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# FS-FlightControl Manual

## **Instructor Operator Station**

for Microsoft Flight Simulator, Prepar3D and X-Plane



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# SETTINGS

Customize this program to your needs with detailed, even aircraft-specific settings. Change map colors, SimConnect settings and many more options available.

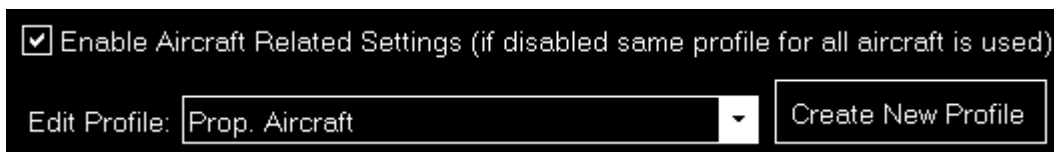
But although a lot of very detailed customization options are available in this modules, FS-FlightControl is designed in a way that you do not have to touch anything here to just use the program.

It is perfectly usable with the default settings and only if you need something special then this is the right place to look at.

## Aircraft Related Settings

All settings in this area will be saved together with the corresponding aircraft profile if aircraft related settings are enabled.

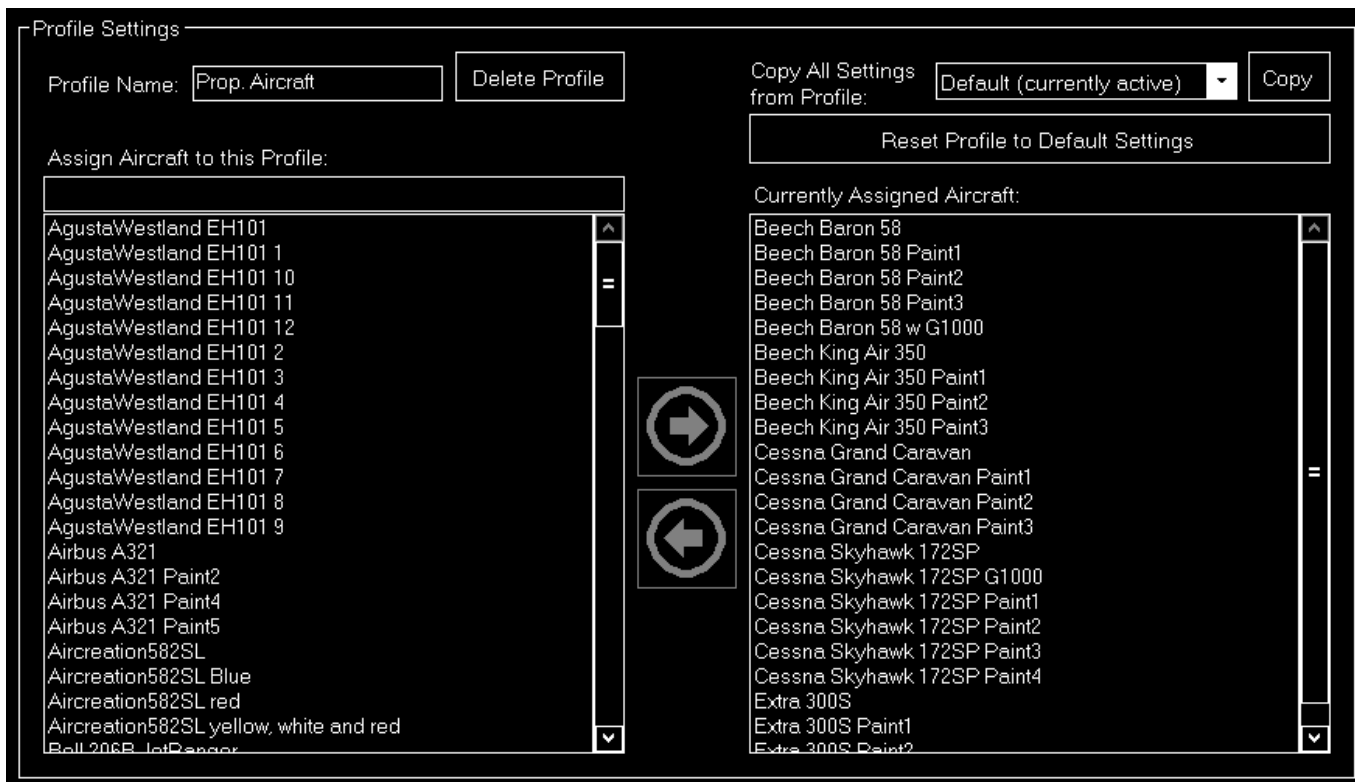
### Aircraft Profile



By default aircraft related settings are disabled as this is not needed for many users, especially also if you only use FS-FlightControl with one specific aircraft type.

But if you want to use FS-FlightControl together with very different aircraft types it makes sense to enable aircraft related settings here.

### Profile Settings



If aircraft related settings are enabled the profile settings section gets enabled as well.

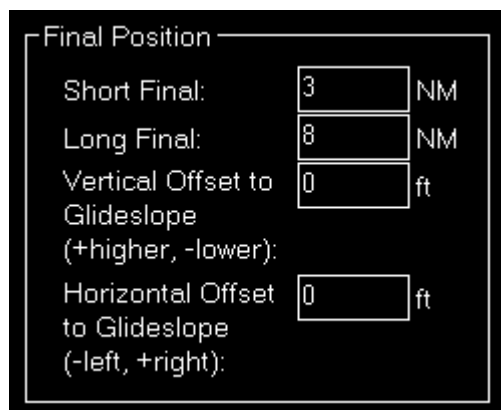
You can edit or create new aircraft profiles here and change the flight simulator aircrafts that are assigned to the current aircraft profile.

Additionally you can copy all settings from another profile or revert all settings to default.

## Position

These settings are related to the **Position** module.

