

ASReml v4.1: Release Notes

ASReml 4 Version History

- ASReml 4.1 is the current released version
- The documentation folder contains the UpdateR4.pdf file that identifies what's new in Release 4.1
- In addition there are two ASReml 4.1 User Guide document files available :- UserGuideStructural.pdf and UserGuideFunctional.pdf respectively

v4.1mc (4th November 2015)

The primary reasons for this update relate to problems associated with fitting large jobs. There have been some further changes to parameter updates, when the AI updates are not all acceptable. These changes reduce the iteration sequence in some jobs, especially those fitting XFA variance structures. They result in cosmetic differences in all jobs where the parameter update sequence is different.

- A problem reading the data that occurred, when data lines were very long but only a few data fields were being read, has been resolved.
- There was a problem initializing the list of factor level labels, when more than 1 million were defined. The limit has been increased to 100 million.
- There was a problem resulting in an ASReml crash, when plotting residuals versus fitted values from a GAMMA/INVERSE GLMM when missing values were fitted.
- There was a problem recognising a VCM statement in the .as file, when the RESIDUAL statement was omitted.
- The fault message, when ASReml failed to form the mixed model equations because of insufficient work space, was misleading. The messages associated with faults 333 and 315 have been revised.
- !EMFLAG now defaults to parameter value 5 (local EM steps).
- A job fitting a model term xfa1(Section).grm(Entry), with 8 sections and 600 Entries where grm(Entry) is dense, seemed to take longer than expected. It turned out that the equivalent model xfa1(Section 8*0 8*0.1).grm(Entry) + diag(Section).grm(Entry) ran more than 10 times faster. Setting the specific variances to zero is now equivalently done with the rr() variance function, so the equivalent model may now be written as rr1(Section).grm(Entry) + diag(Section).grm(Entry)
- Having rectified a problem of large compute times for PEV calculation for marker effects in GBLUP analysis, the PEF values are now reported by default. Use !NOPEV on the .grr line to suppress them.

v4.1lr (10th March 2015)

- Cumulative enhancements from internal version 4.1lc - 4.1lr
- a4data Allow MODIFY to work on nrm(Animal .01 !GU)
- !CONTINUE and !LAST problems following qualifiers
- Allow multiple increases in workspace allocation

- Change to Long Integer addressing for XFA setup
- Fix crash in VWVG with XFA large memory
- Fix failure to handle XLT internal function in loop when large memory
- Convert Address from short to long (W20 crash Weights)
- Test VPREDICT has 3rd field; so no CRASH
- Fix bug that tabulate not honoured when it follows RESIDUAL
- Fix error; mean lines reversed in !X !Y plots
- Add LinePrinter version to .res file
- Stop stripping wrapper from simple terms
- SITE*6 now becomes SITE*8
- If name given for residual, use it e.g. units;Residual
- Allow lit;us[1:3] in VPREDICT
- Fix bug reading xfa(fac,2).lit
- Fix bug parsing XFA structural
- Insert THRLEVELS in ARGlist c.f. lg/knwd (needed for Cheese example)
- Catch bug when logical table has more than 4225000000 cells
- Delete erroneous position message for idv(A) variance structure
- Recognise xxx.grr Factor
- Change to us(T).xxx;us(T) naming of components.
- Change !CENTRE options
- Bug recognising GenVar when GenVar created Sire*4
- Update syntax NOKEY => NOID etc.
- !CENTRE activated
- Fix bug in DenDF calculation for ANTE1 in grass.as
- Extend .xml to .pvs output
- Extend level labels for 3-way interaction when !SLNFORM is set
- Enable !SMODE 32
- convert mkr/mat to .grr
- convert snp() to grr()
- GRR file initializes Factor class names if GIDname matches an !A variable name
- Allow VPREDICT to use labels
- Allow !FINAL on data line
- Review LofDet calc of GIV
- Fix bug reporting variance parameters in .res
- !AIF replaces !DIAG
- !XML to request XML output
- Grid infill now works for multiple sections
- Add !XML Command Line qualifier
- Fix bug in restoring label IDV_V
- Fix bug to eport final itern seq when simple model
- Add !FINAL
- Hold repeated level lists more efficiently
- Fix bug reading in DENSE GIV of order 3189
- Extend mvs example to !ASUV
- Correct fix for threshold model examples (Cheese)
- Update to .mat input option
- Fix bug parsing !LAST Identifier.us(Trait)
- Fix problem labelling correlations of 0/1 variates
- Fix weighted multivariate analysis failure

