

FSX Menus

X-Plane 9.x equivalent

Note: Menu bar only appears when the mouse pointer is at the top of the X-Plane window

Flights →	Load Reset Save Flight Planner Navigation Log End Flight Exit		File → Load Situation File → Load Situation or Location → Select Global Airport File → Save Situation Enter key → File Flight Plan (3 rd party software is available from GoodWay) Aircraft → Logbook n/a File → Quit
Aircraft →	Select Aircraft Kneeboard Visual Flight Path Fuel and Payload Smoke System Realism Settings Failures		Aircraft → Open Aircraft n/a n/a Aircraft → Weight and Fuel Aircraft → Toggle Puff Smoke Settings → Operations & Warnings Aircraft → Equipment Failures
World →	Time and Season Go to Airport Map Weather Scenery Library		Environment → Date & Time Location → Select Global Airport Location → Local Map Environment → Weather n/a – just unzip scenery packages into X-Plane's "Custom Scenery" folder, or use XAddonManager
Options →	Pause Flight Simulation Rate Instant Replay Flight Video Flight Analysis Sound Settings →	Display Load Save General Sound Controls	P key n/a View → Toggle Replay Mode File → Save Replay Aircraft → Cycle 3-D Flight Path (displayed in exterior views) Settings → Sound Settings → Rendering Options n/a n/a n/a Settings → Sound Settings → Joystick & Equipment
Views →	Full Screen Air Traffic Control Chat Window Instrument Panel New View View Mode →	Cockpit → Cockpit Virtual Cockpit Rear Seat Outside → Spot Locked Spot Flyby Top-down Tower → Nearest Tower Runway Aircraft → Tail Right Wing Left Wing	Settings → Rendering Options → set color-depth and monitor resolution on X-Plane startup (requires re-start) Enter key Enter key (if you have set up multiplayer with Settings → Net Connections) You can also install plugins to fly online and chat on the IVAO or VATSIM networks n/a (Note: you may need to press Up or Down keys to reveal all of the panel in 2-D panel views) n/a View → Forwards View → Toggle 3-D Cockpit n/a View → Circle n/a View → Spot n/a View → Airport Beacon Tower View → On Runway View → Chase n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a Click centre of screen (only works if you don't have a joystick)
	Undock view Close view Window Titles Axis Indicator Top-down Orientation Hide Menu Bar Mouse Yoke		

FSX Command	FSX key	X-Plane 9.x equivalent
Note: You can modify key assignments and add new ones using Settings → Joystick & Equipment → Keys		
Where text appears in italics (eg <i>flight_controls/left_brake</i>) X-Plane doesn't have a default key or button assignment for this command.		
The text in italics is the equivalent name of the command in X-Plane and you can assign a key or button to this command.		
SIMULATOR COMMANDS		
Pause	P or Break	P
Full Screen Mode	Alt Enter	Settings → Rendering Options → set color-depth and monitor resolution on X-Plane startup (requires re-start)
Menus (display/hide)	Alt	Menu bar appears when the mouse pointer is at the top of the X-Plane window
ATC Menu (display/hide)	` or Scroll Lock	Enter
Kneeboard (display/hide)	Shift F10	
Sound (on/off)	Q	Settings → Sound
Reset Current Flight	Ctrl ;	File → Load Situation or Location → Select Global Airport
Save Flight	;	File → Save Situation
Exit Flight Simulator	Ctrl C	
Exit Flight Simulator Immediately	Ctrl Break	File → Quit
Joystick (on/off)	Ctrl K	
Cycle Coordinates/Frame Rate	Shift Z	Settings → Data Input & Output
Select Time Compression	R	Ctrl T
Drop Objects	Shift D	Shift R
Fuel Truck (request)	Shift F	Aircraft → Weight and Fuel
Aircraft Labels (display/hide)	Ctrl Shift L	
Flying Tips (display/hide)	Ctrl Shift X	
Capture Screenshot	V	Ctrl . (the screenshot file appears in the X-Plane folder)
Jetway (attach/detach)	Ctrl J	Shutting down/starting the engines (if the airport is equipped with AutoGate jetways)
End Flight	Esc	
CONTROL SURFACE COMMANDS		
Ailerons (bank left)	NumPad 4	
Ailerons (bank right)	NumPad 6	
Aileron Trim (left)	Ctrl NumPad 4	8
Aileron Trim (right)	Ctrl NumPad 6	0
Rudder (yaw left)	NumPad 0	
Rudder (yaw right)	NumPad Enter	
Rudder Trim (left)	Ctrl NumPad 0	5
Rudder Trim (right)	Ctrl NumPad Enter	7
Center Ailerons and Rudder	NumPad 5	9 (ailerons) and 6 (rudder)
Pitch Down (elevator)	NumPad 8	
Pitch Up (elevator)	NumPad 2	
Elevator Trim Down	NumPad 7]
Elevator Trim Up	NumPad 1	[
Flaps (retract fully)	F5	
Flaps (retract incrementally)	F6	1
Flaps (extend incrementally)	F7	2
Flaps (extend fully)	F8	
Extend/Retract Spoilers/Airbrakes	/	3 (retract incrementally) and 4 (extend incrementally)
Arm Spoilers	Shift /	
Water Rudder Up/Down	Ctrl W	
ENGINE COMMANDS		
Select Engine	E1 to E4	
Select All Engines	E1234	
Engine Autostart	Ctrl E	Ctrl 1 to Ctrl 8 (start engines 1 to 8)
Throttle (cut)	F1	
Reverse Thrust (turboprops/jets)	F2 (press and hold)	. (on/off)
Throttle (decrease)	F2 or NumPad 3	F1
Throttle (increase)	F3 or NumPad 9	F2
Throttle (full)	F4	F13
Propeller (low RPM)	Ctrl F1	
Propeller (decrease RPM)	Ctrl F2	F3
Propeller (increase RPM)	Ctrl F3	F4
Propeller (high RPM)	Ctrl F4	
Mixture (idle cutoff)	Ctrl Shift F1	F7
Mixture (lean quickly)	Ctrl Shift F2	F5
Mixture (enrich)	Ctrl Shift F3	F6
Mixture (full rich)	Ctrl Shift F4	F8
Carb Heat/Engine Anti-ice (on/off)	H	F11
Magnetos (select)	M	
Master Battery/Alternator (select)	Shift M	
Jet Starter (select)	J	<i>engine/engage_starters</i>