### Final Position



Here you can define the distance of the short and long final approach as well as a vertical and horizontal offset to the glideslope if you want.

### Vectors Position

Vectors Position	
Vector Leg Distance:	<input type="text" value="2"/> NM
Final Leg Distance:	<input type="text" value="6"/> NM
Final Intercept Angle:	<input type="text" value="30"/> °

The distances for the vector positions can be changed here as well as the final intercept angle.

### Base Position

Base Position	
Base Leg Distance:	<input type="text" value="4"/> NM
Final Leg Distance:	<input type="text" value="6"/> NM

Define here the distances for the base positions.

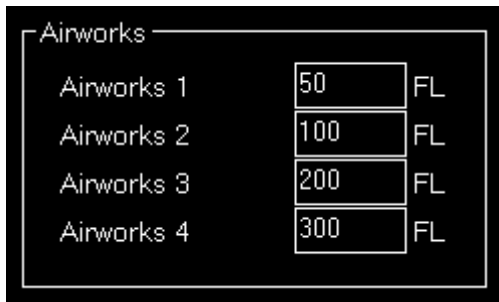
### Downwind Position

Downwind Position	
Distance Back:	<input type="text" value="1"/> NM
Lateral Distance to Runway:	<input type="text" value="4"/> NM
Altitude Above Ground:	<input type="text" value="2,000"/> ft

Here you can define the lateral distance to the runway for the downwind positions.

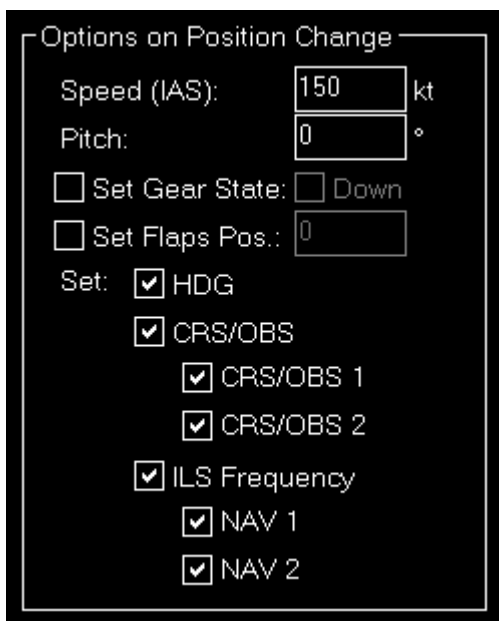
In contrast to the other positions where the altitude is calculated based on the runway glideslope automatically, the altitude for the downwind positions can be customized here.

### Airworks



You can define the flight levels of the four airworks buttons here.

### Options on Position Change



Depending on the aircraft capabilities you can change the parameters that are used when the aircraft is positioned.

This includes whether the heading, course (CRS) respectively omni bearing selector (OBS) or ILS frequency (if the runway is ILS enabled) should be set automatically with the aircraft position change to a certain approach.

## Map Colors

These settings are related to the **Map** module.

### Colors and Text Settings

In this area you can highly customize the appearance of the map.

We decided to put this into the aircraft related settings. Although this seems not to be aircraft related at first sight, but this enables you to emphasis certain map parts based on the currently loaded aircraft: For example when using a small aircraft you might want to highlight more the small gates

and do not care a lot about ILS, but when using a big jet the large gates are much more interesting. Same goes for other parts on the map which might be more interesting for certain aircraft types than others.

Select map type:  Normal  Normal for Print  Street Map  Satellite Map  Height Map

All colors and text sizes can be defined per map type.

Therefore please first select the map type.

### **Colors and Text Sizes for Map Type**



Structure Color	Min. Zoom	Text Color	Min. Zoom	Font Size
User Aircraft		User Aircraft Info		7
AI Aircraft		AI Aircraft Info		7
VATSIM Aircraft		VATSIM Airc. Info		7
VATSIM Airport		(Used to draw APP, TWR and GND cycles.)		
VATSIM FIR/UIR		VAT. FIR/UIR Info		10
IVAO Aircraft		IVAO Aircraft Info		7
IVAO Airport		(Used to draw APP, TWR and GND cycles.)		
IVAO FIR/UIR		IVA. FIR/UIR Info		10
PilotEdge Aircraft		PilotEdge Aircraft		7
PilotEdge Airport		(Used to draw APP, TWR and GND cycles.)		
PilotEdge FIR		PilotE. FIR Info		10
Airport		Airport Name		10
Runway		Runway Ident		8
ILS		ILS Ident		8
Axis				
Marker		Marker Type		8
Taxi Path		Taxi Point Name		8
Taxi Center Line				
Taxi Holding Point				
Tower				
VOR		VOR Name		8
NDB		NDB Name		8
Airspace		Airspace Name		8
Airway		Airway Name		8
Waypoint		Waypoint Ident		8
Wayp. SID/STAR		Waypoint Ident		10
Weather Station		Weath. St. Name		8
User POI		User POI Name		10
Compass Rose				
Weather Info		Weather Info		8
Map Info		Map Info Text		8
Holding		Holding Info		8
Measure		Measure Info		8
Trace Aircraft				
Flight Plan Path				
SID/STAR Path				
Country		Country		12
Country Border				
Ocean				
Lake		Lake		8
River		River		8
Grid		MSA		14

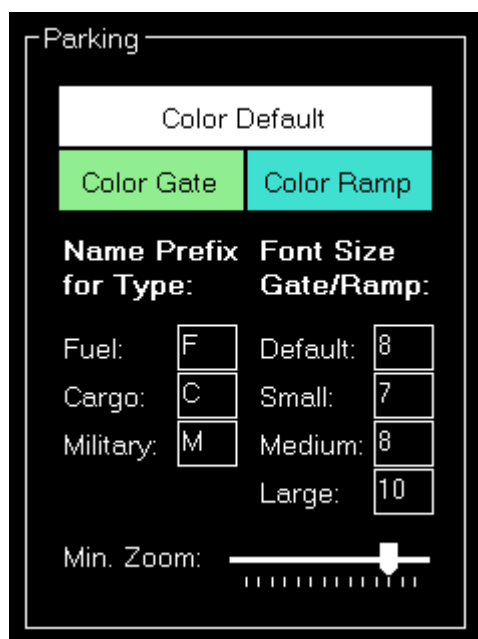
Here all currently defined colors and text sizes are displayed for the selected map type.