- Fix bug parsing -pSMTTWNP_30 smt (2nd P confused it)
- Fix wrongly applied US to spl(EWEAGE) in thr 4 model
- Fix LogL for weighted multivariate analysis
- Fix PREDICT EWE !PRESENT BFLOCK under threshold model
- Modify sln header layout
- Fix bug in writing bss.vvp
- Adjust workspace check near line 2653
- Refine NGAMMA count in bss.as job (SING)
- Modify SITE from A6 to A8 so better labeling in plots
- Modif SITE from A6 to A8
- Change bgrm to sgrm to match documentation

v4.0lb Beta (28th July 2014)

- Cumulative enhancements from internal version 4.0ks - 4.0lb
- Get start values xfa(A,1) ==> us(A)
- Fixed bug parsing !SUBSET Tr123 Trait 1 2 3 0 0
- Fixed bug in forming PEV of Selection Index
- Fixed crash when invalid model term specified
- Fixed SE reported when Singular component
- Adjust switching from 1 to multiple factor update
- Exclude factors from XFA eigen analysis
- Fixed confusion parsing xfa(F,k)
- Insert default initial values for XFA structures
- Fixed confusion when user specifies ?sv file to read
- Fixed bug: not opening .rsv file
- Extended VPREDICT syntax
- Better scaling in .vvp
- Fixed bug parsing xfa2(Trait)
- Fixed bug in reading named .tsv file
- Adjustment so GDENSE works with singular GRM
- Fixed to avoid crash when RES/PV is NaN
- Inserted heading into .sln file
- Fixed to avoid crash on diagnostic print when few (<40) equations
- Adjusted format of diagnostic print
- Fixed to print warning when \$string undefined
- Fixed new bug in !ASSIGN testing
- Fixed new bug in testing for partial matches
- Fix to disallow special characters in new factor names
- Fixed format 2470, change condition
- Prevented MKR BLUP overwriting KCV
- Test factor labels of SUBSET better
- Test Assign labels better
- Increased space for GRM matrix
- Report correct name of .rsv file used
- Changed logical units to avoid conflict when CYCLE HOLD
- Reduce XFAIF when MAXIT=1 (assume near solution)
- PEV of marker blups (mkr/grm): now works
- Extended VPREDICT to S X C D functions
- Fixed .vvp for XFA on gamma scale

- Fixed bug parsing labels on marker file when not many of them
- Replaced SMIGE with SMISG so Singular GRM allowed
- Added !PSD qualifier to declare number of singularities in GRM
- Added !HOLD qualifier to !CYCLE so it only reads data and mkr file first cycle
- Made !ASUV default for BINNOR model
- Made !SPECIALCHAR parsing more robust
- TPREDICT hyb !AVE xfa1(site) !ONLY xfa1(site).hyb
- Allowed negative pivot in Dense equations (e.g. GRM)
- Report more characteristics of GRM
- Enabled reading labels from .mkr files
- Improved histogram for mkr file report
- Fixed bug when long line splits as NA*
- Increase size of CCOL/CVAL work vectors to avoid overflow with and()
- Fixed failure to parse and(Lhyb.xfa1(Loc),-0.2)
- Added notice for MODIFY sat(Trial)... case
- Revamped TSV/RSV/CONTINUE
- Fixed bug reading .rsv when two xfa model terms
- !FOLDER can now appear before variable definitions
- Class names file may be in FOLDER
- Added !SUBSECTION diagnostic warning if too many sections
- Updated Data Sort parameters; modified report of 'size' of units
- Fixed bug when and() term IGNORED
- Added warning if !SUBSECTION result is suspicious
- Added code to fix class names appearing as NA
- Let !SECTION !ROW !COL inform record sorting if residual model does not
- Fixed bug labelling XFA factors
- Inserted code for if class levels NA
- Fixed bug Recognise !A !L ../filename
- Fixed bug in '!CONTINUE !OUTFOLDER'
- Check CONTRAST basis variable: warning
- Implemented new ASReml license
- Fixed bug: failed to sort xfa.ped equations
- Increased default space for sorting under !ROWFAC !COLFAC
- Increased HELPFL to 200 characters
- Fixed check of at() str too long; allow 190 rather than 90
- Clear extra characters when expanded length > 1000
- Changed LogDet calc message to Notice
- In !L file, allowed "Chap 5" ==> 'Chap_5'
- More robust LDET of sparse GIV
- Fixed bug opening named Scratch file
- Fixed bug when Scratch file not large enough
- Fixed misreading long lines (character dropped)

v4.0kr Beta (26 Mar 2014)

- Fixed format bug; truncated counts when NREC<99999
- Fixed bug reporting XFA matrix in .asr when some PSI zero.
- Fixed LongInt addressing Bug reporting spl trend with Huge workspace

