments:** [-n] [-s]

Locks the specified targets so that they can't change ships. Use ?unlock to unlock them. By default, ?lock won't change anyone's ship. If **-s** is present, it will spec the targets before locking them. If **-n** is present, it will players of their change in status.

## **lockarena**

**Possible targets:** arena

**Arguments:** [-n] [-a] [-i] [-s]

Changes the default locked state for the arena so entering players will be locked to spectator mode. Also locks everyone currently in the arena to their ships. The **-n** option means to notify players of their change in status. The **-a** options means to only change the arena's state, and not lock current players. The **-i** option means to only lock entering players to their initial ships, instead of spectator mode. The **-s** means to spec all players before locking the arena.

## **lsmod**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Lists all the modules currently loaded into the server.

## **moveflag**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <flag id> <owning freq> [<x coord> <y coord>]

Moves the specified flag. You must always specify the freq that will own the flag. The

coordinates are optional: if they are specified, the flag will be moved there, otherwise it will remain where it is.

## **netstats**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Prints out some statistics from the network layer, including the number of main menu pings the server has received, the total number of packets it has sent and received, and the number of buffers currently in use versus the number allocated.

## **neutflag**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <flag id>

Neuts the specified flag in the middle of the arena.

## **passwd**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <new password>

Changes your local server password. Note that this command only changes the password used by the auth\_file authentication mechanism. The billing server is not involved at all.

## **pausetimer**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Pauses the timer. The timer must have been created with ?timer.

## **prize**

**Possible targets:** player, freq, or arena

**Arguments:** see description

Gives the specified prizes to the target player(s).

Prizes are specified with an optional count, and then a prize name (e.g. 3 reps, anti). Negative prizes can be specified with a '-' before the prize name or the count (e.g. -prox, -3 bricks, 5 -guns). More than one prize can be specified in one command. A count without a prize name means random. For compatibility, numerical prize ids with # are supported.

## **putfile**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <client filename>:<server filename>

Transfers the specified file from the client to the server. The server filename must be a

full path name relative to the base directory of the server. (Remember, servers running on unix systems use forward slashes to separate path components.)

## **putzip**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <client filename>:<server directory>

Uploads the specified zip file to the server and unzips it in the specified directory. This can be used to efficiently send a large number of files to the server at once.

## **qalias**

### **qip**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <ip address or pattern>

Queries the alias database for players connecting from that ip. Queries can be an exact address, ?qip 216.34.65.%, or ?qip 216.34.65.0/24.

## **quickfix**

**Requires module:** quickfix

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <limiting text>

Lets you quickly change arena settings. This will display some list of settings with their current values and allow you to change them. The argument to this command can be used to limit the list of settings displayed.

## **rawquery**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <sql code>

Performs a custom sql query on the alias data. The text you type after ?rawquery will be used as the WHERE clause in the query. Examples: ?rawquery name like '%blah%'  
?rawquery macid = 34127563 order by lastseen desc

## **recyclearena**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Recycles the current arena without kicking players off.

## **reloadconf**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Causes the server to check all config files for modifications since they were last loaded, and reload any modified files.

### **resetgame**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Resets soccer game scores and balls.

### **rmmmod**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <module name>

Attempts to unload the specified module from the server.

### **score**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Returns score of current soccer game.

### **scorerereset**

**Possible targets:** ...

**Arguments:** ...

### **send**

**Possible targets:** player

**Arguments:** <arena name>

Sends target player to the named arena. (Works on Continuum users only.)

### **seta**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** section:key=value

Sets the value of an arena setting. Make sure there are no spaces around either the colon or the equals sign.

### **setcm**

**Possible targets:** player or arena

**Arguments:** see description

Modifies the chat mask for the target player, or if no target, for the current arena. The arguments must all be of the form (-|+)(pub|pubmacro|freq|nmefreq|priv|chat|modchat|all) or -time <seconds>. A minus sign and then a word disables that type of chat, and a

plus sign enables it. The special type **all** means to apply the plus or minus to all of the above types. **-time** lets you specify a timeout in seconds. The mask will be effective for that time, even across logouts.

Examples:

- If someone is spamming public macros: `:player:?setcm -pubmacro -time 600`
- To disable all blue messages for this arena: `?setcm -pub -pubmacro`
- An equivalent to `*shutup`: `:player:?setcm -all`
- To restore chat to normal: `?setcm +all`

Current limitations: You can't currently restrict a particular frequency. Leaving and entering an arena will remove a player's chat mask, unless it has a timeout.

## setfreq

**Possible targets:** player, freq, or arena

**Arguments:** <freq number>

Moves the target player to the specified freq.

## setg

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** section:key=value

Sets the value of a global setting. Make sure there are no spaces around either the colon or the equals sign.

## setgroup

**Possible targets:** player

**Arguments:** [-a] [-p] <group name>

Assigns the group given as an argument to the target player. The player must be in group **default**, or the server will refuse to change his group. Additionally, the player giving the command must have an appropriate capability: `setgroup_foo`, where `foo` is the group that he's trying to set the target to.

The optional **-p** means to assign the group permanently. Otherwise, when the target player logs out or changes arenas, the group will be lost.

The optional **-a** means to make the assignment local to the current arena, rather than being valid in the entire zone.

## setscore

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <freq 0 score> [<freq 1 score> [... [<freq 7 score>]]]

Changes score of current soccer game, based on arguments. Only supports first eight freqs, and arena must be in absolute scoring mode (`Soccer:CapturePoints < 0`).

## setship

**Possible targets:** player, freq, or arena

**Arguments:** <ship number>

Sets the target player to the specified ship. The argument must be a number from 1 (Warbird) to 8 (Shark), or 9 (Spec).

## shipreset

**Possible targets:** player, freq, or arena

**Arguments:** none

Resets the target players' ship(s).

## shutdown

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** [-r]

Immediately shuts down the server, exiting with `EXIT_NONE`. If `-r` is specified, exit with `EXIT_RECYCLE` instead. The `run-asss` script will notice `EXIT_RECYCLE` and restart the server.

## specall

**Possible targets:** player, freq, or arena

**Arguments:** none

Sends all of the targets to spectator mode.

## stats

**Possible targets:** player or none

**Arguments:** none

Prints out some basic statistics about the target player, or if no target, yourself.

## time

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Returns amount of time left in current game.

## timer

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <minutes>[:<seconds>]

Set arena timer to minutes:seconds, only in arenas with `TimedGame` setting off. Note, that the seconds part is optional, but minutes must always be defined (even if zero). If successful, server replies with `?time` response.

## **timereset**

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Reset a timed game, but only in arenas with Misc:TimedGame in use.

## **turfinfo**

**Requires module:** turf\_reward

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Displays the current settings / requirements to receive awards.

## **turfresetflags**

**Requires module:** turf\_reward

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Resets the turf\_reward module's and flags module's flag data in your current arena.

## **turfresettimer**

**Requires module:** turf\_reward

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Resets the ding timer in your current arena.

## **turfstats**

**Requires module:** turf\_stats

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Gets stats to previous dings.

## **turftime**

**Requires module:** turf\_reward

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Displays the amount of time till next ding.