The **Structure Color** is always the color of the item itself, like the runway surface of the runway, whereas **Text Color** the color of the corresponding text is, like the runway idents of the runway.

The **Min. Zoom** next to the **Structure Color** defines the minimum map zoom level needed that this structure (like the runway surface) is shown. Accordingly the second **Min. Zoom** next to the **Text Color** defines the minimum map zoom level needed that the corresponding text (like the runway idents) is shown.

**Font Size**, the last column, enables you to define the size of the displayed text.

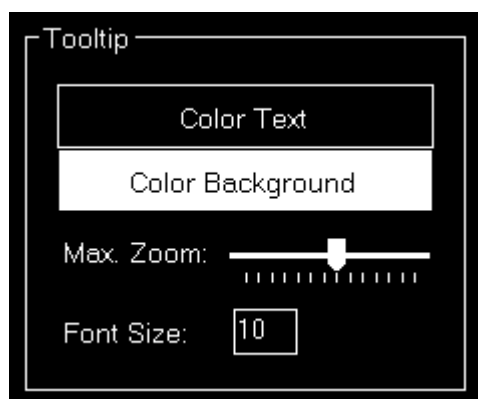
### Parking



This area lets you define colors and text sizes for the different parking types like gates and ramps depending on their sizes.

Additionally you can define text prefixes to be used for a certain type like fuel, cargo or military.

### Tooltip



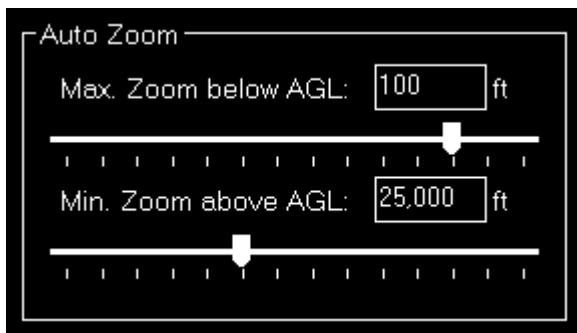
When hovering over certain map elements like an airport a tooltip is displayed shown the full name of the airport.

In this section you can define the appearance of this tooltip as well as the maximum map zoom level until that the tooltip should be displayed.

## Map Other

These settings are related to the **Map** module.

### Auto Zoom



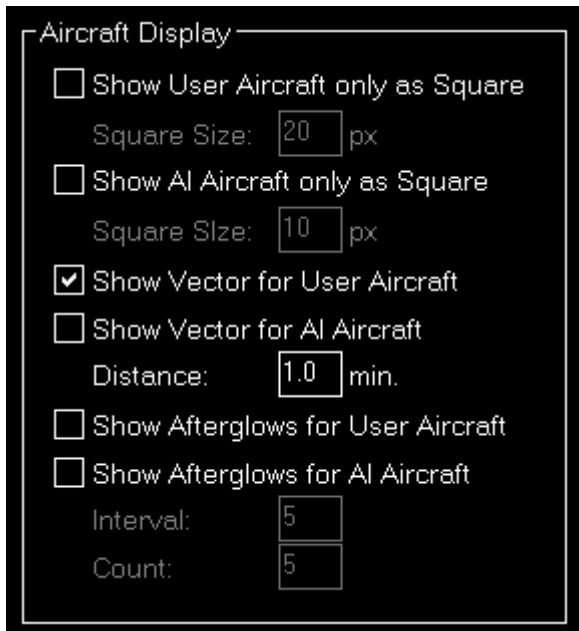
The **Map** module also features an auto zoom function which will zoom the map in and out according to the current aircraft altitude.

You can configure this feature here by first entering the maximum zoom level (fully zoomed in) that should be reached if the aircraft is below the entered altitude above ground.

Then, for the upper end, you define the minimum zoom level (fully zoomed out) that should be reached above the entered altitude.

Between these two altitudes the zoom will be equally divided automatically.

### Aircraft Display



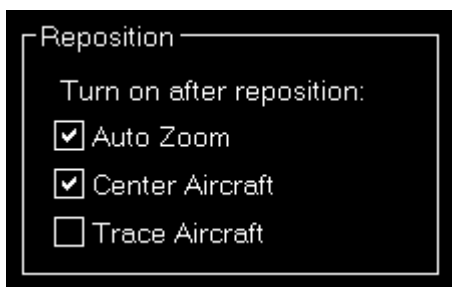
Here you can choose from certain options related to the display of the aircraft on the map.

First you can define if the user and/or AI aircraft are only shown as squares instead of an aircraft image. In this case you can also enter a size for the squares.

Furthermore you can enable or disable a distance vector being displayed in front of each user and/or AI aircraft. In this case you can enter the length of the vector in minutes.

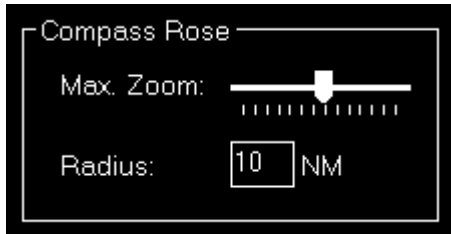
Additionally so called afterglows - dots behind the aircraft - can be enabled or disabled for user and/or AI aircraft. In this case you can enter an interval as well as the number of dots that should be displayed.

