



# Streaming Manual for the Aircam, Unifi Video Camera or Unifi Pro Video Camera

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## Intro

The Aircam, Unifi Video Camera or Unifi Pro Video Camera generates a live video stream. Windfinder does **not provide any support for video streaming**. However here is a comprehensive guide to help you set up your video stream on your website.

The Aircam generates video streams in 4 different resolutions:

rtsp://<your local webcam IP address>/live/ch00\_0 1280x720 px (HD)

rtsp://<your local webcam IP address>/live/ch01\_0 640x368 px

rtsp://<your local webcam IP address>/live/ch02\_0 320x176 px

rtsp://<your local webcam IP address>/live/ch03\_0 160x96 px

By default the Aircam produces 25 frames per second.

If you want to provide a live video stream on your website you need to consider several aspects:

- Uplink speed
- Dynamic IP address /Dynamic Domain Name Service (DNS)
- Port forwarding
- Streaming provider

## Uplink speed

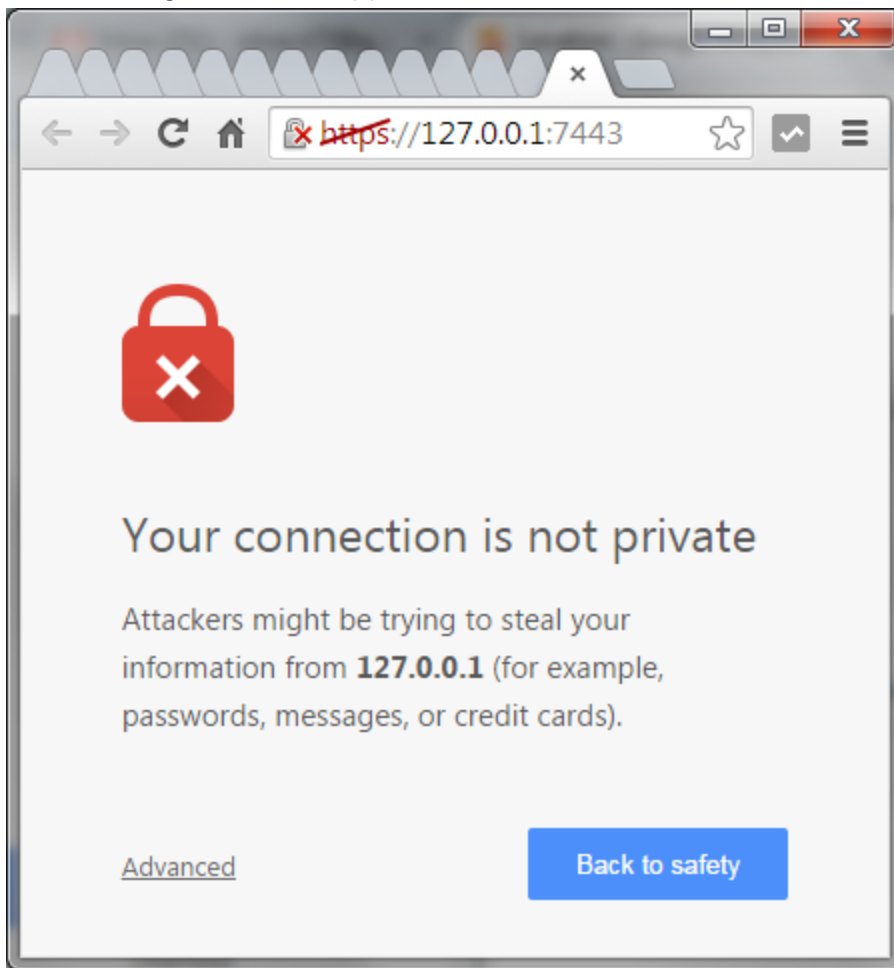
Go to <http://www.speedtest.net/> and check your uplink speed. In order to upload a HD (1280 x 720 px) video stream with a frame rate of 25 per second from your local internet access to the world wide web your internet connection needs to provide at least 1 Mbit/second uplink bandwidth. If your uplink speed is lower than 1 Mbps select one of the lower resolution streams mentioned above or lower the frame rate. If the video stream generates fewer frames per second the data volume will be lower and this might allow you to upload the HD stream (1280x720 px). In order to lower the frame rate you need to install the Unifi video controller.

## Configuration of Aircam

Download Unifi AirVision from <http://www.ubnt.com/download/airvision/> for Windows 7, 8 or 8.1 (64 bit) or Linux (64 bit) and install the software. The software is only needed for configuration. A software for MacOS is not **yet** available. In the last step of the installation process select “Start Ubiquiti Unifi after installation”. The Unifi video controller will appear as an icon in the system tray. Click on this icon “Unifi Video: Running” and select “Open in Browser”.