## **unlock**

**Possible targets:** player, freq, or arena

**Arguments:** [-n]

Unlocks the specified targets so that they can now change ships. An optional -n notifies players of their change in status.

## unlockarena

**Possible targets:** arena

**Arguments:** [-n] [-a]

Changes the default locked state for the arena so entering players will not be locked to spectator mode. Also unlocks everyone currently in the arena to their ships. The **-n** option means to notify players of their change in status. The **-a** option means to only change the arena's state, and not unlock current players.

## uptime

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Displays how long the server has been running.

## usage

**Possible targets:** player or none

**Arguments:** none

Displays the usage information (current hours and minutes logged in, and total hours and minutes logged in), as well as the first login time, of the target player, or you if no target.

## userdbadm

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** status—drop—connect

The subcommand 'status' reports the status of the user database server connection. 'drop' disconnects the connection if it's up, and 'connect' reconnects after dropping or failed login.

## userid

**Possible targets:** player or none

**Arguments:** none

Displays the user database id of the target player, or yours if no target.

## version

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** none

Prints out the version and compilation date of the server. It might also print out some information about the machine that it's running on.

## warn

**Possible targets:** player

**Arguments:** <message>

Send a warning message to a player.

## warpto

**Possible targets:** player, freq, or arena

**Arguments:** <x coord> <y coord>

Warps target player to coordinate x,y.

## watchdamage

**Possible targets:** player, freq, none

**Arguments:** [0 or 1]

Turns damage watching on and off. If sent to a player, an argument of 1 turns it on, 0 turns it off, and no argument toggles. If sent as a public command, only ?watchdamage 0 is meaningful, and it turns off damage watching on all players.

## z

**Possible targets:** none

**Arguments:** <text>

Displays the text as an arena (green) message to the whole zone.

# 10 Configuration Reference

All config files used by ass (except `modules.conf`) have the same format and conventions. The format is roughly based on, and is backwards compatible with, the Windows `.ini` file format, so `server.cfg` files can be used as-is, although you'll probably need to add a few settings to get things working well.

Config files are processed line-by-line. All leading and trailing whitespace is ignored. A line is a comment if the first character (ignoring whitespace) is a semicolon or a forward slash. If the first character is a pound sign, it signals a preprocessor directive. These directives work very much like C preprocessor directives: `#include` allows one config file to include another. `#define` allows macros to be defined. Macros cannot currently take arguments. To reference the definition of a macro, you have to use `$(MACRONAME)`, not just the name of the macro. (The parens can be omitted if the character after the end of the macro name isn't alphanumeric.) `#ifdef`, `#ifndef`, `#else`, and `#endif` allow conditional inclusion of sections based on whether a specific macro is defined or not. If a line ends with a backslash, it denotes a line continuation: the following line of the file (or more if that line ends with a backslash) is appended to the original line before it is processed.

The start of a section is a line starting with an open bracket and ending with a closing bracket. The text between the brackets is the section name. Any line containing an equals sign is a value: the text before the equals is the key name (minus leading and trailing whitespace) and the text after (again minus whitespace) is the value. Section names and values are case-insensitive, but the case of values is preserved. Lines that don't contain an equals sign also specify keys, and their associated value is the empty string. Value-less keys are used primarily in the capability manager, where the presence or absence of a capability is all that's important.

If a key name contains a colon, it is treated specially: the text before the colon is treated as the section name for this key only (it doesn't modify the idea of the "current section") and the text after the colon is the key name.

The following sections describe specific settings. They are sorted alphabetically by section and then by key. The settings are listed with the section and key names separated by a colon. The section name "All" isn't a real section name but means the setting is present in a section for each ship.

## 10.1 Global settings

### **Billing:IP**

**Type:** String

The ip address of the user database server (no dns hostnames allowed).

### **Billing:LocalChatPrefix**

**Type:** String

Secret prefix to prepend to local chats

### **Billing>Password**

**Type:** String

The password to log in to the user database server with.

### **Billing:Port**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 1850

The port to connect to on the user database server.

### **Billing:Proxy**

**Type:** String

This setting allows you to specify an external program that will handle the billing server connection. The program should be prepared to speak the assb billing protocol over its standard input and output. It will get two command line arguments, which are the ip and port of the billing server, as specified in the Billing:IP and Billing:Port settings. The program name should either be an absolute pathname or be located on your \$PATH. \*/

### **Billing:RetryInterval**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 180

How many seconds to wait between tries to connect to the user database server.

### **Billing:ScoreID**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 0

Score realm.

### **Billing:ServerID**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 0

ServerID identifying zone to user database server.

**Billing:ServerName**

**Type:** String

The server name to send to the user database server.

**Billing:ServerNetwork**

**Type:** String

The network name to send to the billing server. A network name should identify a group of servers (e.g., SSCX).

**Billing:StaffChatPrefix**

**Type:** String

Secret prefix to prepend to staff chats

**Billing:StaffChats**

**Type:** String

Comma separated staff zone local list.

**Chat:FloodLimit**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 10

How many messages needed to be sent in a short period of time (about a second) to qualify for chat flooding.

**Chat:FloodShutup**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 60

How many seconds to disable chat for a player that is flooding chat messages.

**Chat:MessageReliable**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** Yes

Whether to send chat messages reliably.

**Config:CheckModifiedFilesInterval**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 1500

How often to check for modified config files on disk (in ticks).

**Config:FlushDirtyValuesInterval**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 500

How often to write modified config settings back to disk (in ticks).

**Directory:Description****Type:** String

The server description to send to the directory server. See Directory:Name for more information about the section name.

**Directory:Name****Type:** String

The server name to send to the directory server. Virtual servers will use section name 'Directory-<vs-name>' for this and other settings in this section, and will fall back to 'Directory' if that section doesn't exist. See Net:Listen help for how to identify virtual servers.

**Directory:Password****Type:** String**Default:** cane

The password used to send information to the directory server. Don't change this.

**Directory:Port****Type:** Integer**Default:** 4991

The port to connect to for the directory server.

**General:NewsFile****Type:** String**Default:** news.txt

The filename of the news file.

**General:NewsRefreshMinutes****Type:** Integer**Default:** 5

How often to check for an updated news.txt.

**General:PublicArenas****Type:** String**Requires module:** ap\_multipub

A list of public arena types that the server will place people in when they don't request a specific arena.

**General:ShipChangeLimit****Type:** Integer**Default:** 10

The number of ship changes in a short time (about 10 seconds) before ship changing is disabled (for about 30 seconds).

**Lag:CheckInterval****Type:** Integer**Default:** 300

How often to check each player for out-of-bounds lag values (in ticks).

**Log:FileFlushPeriod**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 10

How often to flush the log file to disk (in minutes).

**Log:LogFile**

**Type:** String

**Default:** asss.log

The name of the log file.

**mysql:database**

**Type:** String

**Requires module:** mysql

The database on the mysql server to use.

**mysql:hostname**

**Type:** String

**Requires module:** mysql

The name of the mysql server.

**mysql:password**

**Type:** String

**Requires module:** mysql

The password to log in to the mysql server as.