### Reposition



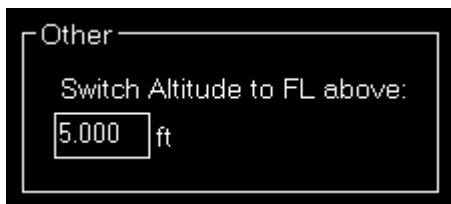
In this section you can define if certain map features are automatically turned on after the map reposition function was used.

### Compass Rose




Use these settings to define the maximum zoom level up to the compass rose (when this function is enabled) should be displayed and how wide its radius should be.

## Other



Here you can define at which altitude the display should switch from precise altitude display to flight level.

 Note: Above this altitude it will also switch from show MSL altitude to indicated altitude.

## Failures

These settings are related to the **Failures** module.

### Failures Source



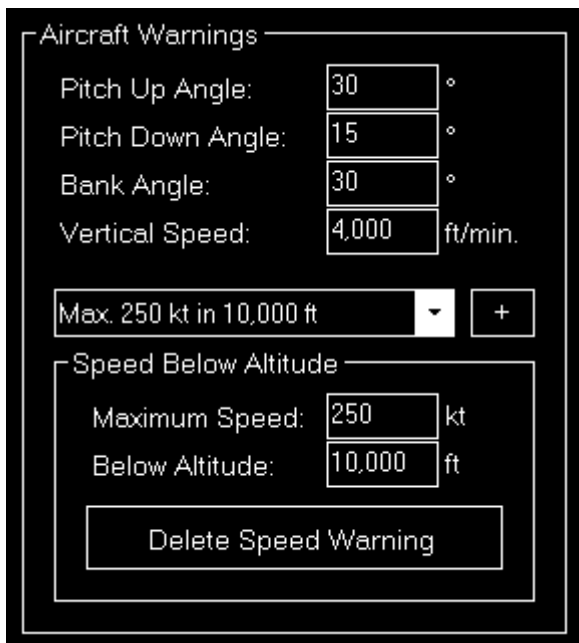
Here you can choose the source of the failures that are displayed in the **Failures** module.

 Note: For some options additional parameters need to be entered in the **Third Party** settings first.

## Aircraft

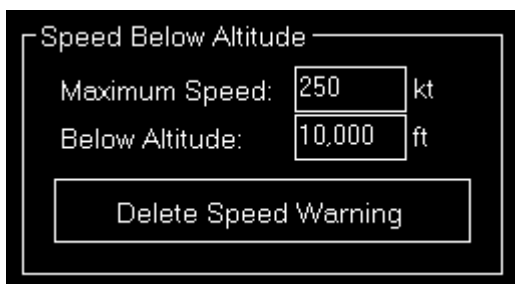
These settings are related to the **Aircraft** module.

### Aircraft Warnings



Here you can set limits for some parameters like pitch or bank angle for the aircraft.

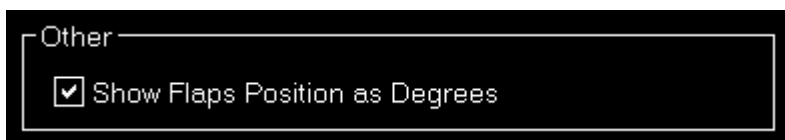
### Speed Below Altitude



Additionally you can define maximum speeds below certain altitudes above mean sea level (MSL).

These settings are used to change the color of the corresponding value to red on the **Aircraft** module and also to shown warning indicators when exporting graph data to Google Earth on the **Statistics** module.

### Other



Here you can define if flap positions should be shown as degree number.

## Statistics

These settings are related to the **Statistics** module.

## Google Earth Export



Define all Google Earth export related settings in this area.

Every certain time interval a flight track point is shown in Google Earth with detailed flight information. You can set this time interval here.

Additionally you can define the range for including VORs, NDBs and waypoints if their export is enabled.

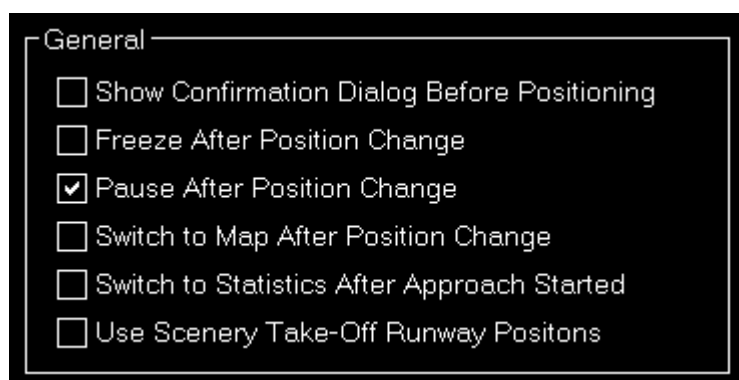
## Not Aircraft Related Settings

All settings in this area are not aircraft related and will be saved globally.

### Position

These settings are related to the **Position** module.

#### General




You can enable or disable some automatizations after an aircraft position is changed.

First choose if position freeze or pause should be enabled after aircraft move.

Additionally you can define if the program should automatically switch to the **Map** module after a position change respectively to the **Statistics** module when an approach is started.

Finally you can choose if the scenery should be reloaded after a position is changed.

 Note: The forced scenery reload is enabled by default as disabling it may lead to unexpected results (like aircraft crash) especially if the new location is far away from the old one.

## Map

These settings are related to the **Map** module.

### Data Update Rate



You can define here how often the map view gets updated.


By default that is set to once per second.

### Custom Update Rate



If you uncheck the Default Update Rate checkbox you can define the update rate yourself.

The slider then ranges from very low (every 60 visual frames on flight simulator) to very high (every single visual frame).

 Note: Please keep in mind that setting the data update rate to very high may lead to performance issues.