- Fixed bug producing Predict PLOT with !PARALEL qualifier

v4.0kq Beta (16th March 2014)

- Tighten model parsing checks and(, 0.2)
- Allow residual units.mthr(Trait)
- remove IF rgmstr==4 so .msv has same structure as .tsv
- moved 'CALL StructureCheck' so ARCOL.as 18 now runs
- modified StructureCheck to insert missing V parameter in G structures
- Bug reporting pedigree conflict fixed, !UPPER added
- !UPPERCASE added
- Implement !GINDEX as TPREDICT
- Added message when US not PD
- Cancelled trying to reuse previous equation order: failing

v4.0kp Beta (5th March 2014)

- Cumulative enhancements from internal version 4.0kn - 4.0ko
- Fixed Bug parsing long data lines
- SLASHSLASH restricted to .as file
- Parent/Non-Parent labeling in aif file
- NPD US message updated
- GDENSE default
- failed on at(parity).units.us(Trait)
- Stop if more geno than markers
- Add processing of decimal markers
- leave log() and sqrt() wrappers
- Fixed Bug getting DET of GIV with Groups

v4.0km Beta (9th January 2014)

- Cumulative enhancements from internal version 4.0kk - 4.0kl
- Fixed Bug parsing !FOR \$LIST !DO command
- Fixed Bug reading binary MBF file
- Fix Bug creating design for row and(col)
- !SIGMAP to allow the Sigma parameterization
- No longer strip v from idv(units) under gamma parameterization
- Fix Bug processing nrm(animal !INIT .25); fill in STRUC 14,16
- Fix Bug processing idv(units.Trait) (!ASUV)
- Added KEEP (ASUV flag) to SETSTR arg list
- Do not create MODIFY lines for '-idv' terms
- Set !SIGMAP for xxh() Rstructure models
- Fix BUG in RCOV address (orange spl() error)
- Fix fault Pedigree sort failure with Genetic Groups

v4.0kj Beta (17th January 2014)

- Fix so !SUBSET Trait 3 4 5 0 0 has factor size 3
- Fix misspelling of constraint
- Comment out debugging statement

- Fix Bug resetting RSVFILE with !WORK
- Fix Bug parsing !CONTINUE rsvfile
- Extend !AIPENALTY
- small changes to bsfx, mssyfa1, xfab
- Fix Bug switching back to all factors when 2 XFA terms!
- Moved !DOPART \$1 to top command line!
- Increased Rstring and Selectstrg to *24
- Inserted factor namr in title of VG plot

v4.0ki Beta (7th January 2014)

- Cumulative enhancements from internal version 4.0kb - 4.0kh
- Give heading for ar1v() term in component table
- Fixed Bug parsing at(Age):ar1(Row):ar1(Col):us(Trait)
- Fixed bug arising from new VC table labelling.
- Needed to convert I4 to I8 integers KPLUSW, MEMORY
- Long LXBASE+AIOPT in airhat call
- Modified format 2133 and rearranged WRITES using it
- Fixed bug reporting conflicting pedigree (labelling)
- Fixed bug parsing when reading pedigree
- Modified variance components table at request of Robin extensive output changes.
- Bug: inserted MOD() for case of -ve mdel term
- Extended functionality of VCM for Christ Brien
- Extended VCM statement to allow list of parameters in place [VCB]
- reordered so license check before prompts
- Do not set space for data sorting if not required
- Do not zero sln(EQN,2) as it sometimes crashes asreml-r
- Change base 16000 to 17500 so can have more than 1000 loadings
- Allow I9 for counts if MROW > 99999 (else I6)
- !PRECISION 1 2 3 === 6 5 4
- Assume random for nrm, grm and vs structures
- !SAVE equivalent/alternative to !GIV
- !L filename !SKIP equivalent to !LSKIP
- Accommodate spurious leading BLANKS
- Allow blank lines in files being merged
- Notify if no Trait with !MULTINOMIAL
- Changed comment
- Changed LU=8 to LU=13 so TABULATE works!
- Revamped Variance component table.
- Bug adjusting arh(row)
- Adjusted MP absorption so return correct Fincr
- Fixed bug parsing ped col labels ANIMAL,SIRE,DAM
- Improved error messages
- Inserted links for !SUBSECTION in new syntax
- Avoided bad memory reference
- Fix format bug
- Allow '*' on next line parsing old format Structure lines
- Bug parsing !CONT 3
- Bug reporting restart from .msv

- Bug parsing str(row
- Added RSVFILE
- Allowed filename arg to !CONTINUE for .rsv file
- Added warnings in two places where // notation fails.
- Fix labelling of Matern parameters - Matern.as

v4.0ka Beta (08th October 2013)