The following screen will appear:

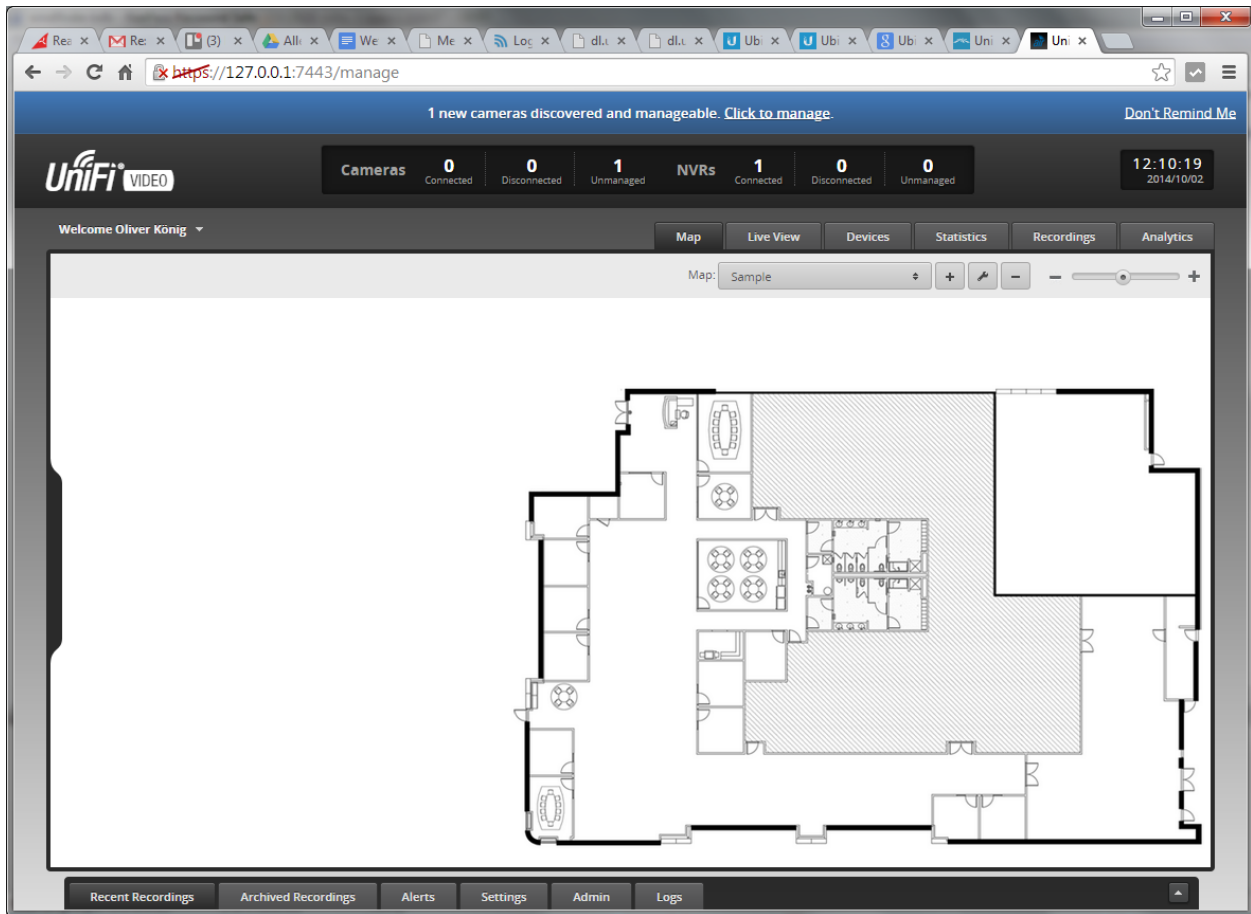


Click on “Advanced” and then on “Proceed to 127.0.0.1 (unsafe)”.