**mysql:user**

**Type:** String

**Requires module:** mysql

The mysql user to log in to the server as.

**Net:AntiwarpSendPercent**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 5

Percent of position packets with antiwarp enabled to send to the whole arena.

**Net:BulletPixels**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 1500

How far away to always send bullets (in pixels).

**Net:ChatListen**

**Type:** String

**Requires module:** chatnet

Where to listen for chat protocol connections. Either 'port' or 'ip:port'. Net:Listen will be used if this is missing, except the port number specified there will be incremented by

two.

**Net:ChatMessageDelay**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 20 mod: chatnet

The delay between sending messages to clients using the text-based chat protocol. (To limit bandwidth used by non-playing cilents.)

**Net:DropTimeout**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 3000

How long to get no data from a client before disconnecting him (in ticks).

**Net:Listen**

**Type:** String

A designation for a port and ip to listen on. Format is one of 'port', 'port:connectas', or 'ip:port:connectas'. Listen1 through Listen9 are also supported. A missing or zero-length 'ip' field means all interfaces. The 'connectas' field can be used to treat clients differently depending on which port or ip they use to connect to the server. It serves as a virtual server identifier for the rest of the server.

**Net:MaxBufferDelta**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 30

The maximum number of reliable packets to buffer for a player.

**Net:PositionExtraPixels**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 8000

How far away to send positions of players on radar.

**Net:WeaponPixels**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 2000

How far away to always send weapons (in pixels).

**Persist:SyncSeconds**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 180

The interval at which all persistent data is synced to the database.

**Security:SecurityKickoff**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether to kick players off of the server for violating security checks.

## 10.2 Arena settings

**All:AfterburnerEnergy**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of energy required to have 'Afterburners' activated

**All:AntiWarpEnergy**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of energy required to have 'Anti-Warp' activated (thousanth per tick)

**All:AntiWarpStatus**

**Type:** Integer

**Range:** 0-2

Whether ships are allowed to receive 'Anti-Warp' 0=no 1=yes 2=yes/start-with

**All:AttachBounty**

**Type:** Integer

Bounty required by ships to attach as a turret

**All:BombBounceCount**

**Type:** Integer

Number of times a ship's bombs bounce before they explode on impact

**All:BombFireDelay**

**Type:** Integer

delay that ship waits after a bomb is fired until another weapon may be fired (in ticks)

**All:BombFireEnergy**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of energy it takes a ship to fire a single bomb

**All:BombFireEnergyUpgrade**

**Type:** Integer

Extra amount of energy it takes a ship to fire an upgraded bomb. i.e.  $L2 = \text{BombFireEnergy} + \text{BombFireEnergyUpgrade}$

**All:BombSpeed**

**Type:** Integer

How fast bombs travel

**All:BombThrust**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of back-thrust you receive when firing a bomb

**All:BrickMax**

**Type:** Integer

Maximum number of Bricks allowed in ships

**All:BulletFireDelay**

**Type:** Integer

Delay that ship waits after a bullet is fired until another weapon may be fired (in ticks)

**All:BulletFireEnergy**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of energy it takes a ship to fire a single L1 bullet

**All:BulletSpeed**

**Type:** Integer

How fast bullets travel

**All:BurstMax**

**Type:** Integer

Maximum number of Bursts allowed in ships

**All:BurstShrapnel**

**Type:** Integer

Number of bullets released when a 'Burst' is activated

**All:BurstSpeed**

**Type:** Integer

How fast the burst shrapnel is for this ship

**All:CloakEnergy**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of energy required to have 'Cloak' activated (thousandths per tick)

**All:CloakStatus**

**Type:** Integer

**Range:** 0-2

Whether ships are allowed to receive 'Cloak' 0=no 1=yes 2=yes/start-with

**All:DamageFactor**

**Type:** Integer

How likely a the ship is to take damamage (ie. lose a prize) (0=special-case-never, 1=extremely likely, 5000=almost never)

**All:DecoyMax**

**Type:** Integer

Maximum number of Decoys allowed in ships

**All:DisableFastShooting**

**Type:** Boolean

If firing bullets, bombs, or thors is disabled after using afterburners (1=enabled) (Cont .36+)

**All:DoubleBarrel**

**Type:** Boolean

Whether ships fire with double barrel bullets

**All:EmpBomb**

**Type:** Boolean

Whether ships fire EMP bombs

**All:Gravity**

**Type:** Integer

How strong of an effect the wormhole has on this ship (0 = none)

**All:GravityTopSpeed**

**Type:** Integer

Ship are allowed to move faster than their maximum speed while effected by a wormhole.

This determines how much faster they can go (0 = no extra speed)

**All:InitialBombs**

**Type:** Other

**Range:** 0-3

Initial level a ship's bombs fire

**All:InitialBounty**

**Type:** Integer

Number of 'Greens' given to ships when they start

**All:InitialBrick**

**Type:** Integer

Initial number of Bricks given to ships when they start

**All:InitialBurst**

**Type:** Integer

Initial number of Bursts given to ships when they start

**All:InitialDecoy**

**Type:** Integer

Initial number of Decoys given to ships when they start

**All:InitialEnergy**

**Type:** Integer

Initial amount of energy that the ship can have

**All:InitialGuns**

**Type:** Integer

**Range:** 0-3

Initial level a ship's guns fire

**All:InitialPortal****Type:** Integer

Initial number of Portals given to ships when they start

**All:InitialRecharge****Type:** Integer

Initial recharge rate, or how quickly this ship recharges its energy

**All:InitialRepel****Type:** Integer

Initial number of Repels given to ships when they start

**All:InitialRocket****Type:** Integer

Initial number of Rockets given to ships when they start

**All:InitialRotation****Type:** Integer

Initial rotation rate of the ship (0 = can't rotate, 400 = full rotation in 1 second)

**All:InitialSpeed****Type:** Integer

Initial speed of ship (0 = can't move)

**All:InitialThor****Type:** Integer

Initial number of Thor's Hammers given to ships when they start

**All:InitialThrust****Type:** Integer

Initial thrust of ship (0 = none)

**All:LandmineFireDelay****Type:** Integer

Delay that ship waits after a mine is fired until another weapon may be fired (in ticks)

**All:LandmineFireEnergy****Type:** Integer

Amount of energy it takes a ship to place a single L1 mine

**All:LandmineFireEnergyUpgrade****Type:** IntegerExtra amount of energy it takes to place an upgraded landmine. i.e.  $L2 = \text{LandmineFireEnergy} + \text{LandmineFireEnergyUpgrade}$ **All:MaxBombs****Type:** Integer

**Range:** 0-3

Maximum level a ship's bombs can fire

**All:MaxGuns**

**Type:** Integer

**Range:** 0-3

Maximum level a ship's guns can fire

**All:MaximumEnergy**

**Type:** Integer

Maximum amount of energy that the ship can have

**All:MaximumRecharge**

**Type:** Integer

Maximum recharge rate, or how quickly this ship recharges its energy

**All:MaximumRotation**

**Type:** Integer

Maximum rotation rate of the ship (0 = can't rotate, 400 = full rotation in 1 second)

