# Xsaitekpanels



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#### Xsaitekpanels Users Manual

Purpose - One plugin to allow support for multiple Saitek Pro Flight panels in X-Plane 10.20+ using Linux, Windows and the Mac.

Thanks to Alan Ott's HIDAPI (https://github.com/signal11/hidapi) I am able to now support Linux, Windows and Mac with my plugin Xsaitekpanels.

Many thanks go to the following people who throughout this long process allowed me to get my plugin to this point. Sandy Barbour, Tom Sedge, Michal (uglyDwarf), Philipp, Stefan Oberender, Andy Goldstein, Bernhard (JaXXoN), Fabio, Marcos Lemos, Steven King and Chris Strosser.

With this plugin I am supporting the switch, radio, multi and BIP panels.

x737 support is now outside of the plugin to provide more configuration to the user and not the programmer.

There is a preference file called xsaitekpanels.ini located in the Xsaitekpanels plugins folder and on the next page will explain it in detail.

I will also list the data reference or command reference that I am using for each switch or knob.

- \* = X-Plane normal data reference and command reference.
- \*\* = Remapable command reference.
- \*\*\* = Remapable data reference.

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#### How to install

Put the Xsaitekpanels folder in X-Planes /Resources/plugins/ folder.

Linux users only you will need to install a new 51-Xsaitekpanels.rules in /lib/udev/rules.d for these Saitek panels to be seen by this plugin and is included in this archive. You will also have to reboot for the rule to become active and you should have a saitekpanels files in your dev directory if all is working correctly. After you have that working you might experience some interaction with the panels and your mouse. If that is the case please read the "Linux\_Users\_Please\_Read.txt" for further imformation to help resolve that issue.

#### Cold and Dark

When Xsaitekpanels starts it is normal for the displays on the radio and multi panels to be dark. This is because they do not know where there switches are and for that reason do not know what to display. I have asked many people for a solution but have not found any so this is the way it is and this is how I resolve it for myself. When X-Plane is starting as a preflight task I move one switch on my switch, 2 radio and multi panels and when X-Plane starts they display correctly.

### Support

With the last couple of requests for help I think I need to set some rules.

First Read this manual as it is why I took the time to write it.

Second read the change logs as I try to give the details that changed in that version.

Third. If you are having a issue with Xsaitekpanels not working I am glad to help but if you PM or contact me and do not include a Log.txt I will consider that you are not serious and will delete the PM or not respond to you. I am to busy to beg someone for information that should be given on the first contact.

The Log.txt is located in the root of X-Plane the same place the executable resides and if you need any more info use Google.

This is the kind of info I am looking for.

http://forums.x-plane.org/index.php?/announcement/15-tech-support-information-we-need-information/

#### Source Code

This project and my projects going forward will be open source and reside at <a href="https://github.com/sparker256/xsaitekpanels">https://github.com/sparker256/xsaitekpanels</a> for anyone interested in how A HID plugin is created for all platforms.

For the people that wanted to donate use the donate button there. I am not requesting donations but when people ask me where they can donate I tried to make it as easy as possible.

#### **Supported Platforms**

#### Linux

Supported platforms at this release are any current Ubuntu version. I am using Ubuntu 22.04 LTS and 20.04 LTS with X-Plane 11.55r2 & 12.03r1. You will need to install a new 51-Xsaitekpanels.rules in /lib/udev/rules.d for these Saitek panels to be seen by this plugin. It is included in this archive.

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#### Windows

Supported and tested platforms at this release is Windows 10 and X-Plane 11.55r2 and X-Plane 12.03r1. When X-Plane initially loads the radio and the multi panel may be dark. This is because initially the switches are not read so do not know what to display. Move any switch on the radio or multi panel and if the battery and avionics switch are on they should display the appropriate items.

Windows 10 users need to be aware there is a change in how USB is handled and it breaks part of Xsaitekpanels.

There is also a program called codelegend\_APME\_fix\_for\_Saitek.zip at the bottom of this page that I used on my Windows 10 install with great success.

#### http://www.codelegend.com/idealflight/download/default.htm

There is also a problem if Saitek Smark Technology (SST) Profile Launcher is running and you have a BIP plugged in it will conflict with Xsaitekpanels. This will cause a crash of X-Plane but if you disable SST all will be fine. My thanks to skyhopper who helped us find this issue.

There is also a issue if you are running the BIP Profiler that will crash X-Plane because Xsaitekpanels need full access to all the panels.

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I build on OSX 10.10.5 and have run it on 10.11.6. When X-Plane initially loads the radio and the multi panel may be dark. This is because initially the switches are not read so do not know what to display. Move any switch on the radio or multi panel and if the battery and avionics switch are on they should display the appropriate items. Supported X-Plane versions are X-Plane 11.55r2 & 12.03r1.

#### The "xsaitekpanels.ini" file

xsaitekpanels.ini is configuration file for Xsaitekpanels that allows your menu selections to stick and much more. For this to work you have to edit the xsaitekpanels.ini but you can do this while X-Plane is running and then reload a plane or use the reload xsaitekpanels.ini button and the menu selection will reflect the changes.

You can also open a widget window for each attached panel, which will allow you to make changes to options in the xsaitekpanels.ini file. These widgets can be found from the X-Plane plugin menu under Xsaitekpanels. All changes made are saved on closing the window.

You can also open the radio, multi and switch panel widgets by writing 6, 7, or 8 to the datareference "bgood/xsaitekpanels/reopenpanels". You would normally do this from a FlyWithLua script and so is typically done at a programmers level. Or you could use one of many pre-made FlyWithLua scripts that have these options built in as standard. (See link below) When opening the widget windows using this method, they do not save the xsaitekpanels.ini file when closed, and so is a session change only that you may prefer.

https://forums.x-plane.org/index.php?/files/file/70451-saitek-panels-script-for-zibo-737-800-900u-700u-levelup-737-ng-series-and-max-team-design-737-honeycombbravo-compatible/

xsaitekpanels.ini comes from the archive residing in the plugin folder but can also reside in the aircraft folder to allow different configurations for different aircraft.

Starting with version 2.70 you can also have aircraft name \_xsaitekpanels.ini so for the default Cessna it would be Cessna\_172SP\_xsaitekpanels.ini.

I first look in the current aircraft folder and if I cannot find it there I will look in the Xsaitekpanels plugin folder.

The second function of the configuration file is to disable — enable — remap all switches on the switch, multi and some of the radio panel. I have re organized the xsaitekpanels.ini to put the configuration information just above the command, datareference or value. This is a work in progress and will be expanding with other features in later releases and am looking forward to suggestions on where to go.

This file by default is designed to work with the X-Plane default datareferences and commands. But there are times when an aircraft developer does not use the standards and make their own custom datareferences and commands. This is where you can make changes to the default xsaitekpanels.ini file, and specify what these custom datareferences and commands are so everything still works correctly. You then save this edited xsaitekpanels.ini file in the aircraft root folder.

Look into the xsaitekpanels.ini in the archive for a better idea of how this all works.

This is hard to explain but if you come up with better words please let me know and they will be in the manual.

#### Xsaitekpanelsdatarefs.text

In the archive there is a file called Xsaitekpanelsdatarefs.text which is a list of all the datarefs that Xsaitekpanels creates with the biggest part being the status of all the switches of the Saitek panels. You do not to put it anywhere it is just information as to what is available. You can see the status live using DataRefTool.

#### How to create a custom xsaitekpanels.ini for your add on aircraft.

I have used the following techniques and thought it would be good to broadcast to a wider audience.

To create a custom xsaitekpanels.ini for use in your add on aircraft you will need some information and some tools.

First you need to know what datarefs are being used by the aircraft you are trying to control with Xsaitekpanels. This used to be very difficult but there is a new tool that I have been using and it solves all the previous issues.