- Accept the license agreement

- Welcome: Enter the system name “e.g. Peters aircam controller”, select language and time zone.
- Account: Enter your e-mail address, your name and a password
- Mode: Create as new controller
- Finish the setup wizard
- Login into the Unifi Video interface

The following screen appears:

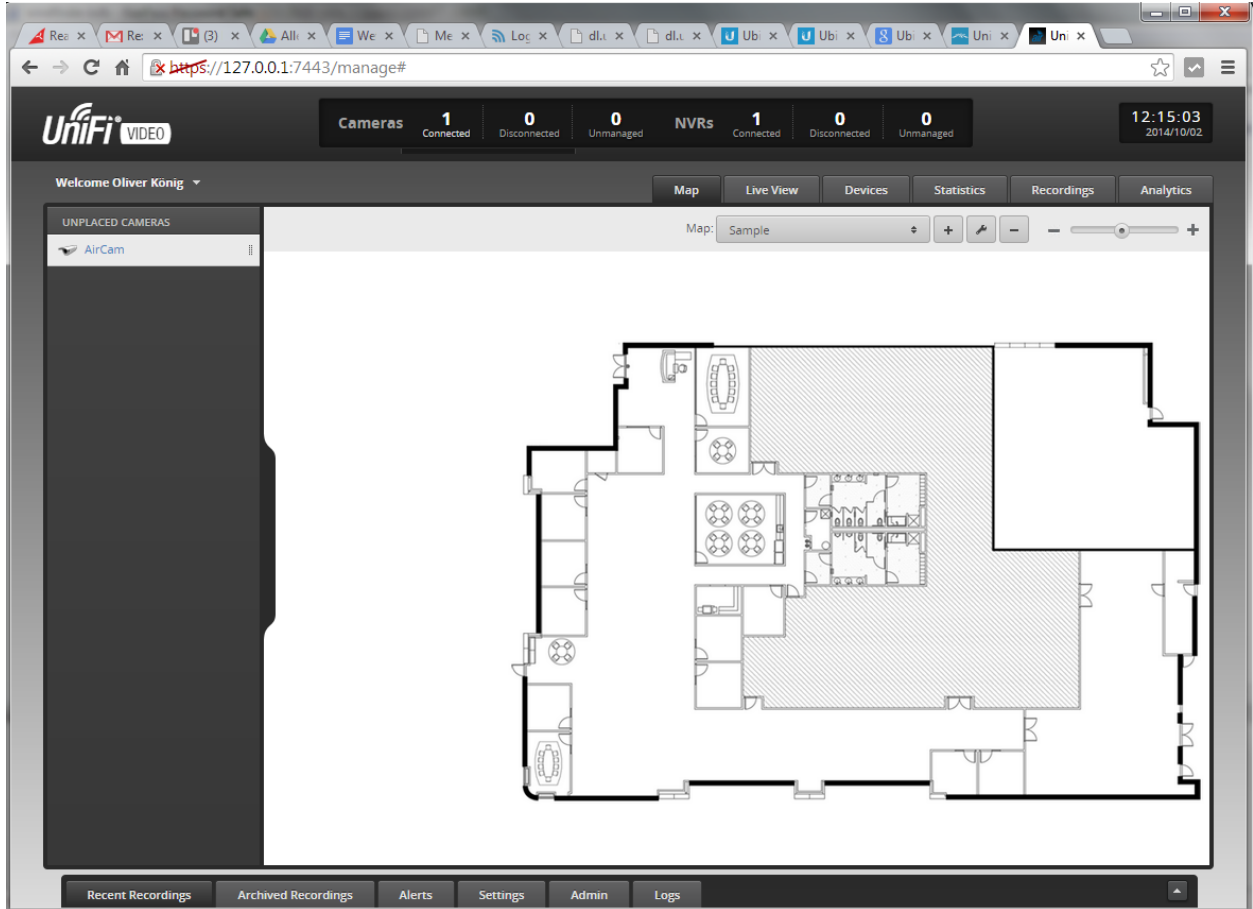


Click on “Click to manage”. In the box “authentication / assignment” enter:

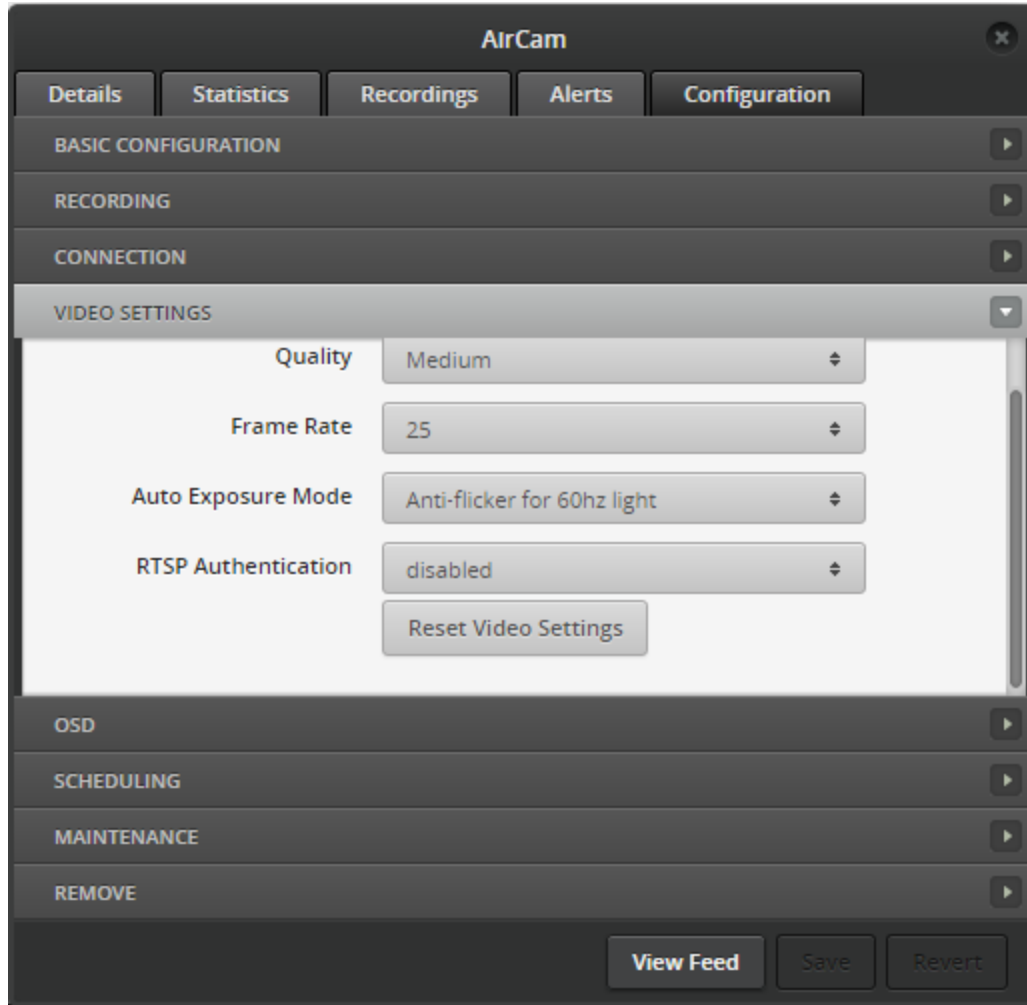
User name: ubnt

password: ubnt

The cam should be displayed as “Connected”, see below:



Move the mouse on “1 connected” and click “Aircam”. In the box click “configuration” and then “video settings”. Select another frame rate (if your uplink speed requires a lower frame rate).



## Dynamic IP address/ Dynamic DNS service

Most internet connections have a (external) dynamic IP address (versus static IP address).. This means that each time you connect to the internet from the computer, tablet (via WLAN/WIFI), smartphone (via WLAN/WIFI) or webcam your internet access provider will assign a new IP address to your internet connection. If you have such a dynamic IP address you cannot simply put the live stream (for example `rtsp://100.200.300.400/live/ch00_0 1280x720`) onto your website because the external IP address which is assigned to you changes every time you connect to the internet.


Therefore you will need to use a service which identifies your ever changing IP address and connects it to a static domain. To learn more about this please read:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynamic\\_DNS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynamic_DNS)

You will need to register at a dynamic domain name service (DNS):

- <http://www.noip.com/remote-access> (free service but requires manual reactivation every 30 days; alternatively 19.95 US\$/year)
- <http://dyn.com/standard-dns/> (35 US\$/year)
- <http://freedns.afraid.org/> (free service, recommended)

Go to <http://freedns.afraid.org/signup/> and fill in the sign up form:

Sign Up!	
First Name	<input type="text" value="John"/>
Last Name	<input type="text" value="Doe"/>
UserID	<input type="text" value="aircam2"/>
Password	<input type="password" value="*****"/>
Password (confirm)	<input type="password" value="*****"/>
E-Mail	<input type="text" value="john@johndoe.dd"/>
	
<input type="text"/> <a href="#">[ Different Image ]</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I agree to abide by the <a href="#">Terms and Conditions</a>	
<input type="button" value="Send activation email"/>	

Click the activation link in the registration mail from FreeDNS.Afraid.org. Click on “add a subdomain” and fill in the form:

In the field “Type:” select “A” from the drop down menu, in the field “Subdomain:” type for example “aircam-hawaii”, and in the field “Domain:” select a domain of your choice, e.g. “mooo.com (public)”. Click “Save”

**Add a new subdomain**

Type:	A	<a href="#">explanation</a>
Subdomain:	aircam1	
Domain:	mooo.com (public)	
Destination:	86.103.183.19	
TTL:	For our premium supporter seconds (optional)	
Wildcard:	<input type="checkbox"/> Enabled for all subscribers ( <a href="#">more info</a> )	

**Save!**

Afer registration you need to install a little program to frequently inform FreeDNS.Afraid.org of your current IP address. Go to <http://freedns.afraid.org/scripts/freedns.clients.php> and scroll down to download a program for your operating system. In this example we choose “FreeDNS Update” for Windows and download it from <http://www.techknowpro.com/freedns/> and download “FreeDNS Update v1.8.4 Setup”.