**All:MaximumSpeed**

**Type:** Integer

Maximum speed of ship (0 = can't move)

**All:MaximumThrust**

**Type:** Integer

Maximum thrust of ship (0 = none)

**All:MaxMines**

**Type:** Integer

Maximum number of mines allowed in ships

**All:MultiFireAngle**

**Type:** Integer

Angle spread between multi-fire bullets and standard forward firing bullets (111 = 1 degree, 1000 = 1 ship-rotation-point)

**All:MultiFireDelay**

**Type:** Integer

Delay that ship waits after a multifire bullet is fired until another weapon may be fired (in ticks)

**All:MultiFireEnergy**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of energy it takes a ship to fire multifire L1 bullets

**All:PortalMax**

**Type:** Integer  
Maximum number of Portals allowed in ships

**All:PrizeShareLimit**

**Type:** Integer  
Maximum bounty that ships receive Team Prizes

**All:Radius**

**Type:** Integer  
**Default:** 14  
**Range:** 0-255  
The ship's radius from center to outside, in pixels. (Cont .37+)

**All:RepelMax**

**Type:** Integer  
Maximum number of Repels allowed in ships

**All:RocketMax**

**Type:** Integer  
Maximum number of Rockets allowed in ships

**All:RocketTime**

**Type:** Integer  
How long a Rocket lasts (in ticks)

**All:SeeBombLevel**

**Type:** Integer  
**Range:** 0-4  
If ship can see bombs on radar (0=Disabled, 1=All, 2=L2 and up, 3=L3 and up, 4=L4 bombs only)

**All:SeeMines**

**Type:** Boolean  
Whether ships see mines on radar

**All:ShieldsTime**

**Type:** Integer  
How long Shields lasts on the ship (in ticks)

**All:ShrapnelMax**

**Type:** Integer  
Maximum amount of shrapnel released from a ship's bomb

**All:ShrapnelRate**

**Type:** Integer  
Amount of additional shrapnel gained by a 'Shrapnel Upgrade' prize.

**All:SoccerBallFriction**

**Type:** Integer

Amount the friction on the soccer ball (how quickly it slows down – higher numbers mean faster slowdown)

**All:SoccerBallProximity**

**Type:** Integer

How close the player must be in order to pick up ball (in pixels)

**All:SoccerBallSpeed**

**Type:** Integer

Initial speed given to the ball when fired by the carrier

**All:SoccerThrowTime**

**Type:** Integer

Time player has to carry soccer ball (in ticks)

**All:StealthEnergy**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of energy required to have 'Stealth' activated (thousandths per tick)

**All:StealthStatus**

**Type:** Integer

**Range:** 0-2

Whether ships are allowed to receive 'Stealth' 0=no 1=yes 2=yes/start-with

**All:SuperTime**

**Type:** Integer

How long Super lasts on the ship (in ticks)

**All:ThorMax**

**Type:** Integer

Maximum number of Thor's Hammers allowed in ships

**All:TurretLimit**

**Type:** Integer

Number of turrets allowed on a ship

**All:TurretSpeedPenalty**

**Type:** Integer

Amount the ship's speed is decreased with a turret riding

**All:TurretThrustPenalty**

**Type:** Integer

Amount the ship's thrust is decreased with a turret riding

**All:UpgradeEnergy**

**Type:** Integer  
Amount added per 'Energy Upgrade' Prize

**All:UpgradeRecharge**  
**Type:** Integer  
Amount added per 'Recharge Rate' Prize

**All:UpgradeRotation**  
**Type:** Integer  
Amount added per 'Rotation' Prize

**All:UpgradeSpeed**  
**Type:** Integer  
Amount added per 'Speed' Prize

**All:UpgradeThrust**  
**Type:** Integer  
Amount added per 'Thruster' Prize

**All:XRadarEnergy**  
**Type:** Integer  
Amount of energy required to have 'X-Radar' activated (thousandths per tick)

**All:XRadarStatus**  
**Type:** Integer  
**Range:** 0-2  
Whether ships are allowed to receive 'X-Radar' 0=no 1=yes 2=yes/start-with

**Bomb:BBombDamagePercent**  
**Type:** Integer  
Percentage of normal damage applied to a bouncing bomb (in 0.1%)

**Bomb:BombAliveTime**  
**Type:** Integer  
Time bomb is alive (in ticks)

**Bomb:BombDamageLevel**  
**Type:** Integer  
Amount of damage a bomb causes at its center point (for all bomb levels)

**Bomb:BombExplodeDelay**  
**Type:** Integer  
How long after the proximity sensor is triggered before bomb explodes

**Bomb:BombExplodePixels**  
**Type:** Integer  
Blast radius in pixels for an L1 bomb (L2 bombs double this, L3 bombs triple this)

**Bomb: BombSafety****Type:** Boolean

Whether proximity bombs have a firing safety. If enemy ship is within proximity radius, will it allow you to fire

**Bomb: EBombDamagePercent****Type:** Integer

Percentage of normal damage applied to an EMP bomb (in 0.1%)

**Bomb: EBombShutdownTime****Type:** Integer

Maximum time recharge is stopped on players hit with an EMP bomb

**Bomb: JitterTime****Type:** Integer

How long the screen jitters from a bomb hit (in ticks)

**Bomb: ProximityDistance****Type:** Integer

Radius of proximity trigger in tiles (each bomb level adds 1 to this amount)

**Brick: BrickSpan****Type:** Integer**Default:** 10

The maximum length of a dropped brick.

**Brick: BrickTime****Type:** Integer

How long bricks last (in ticks)

**Brick: CountBricksAsWalls****Type:** Boolean**Default:** Yes

Whether bricks snap to the edges of other bricks (as opposed to only snapping to walls).

**Bullet: BulletAliveTime****Type:** Integer

How long bullets live before disappearing (in ticks)

**Bullet: BulletDamageLevel****Type:** Integer

Maximum amount of damage that a L1 bullet will cause

**Bullet: BulletDamageUpgrade****Type:** Integer

Amount of extra damage each bullet level will cause

**Bullet:ExactDamage****Type:** Boolean**Default:** No

Whether to use exact bullet damage (Cont .36+)

**Burst:BurstDamageLevel****Type:** Integer

Maximum amount of damage caused by a single burst bullet

**Chat:RestrictChat****Type:** Integer**Default:** 0

This specifies an initial chat mask for the arena. Don't use this unless you know what you're doing.

**Cost:PurchaseAnytime****Type:** Boolean**Default:** No

Whether players can buy items outside a safe zone.

**Door:DoorDelay****Type:** Integer

How often doors attempt to switch their state

**Door:DoorMode****Type:** Integer

Door mode (-2=all doors completely random, -1=weighted random (some doors open more often than others), 0-255=fixed doors (1 bit of byte for each door specifying whether it is open or not))

**Flag:CarryFlags****Type:** Integer

Whether the flags can be picked up and carried (0=no, 1=yes, 2=yes-one at a time)

**Flag:DropCenter****Type:** Boolean**Default:** No

Whether flags dropped normally go in the center of the map, as opposed to near the player.