- Cumulative enhancements from internal version 4.0jy - 4.0jz
- Extended code to permit residual diag().ar1().ar1()
- Inserted 'Notice:' in diagnostic message
- Fixed bug in Peppers job by moving VSOLN(EQN)=XD
- Modified labelling of pedigree counts table.
- Fixed bug wrt flevel(quadGF) when quadGF is zero
- Treat MKR data outside -2,2 as missing.
- Faster parsing of marker file values 0,1,2
- Fixed bug in default skipping of first field of .mkr file
- Fixed bug making file names for !out option with !RENAME cycling
- Fixed bug when Insert Exit path when !A !L labels file not present.
- Read error diagnostic print added
- Added links for !EXCLUDE and !KCV
- Added actions for !EXCLUDE
- Added reading !EXCLUDE and !KCV qualifiers
- Added KCV functionality
- Added KCV and ExCLUDE variables
- Fixed bug due to unset variable KS.

v4.0jx Beta (08th September 2013)

- Cumulative enhancements from internal version 4.0ju - 4.0jw
- Fixed bug in LogL calc for NSECT>1 when NSPAT>1

[Modifies reported LogL in dhglm, az06, binnor] [Forum query re spatial LogL]

- Fixed bug with string overflow when parsing CALC statements (ININTR)
- Get GLMM weights in correct order when data records sorted
- Suppress erroneous messages parsing pedigree with !MGS option
- Take PARENT Labels from 1st line of ped file where provided.
- Move .msv file to logical unit 18.
- Adjust XFA update cycling parameters.
- Fixed bug when GLMM and !{ !} fixed.
- Revise XFAIF to incorporate !AIPENALTY
- Adjusted limits for pi in !FBB
- Tidy up some labeling of VC table

This affects most .asr files as the 'Variance' label has been changed to 'Residual'

- Adjust model label strings

- !MAXIT -1 aborts run after parsing job and writing .tsv
- Added !TSV and !MSV as alternatives to !CONTINUE 2/3
- RPscale defaults to 1.0 if supplied as zero
- Supply better start values for US residual in !ASUV case
- Fixed bug in processing singular VCM matrix
- Changed reporting and reading of unset RP fields
- Changed so !MAXIT 0 just parses the .as file, writes .tsv
- Added !FBB pi to explore Bayes B like models
- Changed output heading to Variance Component table affects all jobs
- Changed output labeling of components affects SpatialModel jobs
- Modified XFA update rules changes Factor Analytic jobs
- Modified contents of .tsv affects all jobs
- New .msv file for all jobs

v4.0jt Beta (8th July 2013)

- fixed license problem in ASReml-W

v4.0jt Beta (2nd July 2013)

- fixed bug reporting Boundary parameter as S
- fixed bug reading !SPATIAL
- fixed bug failing to properly initialize some parameters
- fixed Test for label 1E-8
- fixed TXTFORM wrong for multiple tabulates
- fixed correlation close to boundary
- fixed bug plotting residuals from AR.AR.US model
- fixed bug parsing residual AR1(R).ar1(C).us(Tr)
- fixed bug making predict design for dev(Year).us(Trait)

v4.0js Beta (14th June 2013)

- Cumulative enhancements from internal version 4.0jf - 4.0jr
- Fixed problem when bivariate weighted used !TOT !WT
- Fixed problem of at(Trait,2).X annulling Y for other traits when X missing
- Added warning when CSV file has less fields than expected
- Allowed qualifiers on idv() terms
- Allow !PART list to extend beyond character 80
- Honour !VARSCALE for 'residual units' and allow on model line
- Fix bug parsing at(evt,'SFM_138)
- Fix bug fixing ORDER parsing at(evt,'SFM_138)
- Extend !CONTINUE 2 to read .tsv file
- Get better default initial values for XFA models
- Fix bug in format of MODIFY error message
- Fix bug putting AINV structure on geno in loc.geno
- Fix bug sorting data for spatial residual multi sections
- !PRECISION ; adjust singularity detection threshold in GRM inversion
- Change default init var under variance scale
- Added !GDENSE qualifier to process GRM() densely
- Add !OUTFOLDER qualifier to top command line

- Fix bugs processing cholkc() wrapper function
- Fixed bugs parsing spherical and circular models
- Changed scatter plot to grid base when > 10000 points
- Added Mean Axes to XYG scatter plot
- Honour !GU after at(G,1).parc
- Fix bug in reading G structure terms from new format .rsv file.
- Add message when explicit V in R structure removed
- Add !CENTRE qualifier, revise weight expression

v4.0je Beta (29th May 2013)

- Fixed some license problems.

v4.0jd Beta (4th March 2013)

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