### Print Options

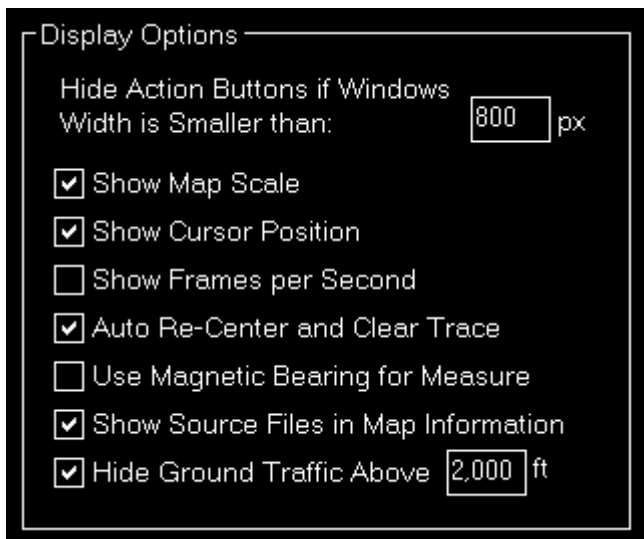


For map printing you can define here which printer should be used.

Additionally, if you own a commercial license, you can also change the footer text or remove it completely.


Within the footer text you may use the placeholders `{date}` and `{time}` to insert the current date and time.

### Display Options



You can define several display options here.

First you can set a window width below that the left and right action buttons are hidden.

 Note: This is only used for detached map windows.

Below that you can choose if you want the map scale, cursor position and frames per second displayed on the bottom of the map view or not.

## Conditions

These settings are related to the **Conditions** module.

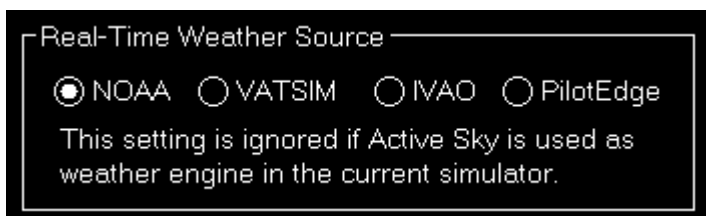
### Weather Engine



Let FS-FlightControl know here which software is used as weather engine to ensure all features of the **Conditions** module work properly.

 Note: For Active Sky additional parameters need to be entered in the **Third Party** settings first.

### Real-Time Weather Source



Define here the real-time weather source that should be used for receiving weather METAR data if this is not provided by flight simulator directly.

In this connection you can choose from NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), VATSIM (Virtual Air Traffic Simulation) and IVAO (International Virtual Aviation Organization).

## ILS Visibility

ILS Visibility				
	Decision Height		Runway Visibility	
CAT I	200	ft	550	m
CAT I LTS	200	ft	400	m
CAT II	100	ft	300	m
CAT IIIa	50	ft	180	m
CAT IIIb	30	ft	46	m
CAT IIIc	0	ft	10	m

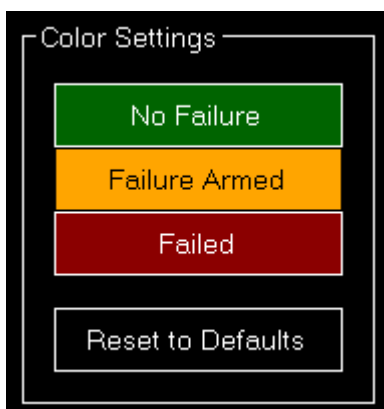
In this section the ILS Visibility presets can be customized.

You can define the decision height as well as the runway visibility for each ILS category.

## Failures

These settings are related to the **Failures** module.

### Color Settings



Use this area to change the colors.

You can also use the button **Reset to Defaults** to revert all your color changes.

# Statistics

These settings are related to the **Statistics** module.

## Color Settings

In this area you can customize all colors used to draw the statistics graphs.

Display Type:  Normal  Print

All colors can be defined per display type.

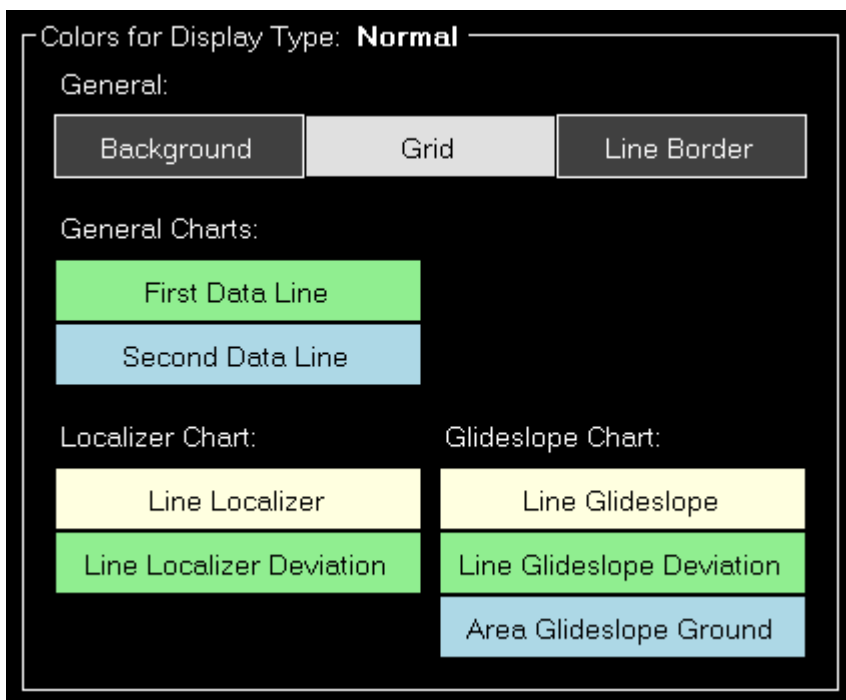
Therefore please first select if you want to change the colors for the normal in program display or for printout.

## Revert to Defaults



You can easily revert all colors to their defaults by using the Revert to Defaults button.