**Flag:DropOwned****Type:** Boolean**Default:** Yes

Whether flags you drop are owned by your team.

**Flag:DropRadius****Type:** Integer**Default:** 2

How far from a player do dropped flags appear (in tiles).

**Flag:EnterGameFlaggingDelay**

**Type:** Integer

Time a new player must wait before they are allowed to see flags

**Flag:FlagBlankDelay**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of time that a user can get no data from server before flags are hidden from view for 10 seconds

**Flag:FlagCount**

**Type:** Other

**Default:** 0

**Range:** 0-256

How many flags are present in this arena.

**Flag:FlagDropDelay**

**Type:** Integer

Time before flag is dropped by carrier (0=never)

**Flag:FlagDropResetReward**

**Type:** Integer

Minimum kill reward that a player must get in order to have his flag drop timer reset

**Flag:FlaggerBombFireDelay**

**Type:** Integer

Delay given to flaggers for firing bombs (zero is ships normal firing rate) (do not set this number less than 20)

**Flag:FlaggerBombUpgrade**

**Type:** Boolean

Whether the flaggers get a bomb upgrade

**Flag:FlaggerDamagePercent**

**Type:** Integer

Percentage of normal damage received by flaggers (in 0.1%)

**Flag:FlaggerFireCostPercent**

**Type:** Integer

Percentage of normal weapon firing cost for flaggers (in 0.1%)

**Flag:FlaggerGunUpgrade**

**Type:** Boolean

Whether the flaggers get a gun upgrade

**Flag:FlaggerKillMultiplier**

**Type:** Integer

Number of times more points are given to a flagger (1 = double points, 2 = triple points)

**Flag:FlaggerOnRadar**

**Type:** Boolean

Whether the flaggers appear on radar in red

**Flag:FlaggerSpeedAdjustment**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of speed adjustment player carrying flag gets (negative numbers mean slower)

**Flag:FlaggerThrustAdjustment**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of thrust adjustment player carrying flag gets (negative numbers mean less thrust)

**Flag:FlagReward**

**Type:** Integer

**Requires module:** points\_flag

**Default:** 5000

The basic flag reward is calculated as  $(\text{players in arena})^2 * \text{reward} / 1000$ .

**Flag:FriendlyTransfer**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** Yes

Whether you get a teammates flags when you kill him.

**Flag:GameType**

**Type:** Enumerated

**Default:** \$FLAGGAME\_NONE

The flag game type for this arena. \$FLAGGAME\_NONE means no flag game, \$FLAGGAME\_BASIC is a standard warzone or running zone game, and \$FLAGGAME\_TURF specifies immobile flags.

**Flag:NeutCenter**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether flags that are neut-dropped go in the center, as opposed to near the player who dropped them.

**Flag:NeutOwned**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether flags you neut-drop are owned by your team.

**Flag:NoDataFlagDropDelay**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of time that a user can get no data from server before flags he is carrying are

dropped

**Flag:PersistentTurfOwners**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** Yes

Whether ownership of turf flags persists even when the arena is empty (or the server crashes).

**Flag:ResetDelay**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 0

The length of the delay between flag games.

**Flag:SafeCenter**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether flags dropped from a safe zone spawn in the center, as opposed to near the safe zone player.

**Flag:SafeOwned**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** Yes

Whether flags dropped from a safe zone are owned by your team, as opposed to neutral.

**Flag:SpawnRadius**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 50

How far from the spawn center that new flags spawn (in tiles).

**Flag:SpawnX**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 512

The X coordinate that new flags spawn at (in tiles).

**Flag:SpawnY**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 512

The Y coordinate that new flags spawn at (in tiles).

**Flag:SplitPoints**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether to split a flag reward between the members of a freq or give them each the full amount.

**Flag:TKCenter**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether flags dropped by a team-kill spawn in the center, as opposed to near the killed player.

**Flag:TKOwned**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** Yes

Whether flags dropped by a team-kill are owned by your team, as opposed to neutral.

**General:DesiredPlaying**

**Type:** Integer

**Requires module:** ap\_multipub

**Default:** 15

This controls when the server will create new public arenas.

**General:LevelFiles**

**Type:** String

A list of extra files to send to the client for downloading. A '+' before any file means it's marked as optional.

**General:Map**

**Type:** String

The name of the level file for this arena.

**General:MaxPlaying**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 100

This is the most players that will be allowed to play in the arena at once. Zero means no limit.

**General:NeedCap**

**Type:** String

**Requires module:** arenaperm

If this setting is present for an arena, any player entering the arena must have the capability specified this setting. This can be used to restrict arenas to certain groups of players.

**General:ScoreGroup**

**Type:** String

If this is set, it will be used as the score identifier for shared scores for this arena (unshared scores, e.g. per-game scores, always use the arena name as the identifier). Setting this to the same value in several different arenas will cause them to share scores.

**Kill:BountyIncreaseForKill**

**Type:** Integer

Number of points added to players bounty each time he kills an opponent

**Kill:EnterDelay**

**Type:** Integer

How long after a player dies before he can re-enter the game (in ticks)

**Kill:FlagValue**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 100

The number of extra points to give for each flag a killed player was carrying.

**Kill:JackpotBountyPercent**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 0

The percent of a player's bounty added to the jackpot on each kill. Units: 0.1%.

**Kill:MaxBonus**

**Type:** Integer

FIXME: fill this in

**Kill:MaxPenalty**

**Type:** Integer

FIXME: fill this in

**Kill:RewardBase**

**Type:** Integer

FIXME: fill this in

**Lag:C2SLossToDisallowFlags**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 50

The C2S packetloss when a player isn't allowed to pick up flags or balls. Units 0.1%.

**Lag:C2SLossToSpec**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 150

The C2S packetloss at which to force a player to spec. Units 0.1%.

**Lag:PingToDisallowFlags**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 500

The average ping when a player isn't allowed to pick up flags or balls.

**Lag:PingToIgnoreAllWeapons**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 1000

The average ping when all weapons should be ignored.

**Lag:PingToSpec**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 600

The average ping at which to force a player to spec.

**Lag:PingToStartIgnoringWeapons**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 300

The average ping to start ignoring weapons at.

**Lag:S2CLossToDisallowFlags**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 50

The S2C packetloss when a player isn't allowed to pick up flags or balls. Units 0.1%.

**Lag:S2CLossToIgnoreAllWeapons**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 500

The S2C packetloss when all weapons should be ignored. Units 0.1%.

**Lag:S2CLossToSpec**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 150

The S2C packetloss at which to force a player to spec. Units 0.1%.

**Lag:S2CLossToStartIgnoringWeapons**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 40

The S2C packetloss to start ignoring weapons at. Units 0.1%.

**Lag:SpikeToSpec**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 3000

The amount of time the server can get no data from a player before forcing him to spectator mode (in ms).

**Lag:WeaponLossToDisallowFlags**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 50

The weapon packetloss when a player isn't allowed to pick up flags or balls. Units 0.1%.

**Lag:WeaponLossToIgnoreAllWeapons**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 500

The weapon packetloss when all weapons should be ignored. Units 0.1%.