The only tool I use now and comes highly recommended is called DataRefTool <a href="https://github.com/leecbaker/datareftool/releases">https://github.com/leecbaker/datareftool/releases</a> which is a open source replacement for DataRefEditor that I used before.

Now copy the unmodified xsaitekpanels.ini from the Xsaitekpanels folder to the aircraft folder you are working with.

Now we can start X-Plane and select your aircraft and when you start DataRefTool and you should see the new datarefs that it found for you current aircraft. They are live so if it is a avionics master switch dataref and you click on it in the virtual cockpit you should see the value for it change and the dataref will change color for 10 seconds to help you find it.

Next step is to start making the saitek panels do the same thing with out the mouse. Open the xsaitekpanels.ini copy that you put in your aircraft folder in your editor of choice and find the switch you want to work with. To help with this DataRefTool has a feature that you can copy the dataref you found and paste it into xsaitekpanels.ini which saves a lot of time. Work through them one at a time and you will slowly remove much of the need for a mouse when flying your aircraft which is my goal.

#### FlyWithLua

easy as BASIC and can be found here.

http://forums.x-plane.org/index.php?s=374bcbfcf9c2e8e06b71d0d79ddcfe73&app=downloads&showfile=17468

I started using FlyWithLua shortly after it came out as a replacement for Button2DataRef that I was using with my Saitek TPM to map the switches to my liking. At that time I did not see the need to use it with Xsaitekpanels but the more I used it I saw how I could use it as a extension of Xsaitekpanels and that is how I use it now.

It has allowed me to add new aircraft that may have a feature that only it has and before I would have to rewrite my plugin to support it I can now write a script for that feature. As a side benefit my users can do the same thing as I do with very little programming knowledge and have your aircraft better supported.

Now to use it with Xsaitekpanels you need to download FlyWithLua and install it. I would highly recommend looking at the manual that comes with it to get a better understanding of how I am using it. Next look in the folder in the archive called FlyWithLua with two sub folders called Modules and Scripts which match the folders for the FlyWithLua plugin.

the Modules folder there five files In are that need to be copied to /Resources/plugins/FlyWithLua/Modules folder. These define every switch on the switch, radio1, radio2, radio3 and the multipanel so FlyWithLua can talk to them.

In the Scripts folder there are scripts that I have configured for different aircraft but only copy the ones that you also have that aircraft. They need to be copied to /Resources/plugins/FlyWithLua/Scripts folder.

In most of the scripts I tried to add comments to help understand what I am doing and if it is not clear enough ask questions as it will only make Xsaitekpanels better.

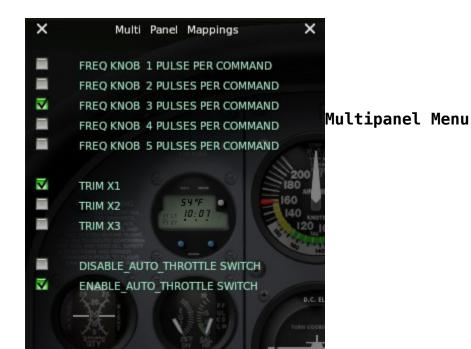
#### **Plugin Menu Selections**



#### **Xsaitekpanels Menu Selections**



**Xsaitekpanels** 



#### **Top Section**

Allows control of the sensitivity of the silver knob.

This is the number of switch pulses from the knob per command.

The default is 3 switch pulses per command.

#### Middle Section

Allows control of the sensitivity of the trim.

The default is 1

#### Lower Section

Allows you to enable of disable the auto throttle switch.

#### Xsaitekpanels Switchpanel Menu



Bat Alt Normal matches the labels on the switch panel.

Alt Bat Cessna matches the position of a Cessna 172.

Start Switch Old is the original style of starting the engines.

Start Switch New allows easier starting of turbines and jets.

As you can see the complete switch panel can be enabled — disabled - remapable.

This widget allows a quick method to test out what you want to do before changing the xsaitekpanels.ini file.

#### Xsaitekpanels Radiopanel Menu



#### **Top Section**

Allows control of the sensitivity of the silver knob.

This is the number of switch pulses from the knob per command.

The default is 3 switch pulses per command.

#### Middle Section

Allows selection of one or two ADF Tuners.

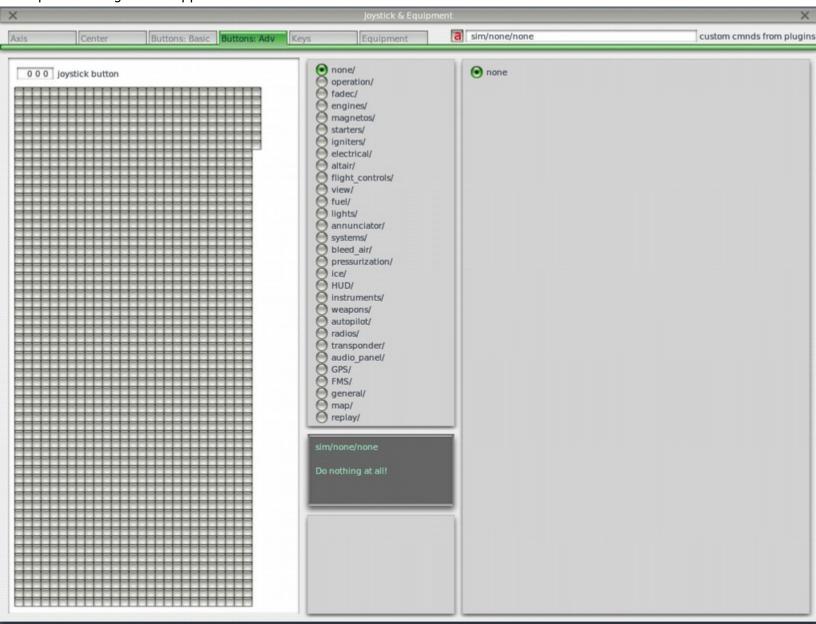
#### Lower Section

Allows selection of QNH in inHg or hPa.

There is a Fn key that allows expanded use of the switches on the panels. It can be mapped for a joystick button or a keyboard key combo. The path is bgood/xsaitekpanels/x panels fn button.

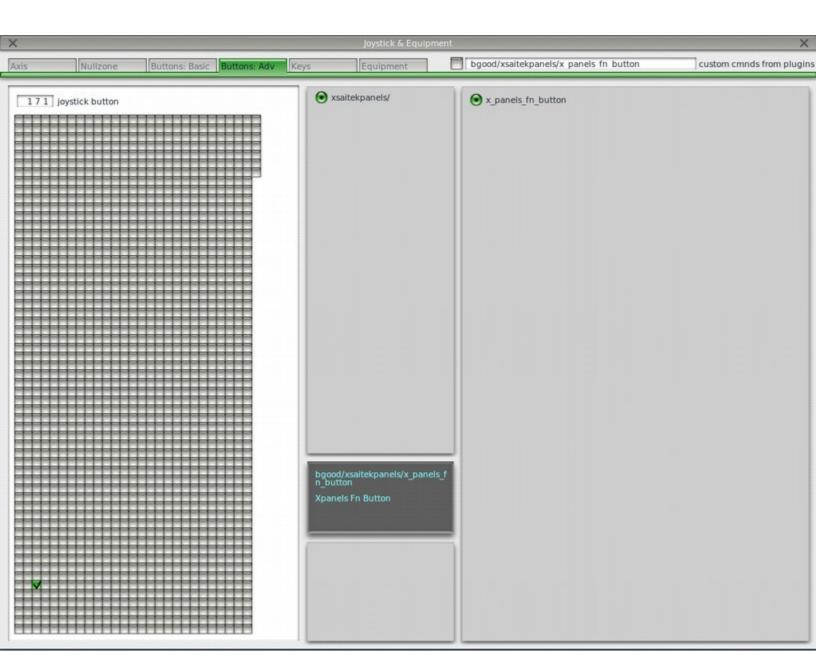
I have added a second Fn key to help in starting the left engine using the switch panel. The path is bgood/xsaitekpanels/left\_start\_fn\_button. Use the following pages to get it working.