## Colors for Display Type

A screenshot of a configuration window titled "Colors for Display Type: Normal". The window has a black background and contains several color selection buttons. Under "General:", there are buttons for "Background" (dark grey), "Grid" (light grey), and "Line Border" (dark grey). Under "General Charts:", there are buttons for "First Data Line" (green) and "Second Data Line" (blue). Under "Localizer Chart:", there are buttons for "Line Localizer" (yellow) and "Line Localizer Deviation" (green). Under "Glideslope Chart:", there are buttons for "Line Glideslope" (yellow), "Line Glideslope Deviation" (green), and "Area Glideslope Ground" (blue).

Here all currently defined colors are displayed for the selected display type.

Click on any of the button to select a different color.

## Print Options



For statistics printing you can define here which printer should be used.

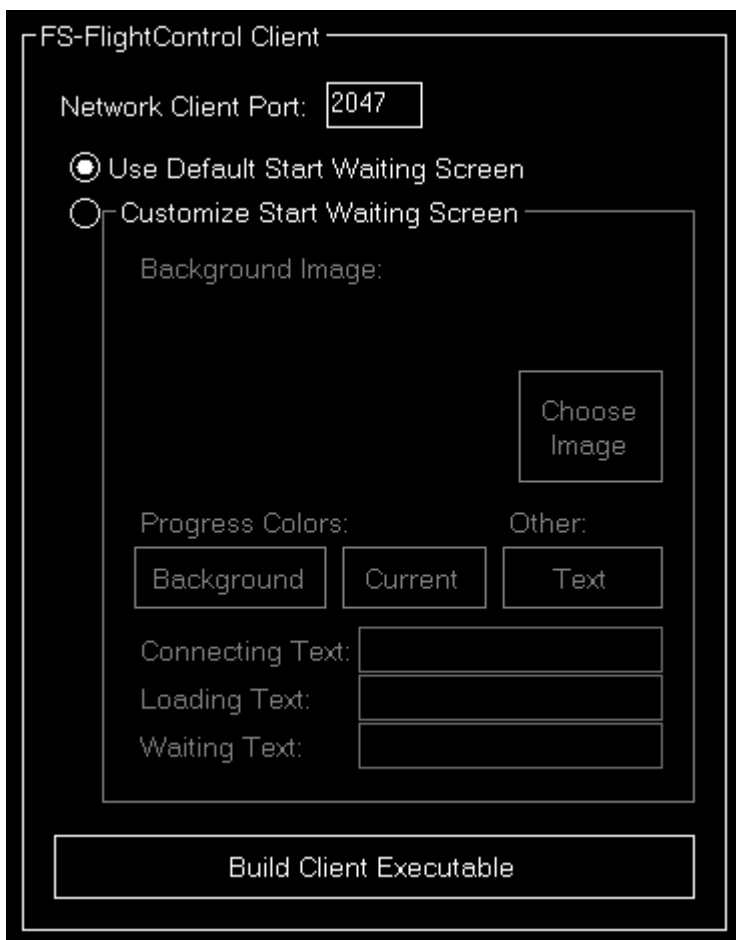
Additionally, if you own a commercial license, you can also change the footer text or remove it completely.

Within the footer text you may use the placeholders {date} and {time} to insert the current date and time.


## Network

These settings are related to the **Network** module.

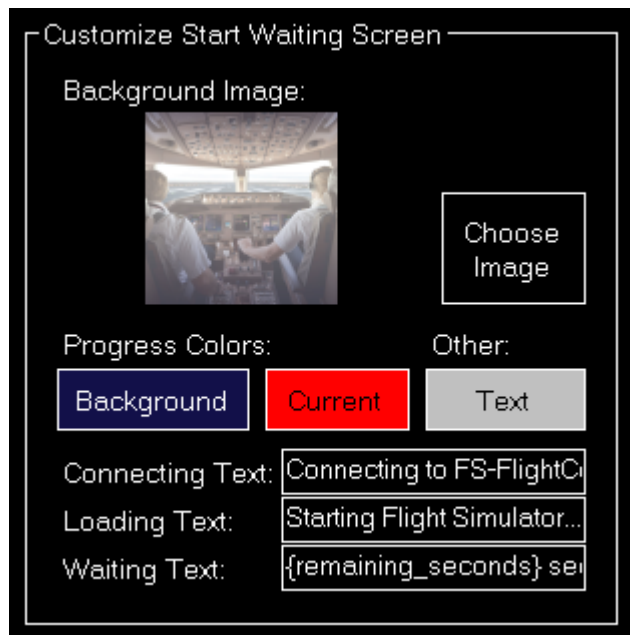
### FS-FlightControl Client



First you can change the network client port here that defaults to 2047, but can be changed to any other port number if needed.

 **Note:** If you change the port you need to re-build the network client executable.

### Customize Start Waiting Screen

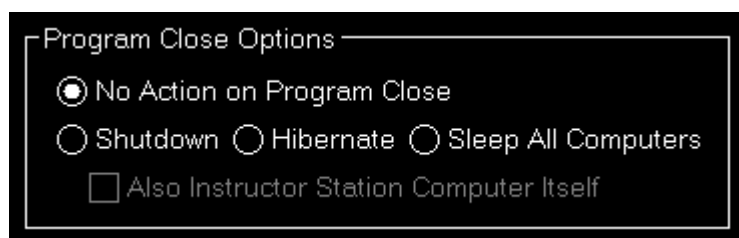


If you own a commercial license you can completely customize the start waiting screen that is shown on the network client computers.

You can select a background image as well as customize the colors and the shown texts.

In the Remaining Text input field you can use the placeholder {remaining\_seconds} to insert the remaining seconds.

### Program Close Options



You can define here if a shutdown, hibernate or sleep action should be sent to all connected network computers when the FS-FlightControl software is closed.

Additionally you can decide if the same action should be executed on the computer running the instructor station itself.

### Status Page for Web Display

Status Page for Web Display

Status Page Method:

Output Directly as Web Server

Port:

Save as HTML File

Update Interval:  sec.

