



Quick Start Guide

Tabs and pages

A page is a single image, or page in a PDF document; a tab is a collection of pages, like a PDF file, or a folder of images.

You can change tabs with [button bindings](#), the list on the left, or the in-game toolbar; you can change pages with button bindings, or the in-game or in-app toolbars:

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⏪ Previous Page

⏩ Next Page

⬆ Previous Tab

⬇ Previous Page

To come back to this tutorial, select the tutorial tab at the top of the left-hand menu.

Setting up your controllers

To bind physical buttons for previous/next tab/page with a joystick, throttle, other DirectInput devices, or a Wacom drawing tablet, head over to [Settings → Input](#); to finish setup for Wacom tablets or for other brands and kinds of devices, take a look at [the documentation on GitHub](#).

Adding content to your kneeboard

If you're playing DCS, the Mission tab will automatically load pages from the .miz file, and the Theater tab will load the pages for Caucasus and NTTR that come with the modules. The Aircraft tab will load images from the Kneeboard\aircraft subfolder of your DCS Saved Games folder; this is usually either C:\Users\YourName\Saved Games\DCS or DCS.openbeta


Click ⏩ in the toolbar, or press your 'next page' binding

If you're not playing DCS or you want to add additional tabs, go to [Settings → Tabs](#), then click "Add a Tab" in the top-right. You can then choose between:

- Folder: a tab containing all the images in a folder, one image per page. PDF files are not supported
- PDF: a tab containing a single PDF file
- Text file: a tab containing the contents of a single UTF-8 text file
- The various default DCS tabs

Setting up the DCS tabs

These will usually work with no configuration, but OpenKneeboard might need some help for some configurations; go to [Settings → Games](#) and:

1. If DCS isn't in the list already, add it with 'Add a Game' in the top right
2. Expand the "DCS World" section with the  button on the right
3. Check that the Path is correct — if not, remove DCS and re-add it
4. Check that the Saved Games path is correct — if not, click on it to select the correct path

Learn more

To learn about additional features or devices, check [the documentation on GitHub](#); if something isn't working, check [the troubleshooting guides](#).

Get in touch!

The best way to join the community is [on Discord](#), and [GitHub Discussions](#) are also available. For feature requests and bug reports, please search through [the open issues](#), and create a new one if you don't find it there already.

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