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Helicopter Rotor Clutch (on/off)	Shift .	<i>engine/clutch_toggle</i>
Helicopter Rotor Governor (on/off)	Shift ,	
Helicopter Rotor Brake (on/off)	Shift B	
GENERAL AIRCRAFT COMMANDS		
Brake (set parking)	Ctrl .	
Pushback (start/stop)	Shift P	n/a – you can install the <i>XPushBack</i> plugin
Brakes (apply/release)	.	B (regular) or V (max)
Brakes (apply left brake)	NumPad +	<i>flight_controls/left_brake</i>
Brakes (apply right brake)	NumPad -	<i>flight_controls/right_brake</i>
Landing Gear (extend/retract)	G	G
Tail wheel (lock/unlock)	Shift G	<i>flight_controls/nwheel_steer_toggle</i>
Landing Gear (extend manually)	Ctrl G	<i>flight_controls/pump_flaps_and_gear</i>
Fuel Dump (on/off)	Ctrl Shift D	<i>flight_controls/dump_fuel_toggle</i>
Subpanels (display/hide)	Shift 1 to 9	
Smoke System (on/off)	I	X
Cowl Flaps (open incrementally)	Ctrl Shift V	<i>flight_controls/cowl_flaps_open</i>
Cowl Flaps (close incrementally)	Ctrl Shift C	<i>flight_controls/cowl_flaps_closed</i>
Tow Plane (call)	Ctrl Shift Y	File → Load Situation → Glider-Tow
Tow Rope (release)	Shift Y	Space
Doors (select)	Shift E	<i>flight_controls/canopy_open</i> and <i>flight_controls/canopy_close</i>
LIGHT COMMANDS		
Lights - all (on/off)	L	
Strobe Lights (on/off)	O	<i>lights/strobe_lights_toggle</i>
Panel Lights (on/off)	Shift L	Ctrl Shift . (up) and Ctrl Shift , (down)
Landing Lights (on/off)	Ctrl L	<i>lights/landing_lights_toggle</i>
Landing Light (tilt down)	Ctrl Shift NumPad 2	<i>lights/landing_lights_down</i>
Landing Light (tilt left)	Ctrl Shift NumPad 4	<i>lights/landing_lights_left</i>
Landing Light (tilt right)	Ctrl Shift NumPad 6	<i>lights/landing_lights_right</i>
Landing Light (tilt up)	Ctrl Shift NumPad 8	<i>lights/landing_lights_up</i>
Landing Light (center)	Ctrl Shift NumPad 5	<i>lights/landing_lights_center</i>
RADIO COMMANDS		
ATC Window (display/hide)	` or Scroll Lock	Enter
VOR 1 Ident (on/off)	Ctrl 1	
VOR 2 Ident (on/off)	Ctrl 2	
MKR Ident (on/off)	Ctrl 3	
DME Ident (on/off)	Ctrl 4	
ADF Ident (on/off)	Ctrl 5	
Standby Frequency (swap)	X	Ctrl 9 (NAV1) or Ctrl 0 (NAV2) or Ctrl - (COM1) or Ctrl = (COM2)
COM Radio (select)	C	
NAV Radio (select)	N	
OBS indicator (select)	Shift V	
ADF (select)	Ctrl Shift A	
DME (select)	F	
Transponder (select)	T	
AUTOPILOT COMMANDS		
Master (on/off)	Z	<i>autopilot/autopilot_power_toggle</i>
Flight Director (on/off)	Ctrl F	<i>autopilot/autopilot_flight_dir_only</i>
Wing Leveler (on/off)	Ctrl V	<i>autopilot/autopilot_wing_leveler</i>
Yaw Damper (on/off)	Ctrl D	<i>systems/yaw_damper_toggle</i>
Altitude Hold (on/off)	Ctrl Z	<i>autopilot/altitude_hold</i>
Altitude Bug (select)	Ctrl Shift Z	<i>autopilot/altitude_sync</i>
Heading Hold (on/off)	Ctrl H	<i>autopilot/heading</i>
Heading Bug (select)	Ctrl Shift H	<i>autopilot/heading_sync</i>
Airspeed Hold (on/off)	Ctrl R	<i>autopilot/autothrottle_toggle</i>
Mach Hold (on/off)	Ctrl M	<i>autopilot/autothrottle_toggle</i>
Autothrottle (arm)	Shift R	<i>autopilot/airspeed_sync</i>
Autothrottle engage (TOGA)	Ctrl Shift G	<i>autopilot/take_off_go_around</i>
Nav 1 Hold (on/off)	Ctrl N	<i>autopilot/NAV</i>
Approach Mode (on/off)	Ctrl A	<i>autopilot/approach</i>
Back Course Mode (on/off)	Ctrl B	<i>autopilot/back_course</i>
Localizer Hold (on/off)	Ctrl O	<i>autopilot/NAV</i>
Attitude Hold (on/off)	Ctrl T	<i>autopilot/pitch_sync</i>
INSTRUMENT COMMANDS		
Heading Indicator (reset)	D	
Altimeter (reset)	B	
Pitot Heat (on/off)	Shift H	<i>ice/pitot_heat_on</i> and <i>ice/pitot_heat_off</i>
VIEW COMMANDS		
2-D Cockpit (cycle panels)	W	