File Path:

Upload to FTP Server

Update Interval:  sec.

Server Host:

Port:   Passive

User Name:

Password:

Remote File:

In this area you can define the method that should be used for the status page output.

### Output Directly as Web Server

Output Directly as Web Server

Port:

If this method is selected FS-FlightControl will listen on the defined port for HTTP web requests and will reply with the status page accordingly.

### Save as HTML File

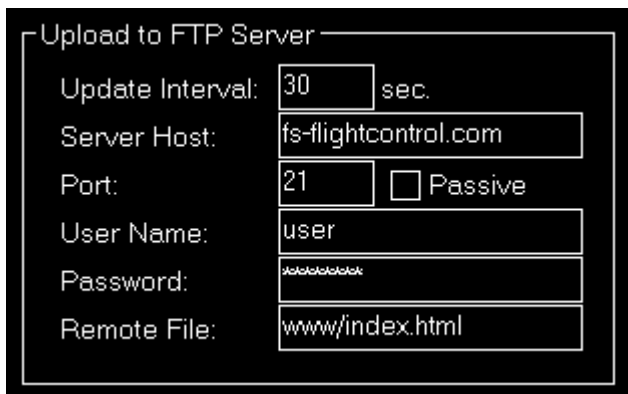
Save as HTML File

Update Interval:  sec.

File Path:

This method will save the status page as HTML file to a certain directory location in the defined time interval.

## Upload to FTP Server



You can also enable this method to automatically upload the status page to a FTP server.

Then you need to define again the update interval as well as all parameters that are needed for FTP server access.

## SimConnect

SimConnect is the flight simulator integrated connection method for external application.

Also FS-FlightControl uses this technology to connect to flight simulator.

In this section you can define corresponding parameters.

### SimConnect Library



This section enables you to control which SimConnect library is used to connect to flight simulator.

### Choose SimConnect Version Automatically




By default the SimConnect version is detected automatically and just for information the used DLL library is shown here.

### Force Using this SimConnect DLL



If for whatever reasons that should be necessary you can define a path to a certain SimConnect DLL library here.

This disables the automatic detection completely.


 **Note:** This really should only be done if the automatic detection fails. Normally it should not be necessary to change anything manually here!

### SimConnect Network Access



If you want FS-FlightControl to access a flight simulator installation that is not located on the same computer as FS-FlightControl itself, these SimConnect Network Access parameters need to be defined.

They are directly written to the global `SimConnect.cfg` file. To reset everything to its defaults you can just delete this file again completely.

 **Note:** To make this configuration as easy as possible you can use the **SimConnect Network Wizard**.

## Database Rebuild

This section is related to the main program database.

### Database Synchronization



The database synchronization is explained in the **Database Build** installation section.

### Navigation Data Update

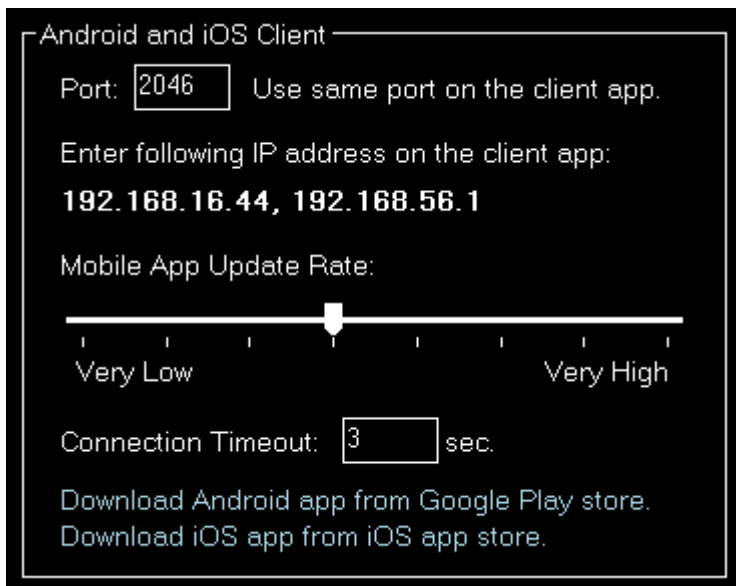


This area is explained in the **Navigation Data Update** dialog section.

## Mobile Devices

This section is related to the mobile devices support.


### Android and iOS Client



There is an Android client app that makes it possible to use FS-FlightControl also with your Android Tablet device.

You can define the port here that should be used for the connection. It defaults to 2046.

In the following you can see the IP address that you need to enter in the Android app once for connection.

 Note: It rars cases it is possible that there is more than one IP address displayed here. In this case you just need to try which one works.

If you should see a Windows Firewall message popping up - normally on program start - asking you to give FS-FlightControl access please confirm that. Only with this approval you will be able to connect with your mobile device.

You can directly download the Android app from the **Google Play stores** as well as the iOS-App from the **iOS App Store**.

## Third Party

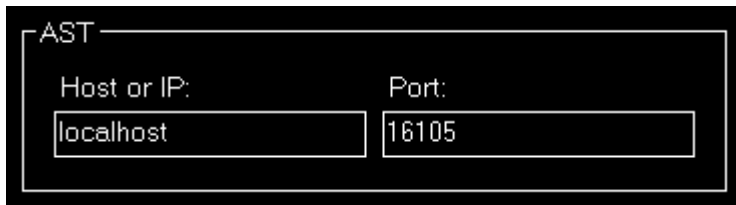
Here you can define necessary parameters to connect to third party products supported by FS-FlightControl.

### ProSim



The host or IP as well as the port that should be used to connect to ProSim can be entered here. The ProSim connection then can be used in the **Flight Plan** and **Failures** modules.

### AST



The host or IP as well as the port that should be used to connect to AST (Aircraft Simulation Technology) can be entered here. The AST connection then can be used in the **Failures** module.