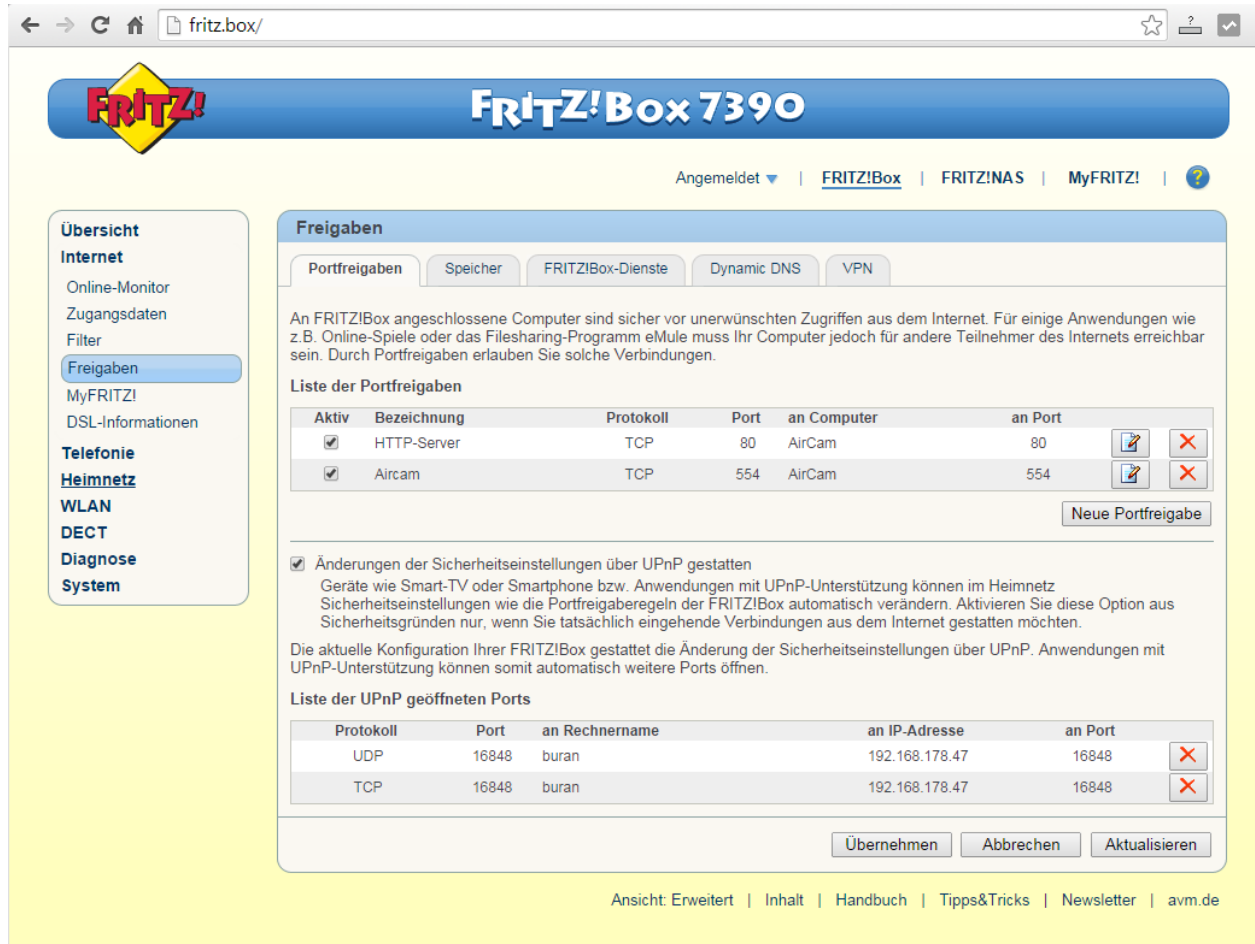
If you cannot install the program to automatically report your IP address to FreeDNS.afraid.org please read the chapter “Configure Dyn DNS Update in Router”

Now you will have a domain like <http://aircam1.mooo.com>. When you open this domain in your browser you will probably not see anything or a message like “This webpage is not available.” This is because the DNS service is connecting to the first device behind your internet access and this is usually the DSL router. In order to access your Aircam from outside with the Dyn DNS service you need to configure “Port forwarding” in your internet router in order to forward the address <http://aircam1.afraid.org> from your router to your Aircam.