Joystick buttons are setup using Buttons:Adv pane in the Joystick & Equipment window, that is accessible through Settings / Joystick, Keys & Equipment menu. Press the desired joystick button, and now click the box next to the tabs I have marked with a red a. An Open dialog will appear.



Select the x_panels_fn_button under bgood > xsaitekpanels dialog and then press open.	s in the left hand pane of the

Finally select the desired command (x\_panels\_fn\_button).



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#### Switch Panel (http://www.saitek.com/uk/prod/switch.html)

The switches are mapped in the following manner for the default behavior. xsaitekpanels.ini allows you to change from the default and what is possible is described in that file. For more info look in the xsaitekpanels.ini section of this manual.

For the engine I look at the number of engines and control that many. In the present version I support four engines.

\*n ignition\_key\_array[0] = 1; // This is for The first engine

\*n XPLMSetDatai(BleedAirMode, bleed air mode);

\*n bleed air mode = 0

\*n BleedAirMode = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/pressure/bleed air mode");

There is a check box for old and new style for the starter switch.

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* = Old Original way
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stn = New where you can use the starter switch to start a turbine or a jet. You may also need the APU running but the starter switch will do the rest.

#### Engine mags off switch

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This grounds out the mags and stops the engine.
     * X = 1 thru 4
      * MagOffX = XPLMFindCommand("sim/magnetos/magnetos off X")
     *n IgnSwitchArray = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/engine/actuators/ignition_key");
      *n XPLMSetDatavi(IgnSwitchArray, ignition key array, 0, 8);
      *n ignition key array[0] = 0 This is for The first engine.
     *n EngnMixt = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/flightmodel/engine/ENGN_mixt");
     *n XPLMSetDatavf(EngnMixt, engn mixt, 0, 8);
      *n engn mixt[0] = 0 This is for The first engine.
      *n IgniterOn = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/engine/actuators/igniter on");
      *n XPLMSetDatavi(IgniterOn, igniter on, 0, 8);
     *n igniter on [0] = 0 This is for The first engine.
     *n BleedAirMode = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/pressure/bleed air mode");
     *n XPLMSetDatai(BleedAirMode, bleed_air_mode);
      *n bleed air mode = 0
Engine mags right switch
     This selects only the right mags to test in run up.
     * X = 1 thru 4
     * MagRightX = XPLMFindCommand("sim/magnetos/magnetos right X")
     *n IgnSwitchArray = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/engine/actuators/ignition_key");
      *n XPLMSetDatavi(IgnSwitchArray, ignition_key_array, 0, 8);
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Engine mags left switch
     This select only the left mags to test in run-up.
      * X = 1 thru 4
      * MagLeftX = XPLMFindCommand("sim/magnetos/magnetos left X")
      *n IgnSwitchArray = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/engine/actuators/ignition key");
      *n XPLMSetDatavi(IgnSwitchArray, ignition_key_array, 0, 8);
      *n ignition key array[0] = 2; // This is for The first engine
      *n BleedAirMode = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/pressure/bleed air mode");
      *n XPLMSetDatai(BleedAirMode, bleed air mode);
      *n bleed air mode = 0
Engine mags both switch
     This selects both mags and is the normal position when the engine is running.
      * X = 1 thru 4
      * MagBothX = XPLMFindCommand("sim/magnetos/magnetos both X")
      *n IgnSwitchArray = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/engine/actuators/ignition key");
      *n XPLMSetDatavi(IgnSwitchArray, ignition_key_array, 0, 8);
      *n ignition_key_array[0] = 3; // This is for The first engine
      *n IgniterOn = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/engine/actuators/igniter_on");
      *n XPLMSetDatavi(IgnSwitchArray, ignition key array, 0, 8);
      *n igniter on [0] = 0 This is for The first engine.
      *n BleedAirMode = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/pressure/bleed_air_mode");
      *n XPLMSetDatai(BleedAirMode, bleed air mode);
      *n bleed_air_mode = 0
Engine start switch
     This engages the starter.
      * X = 1 thru 4
      * EngStartX = XPLMFindCommand("sim/starters/engage starter X");
      *n IgnSwitchArray = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/engine/actuators/ignition key");
      *n XPLMSetDatavi(IgnSwitchArray, ignition_key_array, 0, 8);
      *n ignition key array[0] = 4; // This is for The first engine
      *n EngnMixt = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/flightmodel/engine/ENGN mixt");
      *n XPLMSetDatavf(EngnMixt, engn_mixt, 0, 8);
      *n engn mixt[0] = 1 This is for The first engine.
      *n IgniterOn = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/engine/actuators/igniter_on");
      *n XPLMSetDatavi(IgniterOn, igniter_on, 0, 8);
      *n igniter on[0] = 1 This is for The first engine.
      *n BleedAirMode = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/pressure/bleed air mode");
      *n XPLMSetDatai(BleedAirMode, bleed air mode);
      *n bleed air mode = 4
      *n AcfEnType = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/aircraft/prop/acf_en_type");
      *n XPLMGetDatavi(AcfEnType, acf en type, 0, 8);
      *n If turbine of jet acf_en_type[0] > 1 so use mixture, igniters and bleed air
        *n (acf en type[0] > 1) {
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\*n XPLMSetDatavf(EngnMixt, engn mixt, 0, 8);

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*n {
There is a menu selection called "Bat Alt Normal or Alt Bat Cessna"
      In normal it is as labeled on the panel.
      In Cessna match the position of a Cessna 172SP.
Master Battery switch
      In on position turns on the number of batteries in the plane.
      * BatOnX = XPLMFindCommand("sim/electrical/battery X on")
      ** bat master switch on = getOptionToString("bat master switch on cmd");
      ** BatMasterSwitchOnCmd = XPLMFindCommand(bat master switch on.c str());
      In off position turns off the number of batteries in the plane.
      X = 1 \text{ thru } 2
      * BatOffX = XPLMFindCommand("sim/electrical/battery X off")
      ** bat master switch off = getOptionToString("bat master switch cmd");
      ** BatMasterSwitchOffCmd
                                = XPLMFindCommand(bat master switch off.c str());
Master Alternator switch
      In on position turns on the number of generators as engines.
      * GenOnX = XPLMFindCommand("sim/electrical/generator X on")
      ** alt master switch on = getOptionToString("alt master switch on cmd");
      ** AltMasterSwitchOnCmd
                               = XPLMFindCommand(alt master switch on.c str());
      In off position turns off the number of generators as engines.
      X = 1 \text{ thru } 4
      * GenOffX = XPLMFindCommand("sim/electrical/generator X off")
      ** alt master switch off = getOptionToString("alt master switch off cmd");
                                = XPLMFindCommand(alt master switch_off.c_str());
      ** AltMasterSwitchOffCmd
Avionics master switch
      In the on position turns on all radio equipment.
      * AvLtOn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/systems/avionics on")
      ** av master switch on = getOptionToString("av master switch on cmd");
      ** AvMasterSwitchOnCmd
                              = XPLMFindCommand(av master switch on.c str());
      In the off position turns off all radio equipment.
      * AvLtOff = XPLMFindCommand("sim/systems/avionics_off")
      ** av master switch off = getOptionToString("av master switch off cmd");
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\*\* AvMasterSwitchOffCmd = XPLMFindCommand(av\_master\_switch\_off.c\_str());

\*n XPLMSetDatavi(IgniterOn, igniter\_on, 0, 8);
\*n PLMSetDatai(BleedAirMode, bleed air mode);