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Snap to Panel View	Shift NumPad 0	W
View (next category)	S	
View (previous category)	Shift S	
View (next view in category)	A	
View (previous view in category)	Shift A	
View (previous view toggle)	Ctrl S	
View (default zoom)	Backspace	
Look (snap)	NumPad	Q (left) or E (right) in 2-D panel mode, and R (up) or F (down) or Z (backwards)
Look (pan)	Hat switch or thumb stick	Q (left) or E (right) in 3-D panel mode
Look (reset to forward view)	Shift NumPad Del	view/center
Look Using Mouse (on)	Hold Space	Ctrl O
Look Using Mouse (on/off)	Shift O	
View (open new window)	[
View (close selected window)]	
View (open new top-down window)	Shift]	
Virtual Cockpit	F9	Ctrl O
2-D Cockpit	F10	W
Locked Spot View	F11	
Top-Down View	F12	
2-D Panel Transparency	Ctrl Shift T (+ or -)	;
Window (bring selected to front)	'	
Zoom In	=	= (normal) or Shift = (fast)
Zoom Out	-	- (normal) or Shift - (fast)
View (next window)	Ctrl TAB	
View (previous window)	Ctrl Shift TAB	
Eyepoint (move back)	Ctrl Enter	PageDown (in free camera view mode)
Eyepoint (move down)	Shift Backspace	Down (in free camera view mode)
Eyepoint (move forward)	Ctrl Backspace	PageUp (in free camera view mode)
Eyepoint (move left)	Ctrl Shift Backspace	Left (in free camera view mode)
Eyepoint (move right)	Ctrl Shift Enter	Right (in free camera view mode)
Eyepoint (move up)	Shift Enter	Up (in free camera view mode)
Eyepoint (reset)	Ctrl Space	Ctrl ; (toggles free camera view)
SLEW COMMANDS		n/a – you can drag the aircraft around on the local map: Location → Local Map
Slew Mode (on/off)	Y	
MISSION COMMANDS		n/a – you can install a FSEconomy plugin
Compass/Pointer (on/off)	U	
Compass Objective (next)	K	
Compass Objective (previous)	Shift K	
MULTIPLAYER COMMANDS		
Chat Window (display/hide)	Ctrl Shift]	
Chat Window (make active)	Enter	Enter key (if you have set up multiplayer with Settings → Net Connections) You can also install plugins to fly online and chat on the IVAO or VATSIM networks
Voice (start transmit)	CAPS LOCK	
Voice (stop transmit)	^CAPS LOCK	
Voice (start transmit to all)	Shift CAPS LOCK	
Voice (stop transmit to all)	^Shift CAPS LOCK	
Transfer/Accept Control	Shift T	
Follow Other Player	Ctrl Shift F	