### Project Magenta



The path to the NetDir of Project Magenta can be entered here. The Project Magenta connection then can be used in the **Flight Plan** module; the **Failures** module uses FSUIPC to connect to Project Magenta.

### Flight Sim Labs



The path to the FSLabs directory of Flight Sim Labs below the flight simulator directory can be entered here. The direct Flight Sim Labs connection then can be used in the **Flight Plan** module.

### Brunner Elektronik



The host or IP as well as the port that should be used to connect to the CLS2Sim software by Brunner Elektronik can be entered here. The Brunner Elektronik connection then can be used in the **Motion** module.

### Active Sky



The host or IP as well as the port that should be used to connect to Active Sky 2016 (SP1 required) can be entered here. The Active Sky connection then can be used in the **Conditions** module.

### PFPX



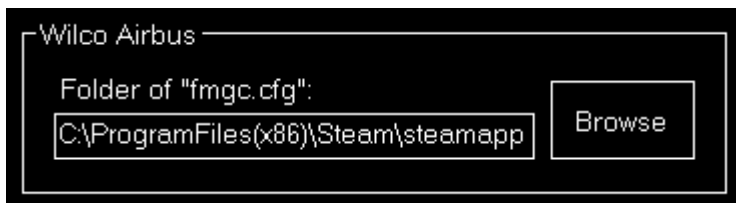
You can enter the path to the PFPX documents directory here. The PFPX connection then can be used in the **Flight Plan** module.

### Aerosoft Airbus



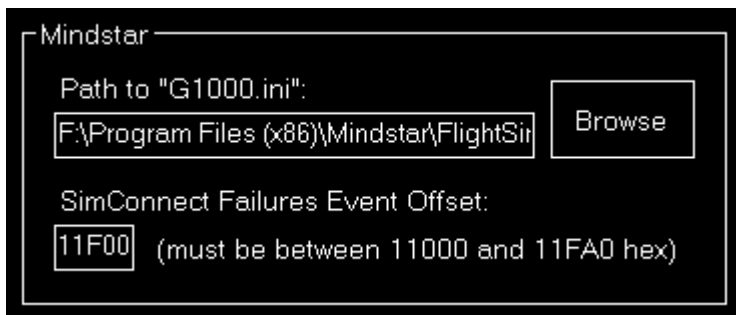
Now you can enter the path to the Aerosoft Airbus documents directory (also the older Extended Version is supported) here. The Aerosoft Airbus connection then can be used in the **Flight Plan** module.

### Wilco Airbus



You can enter the path to the Wilco/FeelThere Airbus directory here. The Wilco Airbus connection then can be used in the **Flight Plan** module.

### Mindstar



You can enter the path to the Mindstar G1000 .ini file here. The Mindstar connection then can be used in the **Failures** module.

Additionally the offset for the SimConnect event IDs need to be specified as hex value. Starting from this ID the SimConnect events will be assigned to the Mindstar G1000 failures.

## General



Additional you can define the time interval for third party synchronization here.

## Other Settings

In this section all other settings are located that do not fit anywhere else.

### Units



Here all units for input as well as output used across the whole program can be defined.

#### Altitude Unit



Choose if feet (ft) or meters (m) should be used for altitude values.

#### Temperature Unit



Choose if Fahrenheit (°F) or Celcius (°C) should be used for temperature values.

#### Atmospheric Pressure



Choose if Hektopascals (hPa) or Inches of Mercury (inHg) should be used for atmospheric pressure values.

#### Short Distance Unit



Choose if feet (ft) or meters (m) should be used for short distance values.

## Far Distance Unit



Choose if nautical miles (NM) or kilometers (km) should be used for far distance values.

## Weight Unit



Choose if kilograms (kg) or pounds (lbs) should be used for weight values.

## Speed Unit



Choose if knots (kt), miles per hour (mph) or kilometers per hour (km/h) should be used for speed values.

## Liquid/Fuel Unit



Choose if kilograms (kg), pounds (lbs) or US gallons (gal.) should be used for liquid and fuel values.

## Visibility Unit



Choose if meters (m), kilometers (km) or statute miles (M) should be used for visibility values.

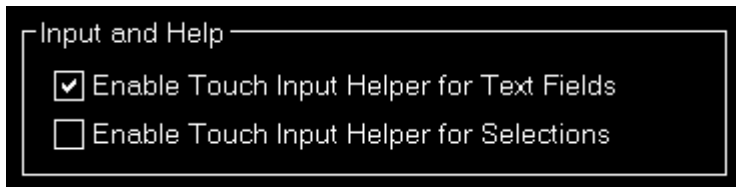
## Color Settings




Use this area to change colors used all over the software.

You can also use the button **Reset to Defaults** to revert all your color changes.

## Input and Help



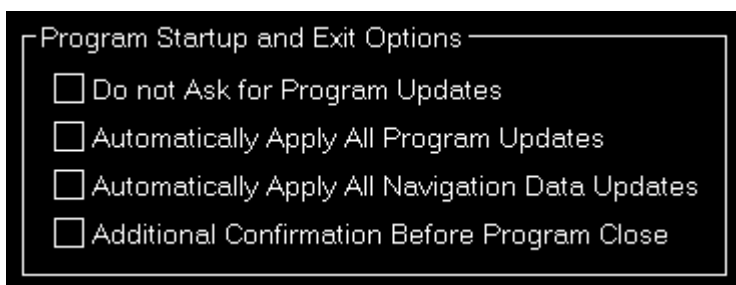
Here you can define if a touch input helper should be used for text and selection input fields.

 **Note:** While the Android or iOS app is connected both touch input helpers are activated automatically.

Additionally you can choose if the small help icons should be displayed in the top right corner of all sections.

Furthermore you can make the FS-FlightControl window to stay always on top of all other applications.

### Program Startup Options



To allow a program start without user interaction you can define here that program updates as well as navigation data updates should always be applied without confirmation by the user.

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