#### Fuel pump switch

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In on position turns on the same number of fuel pumps as engines.
   FuelPumpOnX = XPLMFindCommand("sim/fuel/fuel pump X on")
** fuel pump switch on = getOptionToString("fuel pump switch on cmd");
** FuelPumpOnCmd
                   = XPLMFindCommand(fuel_pump_switch_on.c_str());
** fuel_pump2_switch_on = getOptionToString("fuel_pump2_switch_on_cmd");
** FuelPump20nCmd
                   = XPLMFindCommand(fuel_pump2_switch_on.c_str());
  fuel pump3 switch on = getOptionToString("fuel pump3 switch on cmd");
                  = XPLMFindCommand(fuel_pump3_switch_on.c_str());
   FuelPump30nCmd
   fuel pump4 switch_on = getOptionToString("fuel_pump4_switch_on_cmd");
  FuelPump40nCmd
                  = XPLMFindCommand(fuel pump4 switch on.c str());
In off position turns off the same number of fuel pumps as engines.
X = 1 thru 4
   FuelPumpOffX = XPLMFindCommand("sim/fuel/fuel_pump_X_off")
** fuel pump switch off = getOptionToString("fuel pump switch off cmd");
** FuelPumpOffCmd
                   = XPLMFindCommand(fuel pump switch off.c str());
  fuel pump2 switch off = getOptionToString("fuel pump2 switch off cmd");
  FuelPump2OffCmd = XPLMFindCommand(fuel_pump2_switch_off.c_str());
** fuel pump3 switch off = getOptionToString("fuel pump3 switch off cmd");
** FuelPump30ffCmd
                   = XPLMFindCommand(fuel pump3 switch off.c str());
** fuel pump4 switch off = getOptionToString("fuel pump4 switch off cmd");
** FuelPump40ffCmd
                    = XPLMFindCommand(fuel_pump4_switch_off.c_str());
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#### De-Ice switch

```
In the on position turns on anti-ice.
   AntiIce = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/switches/anti_ice on")
  deice switch on = getOptionToString("deice switch on cmd");
               = XPLMFindCommand(deice switch_on.c_str());
  DeiceOnCmd
  deice2 switch on = getOptionToString("deice2 switch on cmd");
                 = XPLMFindCommand(deice2 switch on.c str());
** DeiceOnCmd2
  deice3_switch_on = getOptionToString("deice3_switch_on_cmd");
                 = XPLMFindCommand(deice3 switch on.c str());
  DeiceOnCmd3
** deice4 switch on = getOptionToString("deice4_switch_on_cmd");
  DeiceOnCmd4
                 = XPLMFindCommand(deice4 switch on.c str());
   deice5 switch on = getOptionToString("deice5 switch on cmd");
   DeiceOnCmd5
                 = XPLMFindCommand(deice5_switch_on.c_str());
  deice6_switch_on = getOptionToString("deice6_switch_on_cmd");
                = XPLMFindCommand(deice6 switch on.c str());
** DeiceOnCmd6
  deice7 switch on = getOptionToString("deice7 switch on cmd");
                 = XPLMFindCommand(deice7 switch on.c str());
** DeiceOnCmd7
  deice8_switch_on = getOptionToString("deice8_switch_on_cmd");
  DeiceOnCmd8
                = XPLMFindCommand(deice8 switch on.c str());
In the off position turns off anti-ice
   deice switch off = getOptionToString("deice switch off cmd");
               = XPLMFindCommand(deice switch off.c str());
  DeiceOffCmd
  deice2 switch off = getOptionToString("deice2 switch off cmd");
  DeiceOffCmd2
                 = XPLMFindCommand(deice2_switch_off.c_str());
  deice3 switch off = getOptionToString("deice3 switch off cmd");
** DeiceOffCmd3
                 = XPLMFindCommand(deice3_switch_off.c_str());
** deice4 switch off = getOptionToString("deice4 switch off cmd");
                 = XPLMFindCommand(deice4_switch_off.c_str());
** DeiceOffCmd4
   deice5 switch off = getOptionToString("deice5 switch off cmd");
   DeiceOffCmd5
                 = XPLMFindCommand(deice5_switch_off_str());
** deice6 switch off = getOptionToString("deice6 switch off cmd");
** DeiceOffCmd6 = XPLMFindCommand(deice6_switch_off.c_str());
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** deice8 switch off = getOptionToString("deice8 switch off cmd");
     ** DeiceOffCmd8 = XPLMFindCommand(deice8 switch off.c str());
Pitot heat switch
     In on position turns on pitot tube heat.
     * PtHtOn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/ice/pitot heat on")
     ** pitot_heat_switch_on = getOptionToString("pitot_heat_switch_on_cmd");
     ** PitotHeatOnCmd
                         = XPLMFindCommand(pitot_heat_switch_on.c_str());
     ** pitot2 heat switch on = getOptionToString("pitot2 heat switch on cmd");
     ** Pitot2HeatOnCmd = XPLMFindCommand(pitot2 heat switch on.c str());
     In off position turns off pitot tube heat.
     * PtHtOff = XPLMFindCommand("sim/ice/pitot heat off")
     ** pitot heat switch off = getOptionToString("pitot heat switch off cmd");
     ** PitotHeatOffCmd = XPLMFindCommand(pitot heat switch off.c str());
     ** pitot2_heat_switch_off = getOptionToString("pitot2_heat_switch_off_cmd");
     ** Pitot2HeatOffCmd = XPLMFindCommand(pitot2 heat switch off.c str());
Cowl Flaps switch
     For this to work turn off auto cowl flaps in plane maker.
     In the open position opens the number of cowl flaps as engines.
       ClFlOpn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/flight controls/cowl flaps open")
     ** cowl_flaps_open = getOptionToString("cowl_flaps_open_cmd");
     ** CowlFlapsOpenCmd = XPLMFindCommand(cowl_flaps_open.c_str());
     ** cowl2 flaps open = getOptionToString("cowl2 flaps open cmd");
     ** Cowl2FlapsOpenCmd = XPLMFindCommand(cowl2 flaps open.c str());
     In close position closes the number of cowl flaps as engines.
     * ClFlCls = XPLMFindCommand("sim/flight_controls/cowl_flaps_closed")
     ** cowl_flaps_close = getOptionToString("cowl_flaps_close_cmd");
     ** CowlFlapsCloseCmd = XPLMFindCommand(cowl flaps close.c str());
     ** cowl2 flaps close = getOptionToString("cowl2 flaps close cmd");
     ** Cowl2FlapsCloseCmd = XPLMFindCommand(cowl2_flaps_close.c_str());
Panel lights switch
     In the on position turns on the panel lights.
     * CockpitLights = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/electrical/cockpit lights")
     ** panel lights switch on = getOptionToString("panel lights switch on cmd");
     ** PanelLightsOnCmd
                          = XPLMFindCommand(panel lights switch on.c str());
     In the off position turns off the panel lights.
     ** panel_lights_switch_off = getOptionToString("panel_lights_switch_off_cmd");
     ** PanelLightsOffCmd = XPLMFindCommand(panel lights switch off.c str());
Beacon switch
     In the on position turns on the beacon lights.
     * BcLtOn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/lights/beacon lights on")
     ** beacon lights switch on = getOptionToString("beacon lights switch on cmd");
     ** BeaconLightsOnCmd = XPLMFindCommand(beacon lights switch on.c str());
     In the off position turns off the becon lights.
     * BcLtOff = XPLMFindCommand("sim/lights/beacon lights off")
     ** beacon lights switch off = getOptionToString("beacon lights switch off cmd");
     ** BeaconLightsOffCmd = XPLMFindCommand(beacon lights switch off.c str());
```