### **Configure Port Forwarding in DSL router (Example: AVM FritzBox!)**

Log into your router (in this example the Fritzbox) by typing the following URL in the address line of your browser: <http://fritz.box/>

In the menu bar on the left click “Internet”, then “Freigaben” (English: “Port Forwarding”):



The screenshot shows the Fritz!Box 7390 web interface. The main heading is "Fritz!Box 7390". The user is logged in as "Angemeldet". The navigation menu includes "Übersicht", "Internet", "Telefonie", "Heimnetz", "WLAN", "DECT", "Diagnose", and "System". The "Freigaben" (Port Forwarding) section is active, showing a list of port forwarding rules. The first rule is for "HTTP-Server" on port 80, active, with "Aircam" as the target computer. The second rule is for "Aircam" on port 554, active, with "Aircam" as the target computer. Below the list, there is a checkbox for "Änderungen der Sicherheitseinstellungen über UPnP gestatten" (Allow changes to security settings via UPnP), which is checked. The "Liste der UPnP geöffneten Ports" (List of UPnP opened ports) shows two entries: UDP on port 16848 for "buran" and TCP on port 16848 for "buran".

Then create 2 port forwarding rules:

- 1) Check the check box and select "Portfreigabe aktiv für: HTTP Server". (English: "Port forwarding active for: HTTP server"). In the field "An Computer:" select "Aircam" (English: At computer: "Aircam"). The field "IP Adresse" (English: IP address) is filled in automatically). Press "OK" to save.

This port forwarding rule will cause your Aircam web interface to be accessible from anywhere on the internet at the address: <http://aircam.mooco.com> with user name and password. (Please keep user name and password secret.) However the live stream is not yet accessible from outside. We need a 2nd port forwarding rule for this:

- 2) Check the check box and select "Portfreigabe aktiv für: Andere Anwendung". (English: "Port forwarding active for: Other Application"). In the field "Bezeichnung" enter: "Aircam" (English: "Designation: Aircam"). For Protokoll (English: Protocol) select "TCP". In the fields "Von Port" / Bis Port enter both "554" (English: "From Port 554 / to Port: 554"). In the drop down field "An Computer" (English: "At Computer") select





“Aircam”. The field “IP Adresse” (English: IP address is filled in automatically). Finally in the field “An Port” (English: “At port”) enter 554 and then click “OK” to save.

The 2nd rule causes your video stream to become available from the internet at:

Streaming URL (Example)	Resolution (pixel)
rtsp://aircam1.mooo.com/live/ch00_0	1280x720 px (HD)
rtsp://aircam1.mooo.com/live/ch01_0	640x368 px
rtsp://aircam1.mooo.com/live/ch02_0	320x176 px
rtsp://aircam1.mooo.com/live/ch03_0	160x96 px

Depending on the uplink speed of your internet connection choose the type of stream that you want to make available to the public (on your website). You can check if the stream is working by running VLC media player. If this program is not installed you can download it from <https://www.videolan.org/> . Start VLC, then click on “media” in the drop down menu and select “Open network stream”. Copy and paste one of the streaming URLs (see above) into the field “Enter a network address”. If you have setup everything correctly the live video stream from your cam will be served.

## Streaming service

You could now publish your stream on your website with the help of a video player. However this is not recommended at all. If you publish the HD stream `rtsp://windfinder.mooo.com/live/ch00_0` on your website and your uplink speed at the site of the aircam is 1 Mbit/s then only 1 person will be able to watch the stream on the internet at the same time. As soon as 2 people want to watch the stream online at the same time the stream will sputter or break down because 2 users will require 2 times 1 Mbit/second. This is where a streaming service comes in. A streaming service will multiply your own uplink stream to thousands of users on the internet. Because a permanent live video stream watched by many people around the world generates an enormous data volume these services are usually not free. There might be some services which are free of charge but then the video stream is hosted on the website of the streaming provider exclusively (which means you cannot embed it into your own website) **OR** the stream is interrupted by video ads (which are served by the streaming provider).