**Lag:WeaponLossToSpec**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 150

The weapon packetloss at which to force a player to spec. Units 0.1%.

**Lag:WeaponLossToStartIgnoringWeapons**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 40

The weapon packetloss to start ignoring weapons at. Units 0.1%.

**Latency:ClientSlowPacketSampleSize**

**Type:** Integer

Number of packets to sample S2C before checking for kickout

**Latency:ClientSlowPacketTime**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of latency S2C that constitutes a slow packet

**Latency:S2CNoDataKickoutDelay**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of time a user can receive no data from server before connection is terminated

**Latency:SendRoutePercent**

**Type:** Integer

Percentage of the ping time that is spent on the C2S portion of the ping (used in more accurately synchronizing clocks)

**Message:AllowAudioMessages**

**Type:** Boolean

Whether players can send audio messages

**Mine:MineAliveTime**

**Type:** Integer

Time that mines are active (in ticks)

**Mine:TeamMaxMines**

**Type:** Integer

Maximum number of mines allowed to be placed by an entire team

**Misc:ActivateAppShutdownTime**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of time a ship is shutdown after application is reactivated

**Misc:AllowSavedShips**

**Type:** Integer

Whether saved ships are allowed (do not allow saved ship in zones where sub-arenas may have differing parameters)

**Misc:AntiWarpSettleDelay**

**Type:** Integer

How many ticks to activate a fake antiwarp after attaching, portaling, or warping.

**Misc:BounceFactor**

**Type:** Integer

How bouncy the walls are (16 = no speed loss)

**Misc:DecoyAliveTime**

**Type:** Integer

Time a decoy is alive (in ticks)

**Misc:DisableBallKilling**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether to disable ball killing in safe zones (Cont .38+)

**Misc:DisableBallThroughWalls**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether to disable ball-passing through walls (Cont .38+)

**Misc:DisableScreenshot**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether to disable Continuum's screenshot feature (Cont .37+)

**Misc:DontShareBrick**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether Brick greens don't go to the whole team.

**Misc:DontShareBurst**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether Burst greens don't go to the whole team.

**Misc:DontShareThor**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether Thor greens don't go to the whole team.

**Misc:ExtraPositionData**

**Type:** Integer

Whether regular players receive sysop data about a ship

**Misc:FrequencyShift**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of random frequency shift applied to sounds in the game

**Misc:GreetMessage****Type:** String

The message to send to each player on entering the arena.

**Misc:MaxXres****Type:** Integer**Default:** 0

Maximum screen width allowed in the arena. Zero means no limit.

**Misc:MaxYres****Type:** Integer**Default:** 0

Maximum screen height allowed in the arena. Zero means no limit.

**Misc:NearDeathLevel****Type:** Integer

Amount of energy that constitutes a near-death experience (ships bounty will be decreased by 1 when this occurs – used for dueling zone)

**Misc:SafetyLimit****Type:** Integer

Amount of time that can be spent in the safe zone (in ticks)

**Misc:SeeEnergy****Type:** Enumerated**Default:** \$SEE\_NONE

Whose energy levels everyone can see: \$SEE\_NONE means nobody else's, \$SEE\_ALL is everyone's, \$SEE\_TEAM is only teammates.

**Misc:SendPositionDelay****Type:** Integer

Amount of time between position packets sent by client

**Misc:SheepMessage****Type:** String

The message that appears when someone says ?sheep

**Misc:SlowFrameCheck****Type:** Integer

Whether to check for slow frames on the client (possible cheat technique) (flawed on some machines, do not use)

**Misc:SpecSeeEnergy****Type:** Enumerated**Default:** \$SEE\_NONE

Whose energy levels spectators can see. The options are the same as for Misc:SeeEnergy, with one addition: \$SEE\_SPEC means only the player you're spectating.

**Misc:SpecSeeExtra****Type:** Boolean**Default:** Yes

Whether spectators can see extra data for the person they're spectating.

**Misc:TeamKillPoints****Type:** Boolean**Default:** No

Whether points are awarded for a team-kill.

**Misc:TickerDelay****Type:** Integer

Amount of time between ticker help messages

**Misc:TimedGame****Type:** Integer**Default:** 0

How long the game timer lasts (in ticks). Zero to disable.

**Misc:VictoryMusic****Type:** Integer

Whether the zone plays victory music or not

**Misc:WarpPointDelay****Type:** Integer

How long a portal is active

**Misc:WarpRadiusLimit****Type:** Integer

When ships are randomly placed in the arena, this parameter will limit how far from the center of the arena they can be placed (1024=anywhere)

**Modules:AttachModules****Type:** String

This is a list of modules that you want to take effect in this arena. Not all modules need to be attached to arenas to function, but some do.

**Periodic:RewardDelay****Type:** Integer**Default:** 0

The interval between periodic rewards (in ticks). Zero to disable.

**Periodic:RewardMinimumPlayers****Type:** Integer**Default:** 0

The minimum players necessary in the arena to give out periodic rewards.

**Periodic:RewardPoints**

**Type:** Integer

**Requires module:** points\_periodic

**Default:** 100

Periodic rewards are calculated as follows: If this setting is positive, you get this many points per flag. If it's negative, you get it's absolute value points per flag, times the number of players in the arena.

**Prize:DeathPrizeTime**

**Type:** Integer

How long the prize exists that appears after killing somebody

**Prize:EngineShutdownTime**

**Type:** Integer

Time the player is affected by an 'Engine Shutdown' Prize (in ticks)

**Prize:MinimumVirtual**

**Type:** Integer

Distance from center of arena that prizes/flags/soccer-balls will spawn

**Prize:MultiPrizeCount**

**Type:** Integer

Number of random greens given with a MultiPrize

**Prize:PrizeDelay**

**Type:** Integer

How often prizes are regenerated (in ticks)

**Prize:PrizeFactor**

**Type:** Integer

Number of prizes hidden is based on number of players in game. This number adjusts the formula, higher numbers mean more prizes. (Note: 10000 is max, 10 greens per person)

**Prize:PrizeHideCount**

**Type:** Integer

Number of prizes that are regenerated every PrizeDelay

**Prize:PrizeMaxExist**

**Type:** Integer

Maximum amount of time that a hidden prize will remain on screen. (actual time is random)

**Prize:PrizeMinExist**

**Type:** Integer

Minimum amount of time that a hidden prize will remain on screen. (actual time is random)

**Prize:PrizeNegativeFactor**

**Type:** Integer

Odds of getting a negative prize. (1 = every prize, 32000 = extremely rare)

**Prize:TakePrizeReliable**

**Type:** Integer

Whether prize packets are sent reliably (C2S)

**Prize:UpgradeVirtual**

**Type:** Integer

Amount of additional distance added to MinimumVirtual for each player that is in the game