\*\* deice7\_switch\_off = getOptionToString("deice7\_switch\_off\_cmd");
\*\* DeiceOffCmd7 = XPLMFindCommand(deice7 switch off.c str());

```
NAV switch
     In the on position turns on the navagation lights.
     * NvLtOn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/lights/nav lights on")
     ** nav lights switch on = getOptionToString("nav lights switch on cmd");
     ** NavLightsOnCmd = XPLMFindCommand(nav lights switch on.c str());
     In the off position turns off the navagation lights.
     * NvLtOff = XPLMFindCommand("sim/lights/nav lights off")
     ** nav lights switch off = getOptionToString("nav lights switch off cmd");
     ** NavLightsOffCmd = XPLMFindCommand(nav lights switch off.c str());
Strobe switch
     In the on position turns on the strobe lights.
     * StLtOn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/lights/strobe lights on")
     ** strobe_lights_switch_on = getOptionToString("strobe_lights_switch_on_cmd");
     ** StrobeLightsOnCmd = XPLMFindCommand(strobe lights switch on.c str());
     In off position turns off the strobe lights.
     * StLtOff = XPLMFindCommand("sim/lights/strobe lights off")
     ** strobe lights switch off = getOptionToString("strobe lights switch off cmd");
     ** StrobeLightsOffCmd = XPLMFindCommand(strobe_lights_switch_off.c_str());
Taxi switch
     In the on position turns on the taxi lights.
        TxLtOn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/lights/taxi_lights on")
     ** taxi_lights_switch_on = getOptionToString("taxi_lights_switch_on_cmd");
     ** TaxiLightsOnCmd = XPLMFindCommand(taxi_lights_switch_on.c_str());
     In the off position turns off the taxi lights.
     * TxLtOff = XPLMFindCommand("sim/lights/taxi_lights_off")
     ** taxi lights switch off = getOptionToString("taxi lights switch off cmd");
     ** TaxiLightsOffCmd = XPLMFindCommand(taxi_lights_switch_off.c_str());
Landing switch
     In the on position turns on the landing lights.
     * LnLtOn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/lights/landing lights on")
     ** landing lights switch on = getOptionToString("landing lights switch on cmd");
     ** LandingLightsOnCmd = XPLMFindCommand(landing lights switch on.c str());
     In the off position turns off the landing lights.
     * LnLtOff = XPLMFindCommand("sim/lights/landing lights off")
     ** landing lights switch off = getOptionToString("landing lights switch off cmd");
     ** LandingLightsOffCmd = XPLMFindCommand(landing lights switch off.c str());
Gear Indicator Lights
     Off: Undercarriage Retracted
     Green: Undercarriage Deployed
     Red: Undercarriage In-Transition or Faulted
     * GearRetract = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/aircraft/gear/acf gear retract")
     * LandingGearStatus = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/aircraft/parts/acf gear deploy")
     * GearlFail = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/operation/failures/rel lagear1")
     * Gear2Fail = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/operation/failures/rel lagear2")
     * Gear3Fail = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/operation/failures/rel lagear3")
```

```
Landing Gear Switch
```

Gear Up or Down

\* GearRetract = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/aircraft/gear/acf gear retract")

\*

```
Radio Panel (<a href="http://www.saitek.com/uk/prod/radio.html">http://www.saitek.com/uk/prod/radio.html</a>)
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\*

The switches are mapped in the following manner for there default behavior. The default behavior can be changed using the xsaitekpanels.ini file and for more information look in that section of the manual.

The radio panel uses the Fn key to expanded use of some of the switches. I will explain in detail where that is true.

I support up to three radio panels.

There is a upper and lower section and are completely independent of each other. I will show the mapping for the upper.

#### COM1 switch position

```
Left display is COM1 Active
* ComlActFreq = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/com1 freq hz")
Right display is COM1 Stanby
* Com1StbyFreq = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/com1 stdby freq hz")
Large silver knob controls the whole numbers
* Com1StbyCorseUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby com1 coarse up")
* Com1StbyCorseDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby_com1_coarse_down")
Small silver knob controls the fractional numbers
* Com1StbyFineUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby com1 fine up")
* Com1StbyFineDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby_com1_fine_down")
ACT/STBY moves the left and right display
* Com1ActStby = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/com1 standy flip")
```

#### COM2 switch position

```
Left display is COM2 Active
* Com2ActFreg = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/com2 freg hz")
Right display is COM2 Stanby
* Com2StbyFreg = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/com2 stdby freg hz")
Large silver knob controls the whole numbers
* Com2StbyCorseUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby com2 coarse up")
* Com2StbyCorseDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby_com2_coarse_down")
Small silver know controls the fractional numbers
* Com2StbyFineUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby com2 fine up")
* Com2StbyFineDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby_com2_fine_down")
ACT/STBY moves the left and right display
* Com2ActStby = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/com2 standy flip")
```

```
NAV1 switch position
      Left display is NAV1 Active
      * Nav1ActFreq = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/nav1 freq hz")
      Right display is NAV1 Stanby
      * Nav1StbyFreq = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/nav1 stdby freq hz")
      If Fn key pushed display Obs1
      Large silver knob controls the whole numbers
      * Nav1StbyCorseUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby nav1 coarse up")
      * Nav1StbyCorseDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby nav1 coarse down")
      If Fn key pushed.
      * Obs1Up = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/obs1 up);
      * Obs1Down = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/obs1 down);
      Small silver know controls the fractional numbers
      * Nav1StbyFineUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby nav1 fine up")
      * Nav1StbyFineDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby nav1 fine down")
      If Fn key pushed.
      * Obs1Up = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/obs1 up"); X 10
      * Obs1Down = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/obs1 down"); X 10
      ACT/STBY moves the left and right display
      * Nav1ActStby = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/nav1 standy flip")
NAV2 switch position
      Left display is NAV2 Active
      * Nav2ActFreg = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/nav2 freg hz")
      Right display is NAV2 Stanby
      * Nav2StbyFreg = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/nav2 stdby freg hz")
      If Fn key pushed display Obs2.
      Large silver knob controls the whole numbers
      * Nav2StbyCorseUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby nav2 coarse up")
      * Nav2StbyCorseDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby_nav2_coarse_down")
      If Fn key pushed.
      * Obs2Up = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/obs2 up");
      * Obs2Down = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/obs2 down");
      Small silver knob controls the fractional numbers
      * Nav2StbyFineUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby nav2 fine up")
      * Nav2StbyFineDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby nav2 fine down")
      If Fn key pushed.
      * Obs2Up = XPLMFindCommand("sin/radios/obs2 up); X 10
      * Obs2Down = XPLMFindCommand("sin/radios/obs2 down); X 10
      ACT/STBY moves the left and right display
      * Nav2ActStby = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/nav2 standy flip")
```

#### Upper ADF switch position If one ADF selected from menu upper and lower are as shown. Left display is ADF Active \* Adf1ActFreg = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/adf1 freg hz") Right display is ADF Standby \* Adf1StbyFreg = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/adf1 stdby freg hz") If Fn key pushed display Adfl card direction. \* Adf1CardDirDegm = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/adf1 cardinal dir"); If Fn key is not pushed. Large silver knob controls the selected number to increase or decrease. The position is marked with a decimal point. Small silver knob controls increase of decrease of the selected digit. Ones selected \* Afd1StbyOnesUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby adf1 ones up") \* Afd1StbyOnesDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby adf1 ones down") Tens selected \* Afd1StbyTensUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby adf1 tens up") \* Afd1StbyTensDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby\_adf1\_tens\_down") Hundereds selected \* Afd1StbyHunUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby adf1 hundreds up") \* Afd1StbyHunDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby adf1 hundreds down") ACT/STBY moves the right and left display \* AdflActStby = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/adfl standy flip") If Fn key is pushed. Large silver knob adds or subtracts 10 to \* Adf1CardDirDegm = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/adf1 cardinal dir");

\* Adf1CardDirDegm = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/adf1 cardinal dir");

Small silver knob adds or subtracts 1 to

