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Subject: VATSIM-Radar Extend Position Feature

This bulletin is reissued on 17 January 2026 to match changes made to VATSIM Radar.

PURPOSE: This bulletin provides guidance on VATSIM-Radar's new Extend Position feature.

BACKGROUND: VATSIM-Radar has implemented a capability that allows a controller working a center or approach position in the app to extend their current position to include additional areas and/or TRACONS.

PROCEDURE: Controllers signed into a Center, Approach, or Departure position, except under the conditions listed below, may add one or more options to their controller information to extend their position to include the specified Area(s) or TRACON(s).

RESTRICTIONS: POTOMAC Combined controllers that are controlling all of PCT without modification may not utilize this feature until a modification is made. PCT controllers may only extend to other PCT Areas that they control. Washington Center controllers may not extend to PCT if no controller is assigned to any of the areas.

- MTV Area
- SHD Area
- CHP Area
- JRV Area
- ORF TRACON
- RDU TRACON
- ROA TRACON
- ACY TRACON
- FAY TRACON

EXAMPLE: A Washington Center controller is working ZDC top-down; however, MTV is online, covering only the MTV Area. The center controller may add the SHD, CHP, and JRV areas to better illustrate to pilots which areas they control. To do so, the controller would enter the following into their controller information area within CRC:

- SHD Area, CHP Area, JRV Area

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This feature works from any position within the Potomac TRACON and Washington Center. At the start of every control session, ensure the correct areas are set before activating. These can be added or removed during your session without disconnecting and reconnecting; however, proper configuration before activation will help avoid pilot confusion. Additionally, controllers should only

use this feature to further improve pilots' ability to distinguish who is controlling which areas. Please avoid adding extensions for the purpose of making ZDC "look more staffed" than it really is.