**PrizeWeight:AllWeapons**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Super!' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:AntiWarp**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'AntiWarp' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Bomb**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Bomb Upgrade' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:BouncingBullets**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Bouncing Bullets' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Brick**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Brick' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Burst**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Burst' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Cloak**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Cloak' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Decoy**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Decoy' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Energy**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Energy Upgrade' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Glue**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Engine Shutdown' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Gun**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Gun Upgrade' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:MultiFire**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'MultiFire' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:MultiPrize**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Multi-Prize' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Portal**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Portal' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Proximity**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Proximity Bomb' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:QuickCharge**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Recharge' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Recharge**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Full Charge' prize appearing (not 'Recharge')

**PrizeWeight:Repel**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Repel' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Rocket**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Rocket' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Rotation**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Rotation' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Shields**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Shields' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Shrapnel**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Shrapnel Upgrade' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Stealth**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Stealth' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Thor**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Thor' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Thruster**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Thruster' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:TopSpeed**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Speed' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:Warp**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'Warp' prize appearing

**PrizeWeight:XRadar**

**Type:** Integer

Likelihood of 'XRadar' prize appearing

**Radar:MapZoomFactor**

**Type:** Integer

A number representing how far you can see on radar

**Radar:RadarMode**

**Type:** Integer

Radar mode (0=normal, 1=half/half, 2=quarters, 3=half/half-see team mates, 4=quarters-see team mates)

**Radar:RadarNeutralSize**

**Type:** Integer

Size of area between blinded radar zones (in pixels)

**Repel:RepelDistance**

**Type:** Integer

Number of pixels from the player that are affected by a repel

**Repel:RepelSpeed**

**Type:** Integer  
Speed at which players are repelled

**Repel:RepelTime**  
**Type:** Integer  
Time players are affected by the repel (in ticks)

**Rocket:RocketSpeed**  
**Type:** Integer  
Speed value given while a rocket is active

**Rocket:RocketThrust**  
**Type:** Integer  
Thrust value given while a rocket is active

**Shrapnel:InactiveShrapDamage**  
**Type:** Integer  
Amount of damage shrapnel causes in it's first 1/4 second of life

**Shrapnel:Random**  
**Type:** Boolean  
Whether shrapnel spreads in circular or random patterns

**Shrapnel:ShrapnelDamagePercent**  
**Type:** Integer  
Percentage of normal damage applied to shrapnel (relative to bullets of same level) (in 0.1%)

**Shrapnel:ShrapnelSpeed**  
**Type:** Integer  
Speed that shrapnel travels

**Soccer:AllowBombs**  
**Type:** Boolean  
Whether the ball carrier can fire his bombs

**Soccer:AllowGoalByDeath**  
**Type:** Boolean  
**Default:** No  
Whether a goal is scored if a player dies carrying the ball on a goal tile.

**Soccer:AllowGuns**  
**Type:** Boolean  
Whether the ball carrier can fire his guns

**Soccer:BallBlankDelay**  
**Type:** Integer

Amount of time a player can receive no data from server and still pick up the soccer ball

**Soccer:BallBounce**

**Type:** Boolean

Whether the ball bounces off walls

**Soccer:BallCount**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 0

The number of balls in this arena.

**Soccer:BallLocation**

**Type:** Boolean

Whether the balls location is displayed at all times or not

**Soccer:GoalDelay**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 0

How long after a goal before the ball appears (in ticks).

**Soccer:Mode**

**Type:** Enumerated

Goal configuration (\$GOAL\_ALL, \$GOAL\_LEFTRIGHT, \$GOAL\_TOPBOTTOM, \$GOAL\_CORNERS\_3\_1, \$GOAL\_CORNERS\_1\_3, \$GOAL\_SIDES\_3\_1, \$GOAL\_SIDES\_1\_3)

**Soccer:NewGameDelay**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** -3000

How long to wait between games. If this is negative, the actual delay is random, between zero and the absolute value. Units: ticks.

**Soccer:PassDelay**

**Type:** Integer

How long after the ball is fired before anybody can pick it up (in ticks)

**Soccer:SendTime**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 1000

**Range:** 100-3000

How often the server sends ball positions (in ticks).

**Soccer:SpawnRadius**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 20

How far from the spawn center the ball can spawn (in tiles).

**Soccer:SpawnX**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 512

**Range:** 0-1023

The X coordinate that the ball spawns at (in tiles).

**Soccer:SpawnY**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 512

**Range:** 0-1023

The Y coordinate that the ball spawns at (in tiles).

**Soccer:UseFlagger**

**Type:** Boolean

If player with soccer ball should use the Flag:Flagger\* ship adjustments or not

**Spawn:TeamN-X/Y/Radius**

**Type:** Integer

Specify spawn location and radius per team. If only Team0 variables are set, all teams use them, if Team0 and Team1 variables are set, even teams use Team0 and odd teams use Team1. It is possible to set spawn positions for upto 4 teams (Team0-Team3). (Cont .38+)

**Spectator:HideFlags**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether to show dropped flags to spectators (Cont .36+)

**Spectator:NoXRadar**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

Whether spectators are disallowed from having X radar (Cont .36+)

**Team:AllowFreqOwners**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** Yes

Whether to enable the freq ownership feature in this arena.

**Team:DesiredTeams**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 2

The number of teams that the freq balancer will form as players enter.

**Team:FrequencyShipTypes**

**Type:** Boolean

**Default:** No

If this is set, freq 0 will only be allowed to use warbirds, freq 1 can only use javelins, etc.

**Team:IncludeSpectators****Type:** Boolean**Default:** No

Whether to include spectators when enforcing maximum freq sizes.

**Team:InitialSpec****Type:** Boolean**Default:** No

If players entering the arena are always assigned to spectator mode.

**Team:MaxFrequency****Type:** Integer**Default:** 9999**Range:** 0-9999

The highest frequency allowed. Set this below PrivFreqStart to disallow private freqs.

**Team:MaxPerPrivateTeam****Type:** Integer**Default:** 0

The maximum number of players on a private freq. Zero means no limit.

**Team:MaxPerTeam****Type:** Integer**Default:** 0

The maximum number of players on a public freq. Zero means no limit.

**Team:PrivFreqStart****Type:** Integer**Default:** 100**Range:** 0-9999

Freqs above this value are considered private freqs.

**Team:SpectatorFrequency****Type:** Integer**Default:** 8025**Range:** 0-9999

The frequency that spectators are assigned to, by default.

**Toggle:AntiWarpPixels****Type:** Integer

Distance Anti-Warp affects other players (in pixels) (note: enemy must also be on radar)

**TurfReward:JackpotModifier****Type:** Integer**Default:** 200

Modifies the number of points to award. Meaning varies based on reward algorithm being used. For \$REWARD\_STD: jackpot = JackpotModifier \* # players

**TurfReward:MinFlags****Type:** Integer**Default:** 1

The minimum number of flags needed to be owned by a freq for that team to be eligible to receive points.

**TurfReward:MinFlagsPercent****Type:** Integer**Default:** 0

The minimum percent of flags needed to be owned by a freq for that team to be eligible to receive points. (ex. 18532 means 18.532%)

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The minimum percent of points needed to be owned by a freq for that team to be eligible to receive points. (ex. 18532 means 18.532%)

**TurfReward:MinPlayersArena****Type:** Integer**Default:** 6

The minimum number of players needed in the arena for anyone to be eligible to receive points.