```
Lower ADF switch position
     If two ADF's selected from menu upper is the same and lower are as shown below.
     Left display is ADF Active
     * Adf1ActFreg = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/adf2 freg hz")
     Right display is ADF Standby
     * Adf1StbyFreg = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/adf2 stdby freg hz")
     If Fn key pushed and 1 adf display Adf1 card direction.
     * Adf1CardDirDegm = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/adf1 cardinal dir");
     If Fn key pushed and 2 adfs display Adf2 card direction.
     * Adf2CardDirDegm = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/adf2_cardinal_dir");
     Large silver knob controls the selected number to increase or decrease.
     The position is marked with a decimal point.
     Small silver knob controls increase of decrease of the selected digit.
     Ones selected
     * Afd1StbyOnesUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby adf2 ones up")
     * Afd1StbyOnesDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby adf2 ones down")
     Tens selected
     * Afd1StbyTensUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby adf2 tens up")
     * Afd1StbyTensDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby_adf2_tens_down")
     Hundereds selected
     * Afd1StbyHunUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby adf2 hundreds up")
     * Afd1StbyHunDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/stby adf2 hundreds down")
     ACT/STBY moves the right and left display
     * AdflActStby = XPLMFindCommand("sim/radios/adf2 standy flip")
     If Fn key is pushed and 1 adf.
     Large silver knob adds or subtracts 10 to
     * Adf1CardDirDegm = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/adf1 cardinal dir");
     Small silver knob adds or subtracts 1 to
     * Adf1CardDirDegm = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/adf1 cardinal dir");
     If Fn key is pushed and 2 adfs.
     Large silver knob adds or subtracts 10 to
     * Adf2CardDirDegm = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/adf2_cardinal_dir");
```

\* Adf2CardDirDegm = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/adf2 cardinal dir");

Small silver knob adds or subtracts 1 to

#### DME switch position

Left display depends on the mode selected. RMT selected displays speed in knots \* Nav1DmeSpeed = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/radios/indicators/nav1 dme speed kts") \* Nav2DmeSpeed = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/radios/indicators/nav2\_dme\_speed\_kts") FRQ selected displays frequency XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/radios/actuators/dme frequency hz") \* DmeFreg = GS/T selected displays Ground speed in knots \* DmeSpeed = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/radios/indicators/dme dme speed kts Right display depends in the mode selected RMT selected displays distance in nautical miles \*Nav1DmeNmDist=XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/radios/indicators/nav1 dme distance nm") \*Nav2DmeNmDist=XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/radios/indicators/nav2 dme distance nm") FRQ selected displays time in minutes \* DmeTime = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/radios/indicators/dme dme time min") GS/T selected displays time in minutes \* DmeTime = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/radios/indicators/dme dme time min") Large silver knob depends on mode selected RMT selected has no operation FRO selected adjusts the whole numbers on the display on the left GS/T selected has no operation Small silver knob depends on mode selected RMT selected has no operation FRO selected adjust the fractional numbers on the display on the left GS/T selected has no operation If Fn key is not pressed. ACT/STBY selects the three modes of the DME RMT Remote DME channels when you select your NAV frequency on the Nav receiver. FRQ Frequency DMT displays distance and selected frequency adjusted by silver

If Fn key is pressed. ACT/STBY selects N1 or N2

GS/T Groundspeed/Time-to-Station

knobs

#### XPDR switch position

The Fn key is used here to add functionality to this position.

Left display is the barometer setting for the altimeter.

A menu selection allows you to select inHg or hPa to be used in setting the altimeter. There is also a xsaitekpanels.ini setting to change the default.

If the Fn key is pushed a decimal point is displayed in the left hand side.

\* BaroSetting = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/misc/barometer setting")

Right display is the transponder code.

There is a decimal point at the digit that can be adjusted.

\* XpdrCode = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/radios/transponder\_code")

Large silver knob depends on the function button.

If the Fn key is not pushed.

Adjusts the selected digit to be changed for the transponder.

If the Fn key is pushed.

Adjusts the barometer in X 10 adjustments.

Small silver knob depends on the function button.

If the Fn key is not pushed.

Adjust the selected digit for the Transponder.

If the Fn key is pushed.

Adjusts the barometer in X 1 adjustments.

ACT/STBY depends on the function button

If the Fn key is not pushed.

Selects the modes of the transponder.

If the Fn key is pushed.

Sets the barometer setting to 29.92.

#### Multi Panel (<a href="http://www.saitek.com/uk/prod/multi.html">http://www.saitek.com/uk/prod/multi.html</a>)

The switches are mapped in the following manner for there default behavior. The default behavior can be changed using the xsaitekpanels.ini file and for more information look in that section of the manual.

The multi panel uses the Fn key to expanded use of some of the switches. I will explain in detail where that is true.

The NAV button has been tweaked to allow users to control VORLOC and LNAV. The behavior of the NAV button is dependent upon the HSI selector. If NAV1 or NAV2 is selected, the NAV button and LED are associated with VORLOC; otherwise, it is linked to LNAV. Lastly, the FN+IAS button controls the IAS-to-Mach changeover.

#### **ALT** switch position

```
Upper display is the auto pilot altitude.
* ApAlt = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/autopilot/altitude")
Lower display is the auto pilot vertical speed.
* ApVs = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/autopilot/vertical velocity")
Silver knob adjusts the altitude up and down.
If the Fn key is not pushed.
Adjust in 100 foot increments
* ApAlt = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/autopilot/altitude")
** alt switch up remapable = getOptionToString("alt switch up remapable cmd");
** AltSwitchUpRemapableCmd
                               = XPLMFindCommand(alt switch up remapable.c str());
** alt_switch_dn_remapable = getOptionToString("alt_switch_dn_remapable_cmd");
** AltSwitchDnRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(alt_switch_dn_remapable.c_str());
*** alt_switch_data_remapable = getOptionToString("alt_switch_remapable_data");
                              = XPLMFindDataRef(alt switch data remapable.c str());
*** AltSwitchRemapableData
If the Fn key is pushed.
Adjusts in 1000 foot increments.
```

```
VS switch position
     Upper display in the auto pilot altitude
      * ApAlt = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/autopilot/altitude")
     Lower display is the auto pilot vertical speed
      * ApVs = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/autopilot/vertical velocity")
     Silver knob adjusts vertical speed up and down
     If the Fn key is not pushed.
     Adjusts in 100 foot increments.
        ApVsUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/autopilot/vertical speed up")
       ApVsDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/autopilot/vertical speed down")
      ** vs switch up remapable = getOptionToString("vs switch up remapable cmd");
     ** VsSwitchUpRemapableCmd
                                 = XPLMFindCommand(vs_switch_up_remapable.c_str());
      ** vs switch dn remapable = getOptionToString("vs switch dn remapable cmd");
      ** VsSwitchDnRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(vs switch dn remapable.c str());
      *** vs switch data remapable = getOptionToString("vs switch remapable data");
      *** VsSwitchRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(vs switch data remapable.c str());
     If the Fn key is pushed.
     Adjusts in 200 foot increments.
        ApVsUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/autopilot/vertical speed up")
       ApVsDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/autopilot/vertical speed down")
      ** vs switch up remapable = getOptionToString("vs switch up remapable cmd");
      ** VsSwitchUpRemapableCmd
                                 = XPLMFindCommand(vs switch up remapable.c str());
      ** vs switch dn remapable = getOptionToString("vs switch dn remapable cmd");
      ** VsSwitchDnRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(vs switch dn remapable.c str());
      *** vs switch data remapable = getOptionToString("vs switch remapable data");
      *** VsSwitchRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(vs switch data remapable.c str());
IAS switch position
     Upper display is the auto pilot indicated air speed
      * ApAs = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/autopilot/airspeed")
     Lower display is blank.
     Silver knob adjusts indicated air speed up and down
     If the Fn key is not pushed.
     Adjusts by a factor of 1 if knots .01 if mach
        AirspeedIsMach = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/autopilot/airspeed is mach")
        Airspeed = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/autopilot/airspeed")
      ** ias switch up remapable = getOptionToString("ias switch up remapable cmd");
                                  = XPLMFindCommand(ias_switch_up_remapable.c str());
      ** IasSwitchUpRemapableCmd
      ** ias_switch_dn_remapable = getOptionToString("ias_switch_dn_remapable_cmd");
      ** IasSwitchDnRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(ias switch dn remapable.c str());
      *** ias switch data remapable = getOptionToString("ias switch remapable data");
      *** IasSwitchRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(ias switch data remapable.c str());
     If the Fn key is pushed.
     Adjusts by a factor of 10 if knots .1 if mach
        AirspeedIsMach = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/autopilot/airspeed is mach")
        Airspeed = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/autopilot/airspeed")
      ** IasSwitchUpRemapableCmd
                                  = XPLMFindCommand(ias_switch_up_remapable.c_str());
      ** ias switch dn remapable = getOptionToString("ias switch dn remapable cmd");
      ** IasSwitchDnRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(ias switch dn remapable.c str());
```