You need to sign up with a streaming service. We recommend **Streamdays** starting from 29 £ per month. They offer a free trial and have good support via e-mail. Register your cam at: <http://www.streamdays.com/hostedwebcams/pricing>

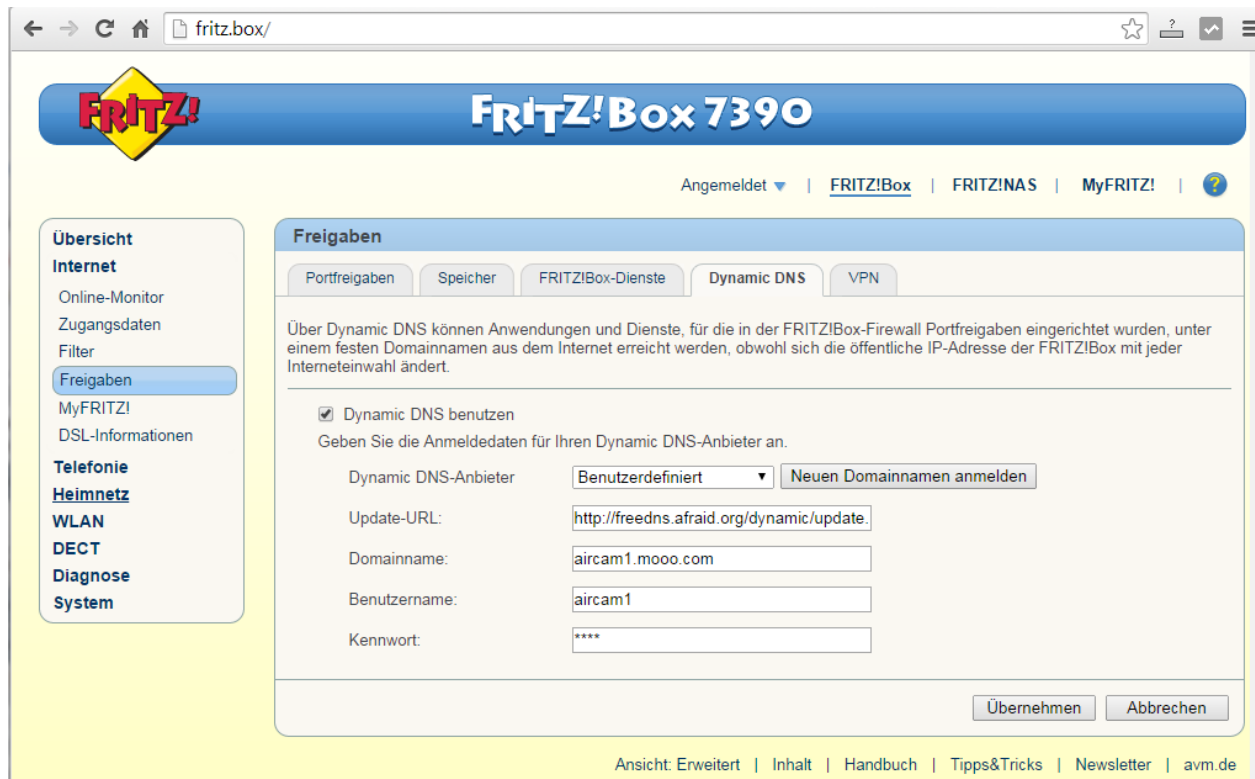
Once you have registered with Streamdays they will provide you with a URL-string or HTML code which you can embed into your website to serve the live stream of your webcam.

There are some other free but unsuitable streaming services because they only support built in cameras from your PC, notebook, tablet or PC and they host the stream exclusively on their website. If you are a system administrator you can also set up your own streaming server. This requires a lot of know how and work. A well know streaming server software is: <http://www.wowza.com/>

## Configure Dyn DNS Update in Router

(Read this chapter only if you could not install and run the DNS Update program.)

Log into Fritz box by typing the following URL in the address line of your browser: <http://fritz.box/>. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and select “Ansicht: Erweitert” (English: “View: Extended”). Click on the tab “Dynamic DNS”. Check the box “Dynamic DNS benutzen” (English: “Use dynamic DNS”). Enter the following data:



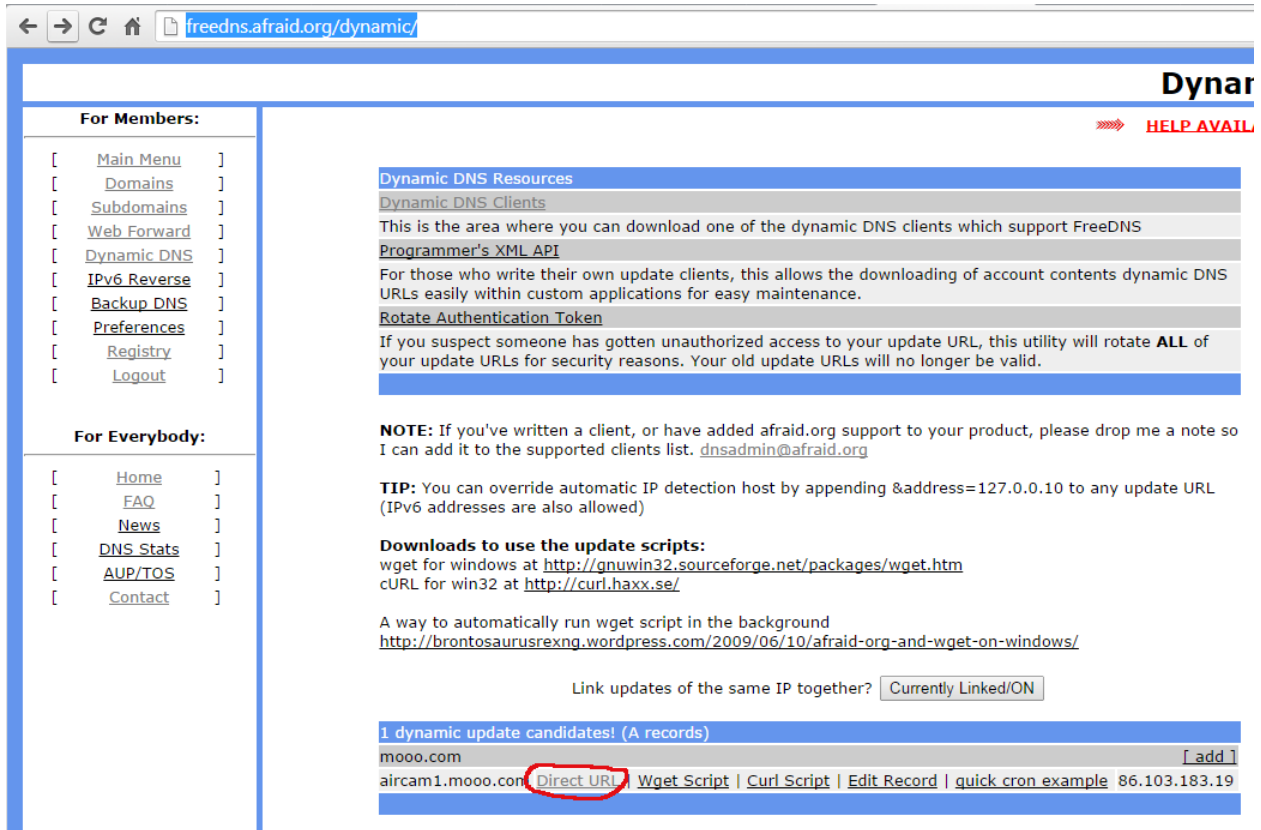
The screenshot shows the Fritz!Box 7390 web interface. The browser address bar shows 'fritz.box/'. The page title is 'FRITZ!Box 7390'. The user is logged in as 'FRITZ!Box'. The 'Freigaben' (Port Forwarding) section is active, with the 'Dynamic DNS' tab selected. The 'Dynamic DNS benutzen' checkbox is checked. The configuration fields are as follows:

Field	Value
Dynamic DNS-Anbieter	Benutzerdefiniert
Update-URL	<a href="http://freedns.afraid.org/dynamic/update">http://freedns.afraid.org/dynamic/update</a>
Domainname	aircam1.mooo.com
Benutzername	aircam1
Kennwort	****

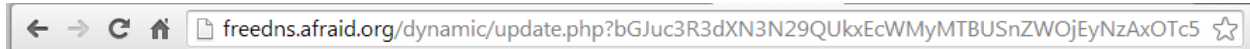
Enter the following values into the router configuration:

**Dynamic DNS-Anbieter:** Benutzerdefiniert (English: DNS provider: User defined)

**Update-URL:** Go to <http://freedns.afraid.org/dynamic/> and click on “Direct URL”



Copy the Direct URL address (see example below):



into the field Update-URL in your router.

**Domain name:** <the user name that you entered at the DNS service registration>, e.g.:  
aircam1.moood.com

**Benutzername:** <Your user name at FreeDNS.afraid.org> (English: “user name”)

**Password:** <Your password at FreeDNS.afraid.org>

Click “Übernehmen” (English: “Accept” or “Save”)