**TurfReward:MinPlayersFreq****Type:** Integer**Default:** 3

The minimum number of players needed on a freq for that team to be eligible to receive points.

**TurfReward:MinTeams****Type:** Integer**Default:** 2

The minimum number of teams needed in the arena for anyone to be eligible to receive points.

**TurfReward:MinWeights****Type:** Integer**Default:** 1

The minimum number of weights needed to be owned by a freq for that team to be eligible to receive points.

**TurfReward:MinWeightsPercent****Type:** Integer**Default:** 0

The minimum percent of weights needed to be owned by a freq for that team to be eligible to receive points. (ex. 18532 means 18.532%)

**TurfReward:MultiArenaID****Type:** Integer**Default:** 0

Used for multi-arena (cross arena) scoring only. Defines the set of arenas the arena is associated with (parallels the idea of multicast addresses in networking). If this arena is not using a multi-arena scoring method, set to 0 (or simply remove this setting from the conf). Note: MultiArena scoring is not currently implemented

**TurfReward:RecoverDings****Type:** Integer**Default:** 1

After losing a flag, the number of dings allowed to pass before a freq loses the chance to recover. 0 means you have no chance of recovery after it dings (to recover, you must recover before any ding occurs), 1 means it is allowed to ding once and you still have a chance to recover (any ding after that you lost chance of full recovery), ...

**TurfReward:RecoverMax****Type:** Integer**Default:** -1

Maximum number of times a flag may be recovered. (-1 means no max)

**TurfReward:RecoverTime****Type:** Integer**Default:** 300

After losing a flag, the time (seconds) allowed to pass before a freq loses the chance to recover.

**TurfReward:RecoveryCutoff****Type:** Enumerated**Default:** \$STR\_RECOVERY\_DINGS

Style of recovery cutoff to be used. \$STR\_RECOVERY\_DINGS - recovery cutoff based on RecoverDings. \$STR\_RECOVERY\_TIME - recovery cutoff based on RecoverTime. \$STR\_RECOVERY\_DINGS\_AND\_TIME - recovery cutoff based on both RecoverDings and RecoverTime.

**TurfReward:RewardStyle****Type:** Enumerated**Default:** \$REWARD\_STD

The reward algorithm to be used. Default is \$REWARD\_STD for standard weighted scoring. Other built in algorithms are: \$REWARD\_DISABLED: disable scoring, \$REWARD\_PERIODIC: normal periodic scoring but with the stats, \$REWARD\_FIXED\_PTS: each team gets a fixed # of points based on 1st, 2nd, 3rd,... place \$REWARD\_STD\_MULTI: standard weighted scoring + this arena is scored along with other arenas simultaneously. Note: currently only \$REWARD\_STD and \$REWARD\_PERIODIC are implemented.

**TurfReward:SetWeights****Type:** Integer

**Default:** 0

How many weights to set from cfg (16 means you want to specify Weight0 to Weight15).  
If set to 0, then by default one weight is set with a value of 1.

**TurfReward:TimerInitial**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 6000

Initial turf\_reward ding timer period.

**TurfReward:TimerInterval**

**Type:** Integer

**Default:** 6000

Subsequent turf\_reward ding timer period.

**TurfReward:WeightCalc**

**Type:** Enumerated

**Default:** \$STR\_WEIGHT\_DINGS

The method weights are calculated. \$STR\_WEIGHT\_TIME means each weight stands for one minute (ex: Weight004 is the weight for a flag owned for 4 minutes. \$STR\_WEIGHT\_DINGS means each weight stands for one ding of ownership (ex: Weight004 is the weight for a flag that was owned during 4 dings

**Wormhole:GravityBombs**

**Type:** Boolean

Whether a wormhole affects bombs

**Wormhole:SwitchTime**

**Type:** Integer

How often the wormhole switches its destination

### 10.3 Other settings

**General:AllowUnknown**

**File:** passwd.conf

**Type:** Boolean

**Requires module:** auth\_file

**Default:** Yes

Determines whether to allow players not listed in the password file.

### 10.4 More detail on specific sections

#### 10.4.1 Flags

Until I have time to rework my notes into a nice document, this will have to do:

quick guide to transition flag settings:

(all these go in the [Flag] section)

#### OLD SETTINGS TO KEEP

FlaggerOnRadar=1  
FlaggerKillMultiplier=2  
FlaggerGunUpgrade=1  
FlaggerBombUpgrade=1  
FlaggerFireCostPercent=1000  
FlaggerDamagePercent=1000  
FlaggerBombFireDelay=0  
FlaggerSpeedAdjustment=0  
FlaggerThrustAdjustment=0  
CarryFlags=1                   make sure this agrees with GameType (see below)  
FlagDropDelay=3000  
FlagDropResetReward=0  
EnterGameFlaggingDelay=1000  
FlagBlankDelay=200  
NoDataFlagDropDelay=500

#### OLD SETTINGS TO CHANGE

FlagMode=1                   get rid of this, there's a new way to specify game types  
FlagResetDelay=1440000       rename to ResetDelay (not currently implemented)  
MaxFlags=3                   change to FlagCount=3  
RandomFlags=0                get rid of this, use FlagCount=5-10  
FlagReward=2500              keep this  
FlagRewardMode=0             change name to SplitPoints  
FlagTerritoryRadius=3        get rid of this, use DropRadius  
FlagTerritoryRadiusCentroid=0 get rid of this, use DropRadius  
FriendlyTransfer=0            keep this the same

#### NEW SETTINGS

GameType = FLAGGAME\_BASIC  
options: FLAGGAME\_NONE, FLAGGAME\_BASIC, FLAGGAME\_TURF, FLAGGAME\_CUSTOM  
basic is warzone/running with movable flags. turf is turf (be sure to  
set CarryFlags=0, for now). custom means you have to load a module to  
define a new game. note that those constants are in  
settings/flaggames.h

SpawnX = 512  
SpawnY = 512  
SpawnRadius = 1024  
define where flags spawn and how far from that center

DropRadius = 2  
how far from a ship will flags drop

NeutRadius = 2  
how far from a ship will neutered flags appear

DropOwned = YES  
are dropped flags owned by the freq?

NeutOwned = NO  
are neutered flags owned by the freq? (obviously, YES prevents neuting)

### 10.4.2 Energy viewing

There are two arena settings that control whether players see other player's energy and ship inventory (from spec):

- **Misc:SpecSeeEnergy** This affects what players in spec see. If it's set to **SEE\_ALL**, a player will see inventory/energy for the player he is spec'ing, plus energy for all other players. If it's **SEE\_SPEC**, a player will only see energy/inventory for the player he is spec'ing. **SEE\_NONE** will disable all extra information for spec'ers.
- **Misc:SeeEnergy** If this is set to **SEE\_ALL**, everyone will see everyone else's energy. If it's **SEE\_TEAM**, you will only see the energy of your teammates. If it's **SEE\_NONE**, no one will see other's energy.

In addition, there are two capabilities that override the above settings. **seeepd** allows players to see energy/inventory from spec, and **seenrg** allows energy viewing while playing.

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