```
HDG switch position
      Upper display is the auto pilot heading.
      * ApHdg = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/autopilot/heading mag")
      Lower display is blank.
      Silver knob adjusts the heading up and down
      If the Fn key is not pushed.
      Adjusts by a factor of 1.
        ApHdg = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/autopilot/heading mag")
      ** hdg switch up remapable = getOptionToString("hdg_switch_up_remapable_cmd");
      ** HdgSwitchUpRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(hdg switch up remapable.c str());
      ** hdg_switch_dn_remapable = getOptionToString("hdg_switch_dn_remapable_cmd");
      ** HdgSwitchDnRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(hdg switch dn remapable.c str());
      *** hdg switch data remapable = getOptionToString("hdg switch remapable data");
      *** HdgSwitchRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(hdg switch data remapable.c str());
      If the Fn key is pushed.
      Adjusts by a factor of 10.
       ApHdg = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit/autopilot/heading mag")
      ** HdgSwitchUpRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(hdg_switch_up_remapable.c_str());
      ** hdg_switch_dn_remapable = getOptionToString("hdg_switch_dn_remapable_cmd");
      ** HdgSwitchDnRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(hdg switch dn remapable.c str());
      *** hdg switch data remapable = getOptionToString("hdg switch remapable data");
      *** HdgSwitchRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(hdg switch data remapable.c str());
CRS switch position
      Upper display is the auto pilot course
      * ApCrs = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/radios/actuators/hsi obs deg mag pilot")
      Lower display is blank.
      Silver knob adjusts the course
      If the Fn key is not pushed.
      Adjusts by a factor of 1.
      ** crs_switch_up_remapable = getOptionToString("crs_switch_up_remapable_cmd");
      ** CrsSwitchUpRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(crs switch up remapable.c str());
      ** crs switch dn remapable = getOptionToString("crs switch dn remapable cmd");
      ** CrsSwitchDnRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(crs switch dn remapable.c str());
      *** crs_switch_data_remapable = getOptionToString("crs_switch_remapable_data");
      *** CrsSwitchRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(crs switch data remapable.c str());
      If the Fn key is pushed ajusts by a factor of 10
      ** ** crs switch up remapable = getOptionToString("crs switch up remapable cmd");
      ** CrsSwitchUpRemapableCmd
                                 = XPLMFindCommand(crs_switch_up_remapable.c_str());
      ** crs switch dn remapable = getOptionToString("crs switch dn remapable cmd");
      ** CrsSwitchDnRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(crs switch dn remapable.c str());
      *** crs_switch_data_remapable = getOptionToString("crs_switch_remapable_data");
      *** CrsSwitchRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(crs switch data remapable.c str());
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\*\*\* ias\_switch\_data\_remapable = getOptionToString("ias\_switch\_remapable\_data");
\*\*\* IasSwitchRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(ias switch data remapable.c str());

