

Start Flying.py Documentation

Start flying.py is a Python script created by Frank White (<https://www.youtube.com/@virtualga>). It launches programs in a series from a text (.txt) file. The supplied text file is named "*launchprofile.txt*" and should be modified to suit your needs. *Start flying.py* needs 2 pieces of information:

1. The **path** to the program
2. The **name** of the program

Example:

I want Discord to open whenever I start my sim

"C:\Users\<dir>\AppData\Local\Discord\app-1.0.9012\" is the path and "discord.exe" is the program name. Therefore the complete path and name would look like this -

C:\Users\<dir>\AppData\Local\Discord\app-1.0.9012\discord.exe

The path and name of your flight simulator also follow the same convention. The included *launchprofile.txt* file contains paths to files that I use and should be modified to your needs. Both files should be saved to your Desktop folder. There is no limit to the number of programs that you can launch.

NOTES:

- To use the script, you must have Python installed on your computer. If Python is not installed you can obtain and install it from the Microsoft Windows Store.
- There is a 10-second delay between launching programs. This is to give you time to select additional program parameters. For example, the *Flybywire* installer program requires additional input to open *FSLTL* - A.I traffic program. If 10-seconds is not enough delay (or too much), you can edit the *Start flying.py* script to add more time. It's self explanatory.
- You may want to experiment to find the best order to launch your programs.
- You may move *Start flying.py* and *launchprofile.txt* anywhere on your computer. You'll need to make sure the paths are valid.
- You may create multiple copies of the script and text file. Use different names.

REAL WORLD EXAMPLE OF *launchprofile.txt* for MSFS

C:\Users\frank\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\FlightSimulator.exe

F:\MSFS Files\fs2ff.exe

C:\Users\frank\AppData\Local\VPilot\VPilot.exe

Start flying.py is somewhat more powerful than a batch file. Enjoy,

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