#### **AP Button**

Selects flight director modes. Off = 0

```
0n = 1
      Auto = 2
      * ApMstrStat = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/autopilot/flight director mode")
      ** ap button remapable = getOptionToString("ap button remapable cmd");
      ** ApButtonRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(ap_button_remapable.c_str());
AP Indicator Light
      Flight director mode
      Off = light is off = 0
      On = light is flashing = 1
      Auto = light is on = 2
      * ApMstrStat = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/autopilot/flight_director_mode")
      ** ap light remapable = getOptionToString("ap_light_remapable_data");
      *** ApLightRemapableData
                                = XPLMFindDataRef(ap light remapable.c str());
      *** ap_light_flash_remapable = getOptionToString("ap_light_flash_remapable_data");
      *** ApLightFlashRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(ap_light_flash_remapable.c_str());
HDG Button
      Toggle On or Off Autopilot heading-hold
        ApHdgBtn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/autopilot/heading");
      ** hdg button remapable = getOptionToString("hdg button remapable cmd");
      ** HdgButtonRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(hdg_button_remapable.c_str());
      If the Fn key is pushed Heading is synced to magnetic heading.
HDG Indicator Light
      Heading Status
      Off: Auto Pilot off or Autopilot Heading Status > off = 0
      Flashing: Autopilot Heading Status > armed = 1
      On: Autopilot Heading Status > captured = 2
        ApHdgStat = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/autopilot/heading_status")
      *** hdg_light_remapable = getOptionToString("hdg_light_remapable_data");
                                = XPLMFindDataRef(hdg_light_remapable.c_str());
      *** HdgLightRemapableData
      *** hdg light flash remapable = getOptionToString("hdg light flash remapable data");
      *** HdqLightFlashRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(hdq light flash remapable.c str());
NAV Button
      Toggle On or Off Autopilot VOR/LOC arm
      * ApNavBtn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/autopilot/NAV")
      ** nav button vorloc remapable = getOptionToString("nav button vorloc remapable cmd");
      ** NavButtonVorlocRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(nav button vorloc remapable.c str());
      ** nav_button_lnav_remapable = getOptionToString("nav_button_lnav_remapable cmd");
      ** NavButtonLnavRemapableCmd
                                    = XPLMFindCommand(nav button lnav remapable.c str());
      If the Fn key is pushed NAV Button toggles OSB1 and OBS2.
NAV Indicator Light
      NAV mode
      Off: Autopilot off or Autopilot NAV Status > off = 0
      Flashing: Autopilot NAV Status > armed = 1
      On: Autopilot NAV Status > captured = 2
         ApNavBtn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/autopilot/NAV")
      *** nav light_vorloc_remapable = getOptionToString("nav_light_vorloc__remapable_data");
      *** NavLightVorlocRemapableData
      XPLMFindDataRef(nav_light_vorloc remapable.c str());
      *** nav light vorloc flash remapable =
      getOptionToString("nav light vorloc flash remapable data");
      *** NavLightVorlocFlashRemapableData =
      XPLMFindDataRef(nav_light_vorloc_flash_remapable.c_str());
      *** nav light lnav remapable = getOptionToString("nav light lnav remapable data");
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*** NavLightLnavRemapableData
                                      = XPLMFindDataRef( nav_light_lnav_remapable.c_str());
      *** nav light lnav flash remapable =
      getOptionToString("nav light lnav flash remapable data");
      *** NavLightLnavFlashRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(
      nav light lnav flash remapable.c str());
IAS Button
      Toggle On or Off Auto pilot IAS guidance mode
         ApIasBtn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/autopilot/level change")
      *** ias_button_remapable = getOptionToString("ias_button_remapable_cmd");
      *** IasButtonRemapableCmd
                                  = XPLMFindCommand(ias button remapable.c str());
      *** ias changeover button remapable =
      getOptionToString("ias changeover button remapable cmd");
      *** IasChangeoverButtonRemapableCmd =
      XPLMFindCommand(ias changeover button remapable.c str());
      If the Fn key is pushed toggle between knots and mach.
        ApKnotsMachTgl = XPLMFindCommand("sim/autopilot/knots mach toggle");
IAS Indicator Light
      Off: Autopilot Speed-hold (via pitch) status > off = 0
      Flashing: Autopilot Speed-hold (via pitch) status > armed = 1
      On: Autopilot Speed-hold (via pitch) status > captured = 2
          ApIasStat = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/autopilot/speed status")
      *** ias_light_remapable = getOptionToString("ias_light_remapable_data");
      *** IasLightRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(ias_light_remapable.c_str());
*** ias_light_flash_remapable = getOptionToString("ias_light_flash_remapable_data");
      *** IasLightFlashRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(ias light flash remapable.c str());
ALT Button
      Toggle On or Off Autopilot altitude select or hold
        ApAltArmBtn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/autopilot/altitude arm");
      ** alt button remapable = getOptionToString("alt button remapable cmd");
      ** AltButtonRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(alt button remapable.c str());
ALT Indicator Light
      Off: Autopilot Altitude hold status > off = 0
      Flashing: Autopilot Altitude hold status > armed = 1
      On: Autopilot Altitude hold status > captured = 2
          ApAltStat = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/autopilot/altitude hold status")
      *** alt_light_remapable = getOptionToString("alt_light_remapable_data");
      *** AltLightRemapableData
                                 = XPLMFindDataRef(alt_light_remapable.c_str());
      *** alt light flash remapable = getOptionToString("alt light flash remapable data");
      *** AltLightFlashRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(alt light flash remapable.c str());
VS Button
      Toggle On or Off Autopilot vertical speed
      * ApVsBtn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/autopilot/vertical speed")
      ** vs_button_remapable = getOptionToString("vs_button_remapable_cmd");
      ** VsButtonRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(vs button remapable.c str());
VS Indicator Light
      Off: Autopilot VVI Status > off = 0
      Flashing: Autopilot VVI Status > armed = 1
      On: Autopilot VVI Status > captured = 2
          ApVsStat = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/autopilot/vvi status")
      *** vs light remapable = getOptionToString("vs light remapable data");
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*** VsLightRemapableData
                                = XPLMFindDataRef(vs_light_remapable.c_str());
      *** vs light flash remapable = getOptionToString("vs light flash remapable data");
     *** VsLightFlashRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(vs_light_flash_remapable.c_str());
APR Button
     Toggle On or Off Autopilot approach
        ApAprBtn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/autopilot/approach")
     ** apr_button_remapable = getOptionToString("apr_button_remapable_cmd");
      ** AprButtonRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(apr button remapable.c str());
     If the Fn key is pushed CRS is synced to magnetic heading.
APR Indicator Light
     Off: Autopilot approach status > off = 0
     Flashing: Autopilot approach status > armed = 1
     On: Autopilot approach status > captured = 2
         ApAprStat = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/autopilot/approach status")
     *** apr light remapable = getOptionToString("apr light remapable data");
                                 = XPLMFindDataRef(apr_light_remapable.c_str());
     *** AprLightRemapableData
     *** apr_light_flash_remapable = getOptionToString("apr_light_flash_remapable_data");
     *** AprLightFlashRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(apr light flash remapable.c str());
REV Button
     Toggle On or Off Autopilot back-course
       ApRevBtn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/autopilot/back course")
     ** rev button remapable = getOptionToString("rev button remapable cmd");
     ** RevButtonRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(rev button remapable.c str());
REV Indicator Light
     Off: Autopilot Back-course Status > off = 0
     Flashing: Autopilot Back-course Status > armed = 1
     On: Autopilot Back-course Status > captured = 2
         ApRevStat = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/autopilot/backcourse status")
     *** rev_light_remapable = getOptionToString("rev_light_remapable_data");
     *** RevLightRemapableData
                                 = XPLMFindDataRef(rev_light_remapable.c_str());
     *** rev light flash remapable = getOptionToString("rev light flash remapable data");
     *** RevLightFlashRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(rev light flash remapable.c str());
Auto Throttle Switch
     Off: Auto-throttle off = 0
     Arm: Auto-throttle on = 1
        ApAutThr = XPLMFindDataRef("sim/cockpit2/autopilot/autothrottle enabled")
                 Auto-throttle on, 0 or 1. This is the switch.
      ** attr switch remapable = getOptionToString("auto throttle switch remapable data");
     ** AttrSwitchRemapableData = XPLMFindDataRef(attr switch remapable.c str());
     Up: Retracts flaps by one notch from current position
       FlapsUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/flight controls/flaps up")
     ** flaps up remapable = getOptionToString("flaps up remapable cmd");
      ** FlapsUpRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(flaps up remapable.c str());
     Down: Extends flaps by one notch from current position
      * FlapsDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/flight controls/flaps down")
      ** flaps dn remapable = getOptionToString("flaps dn remapable cmd");
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**Flaps** 

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** FlapsDnRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(flaps_dn_remapable.c_str());
Fn Key: No Special Effect.
```

#### Pitch Trim Wheel

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DN: Moves the trim wheel in the down direction
* PitchTrimDn = XPLMFindCommand("sim/flight_controls/pitch_trim_down")
** trim_dn_remapable = getOptionToString("trim_dn_remapable_cmd");
** TrimDnRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(trim_dn_remapable.c_str());

UP: Moves the trim wheel in the up direction
* PitchTrimUp = XPLMFindCommand("sim/flight_controls/pitch_trim_up")
** trim_up_remapable = getOptionToString("trim_up_remapable_cmd");
** TrimUpRemapableCmd = XPLMFindCommand(trim_up_remapable.c_str());
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#### Backlight Information Panel (http://www.saitek.com/uk/prod/bip.html)

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It uses a Config file that resides in /Resources/plugins/Xsaitekpanels/D2B\_config.txt is for the first BIP. It may also reside in the aircraft folder and I will look in the current aircrafts folder first and if not found revert back to the Xsaitekpanels plugin folder.

If you have a second BIP it uses the Config file that resides at the following path /Resources/plugins/Xsaitekpanels/D2B config2.txt.

It may also reside in the aircraft folder and I will look in the current aircrafts folder first and if not found revert back to the Xsaitekpanels plugin folder. I have started using the serial numbers of the BIP's so that when 2 are in use it matches a serial number to D2B\_config.txt and the other serial number to D2B\_config2.txt. This has proven to be a much better way to keep track of two BIP's.

If you have a third BIP it uses the Config file that resides at the following path /Resources/plugins/Xsaitekpanels/D2B config3.txt.

It may also reside in the aircraft folder and I will look in the current aircrafts folder first and if not found revert back to the Xsaitekpanels plugin folder. I have started using the serial numbers of the BIP's so that when 3 are in use it matches a serial number to D2B\_config.txt and the other serial number to D2B\_config3.txt. This has proven to be a much better way to keep track of three BIP's.

To make it very easy to edit the files please look at D2B-Tool for Xsaitekpanels BIP 1.0.rc2 located at <a href="http://forums.x-plane.org/index.php?app=downloads&showfile=16139">http://forums.x-plane.org/index.php?app=downloads&showfile=16139</a> by CouchPilot. It creates the text files in a GUI way but also allows you to print your own template so you can have as many different tiles as you would like. Thanks for this great new tool.

Look at as a example of what is possible. The D2B\_config.txt has two parts a default section and a test section.

The default section mimics the annunciator panel in a Cessna 172.

The test section test all the indicators when you select test and click on the annunciator test button.

Look at your /Resources/plugins/DataRefs.txt to see what data reference's are available to you.

The config file structure is as follows.

Every line not starting with # is ignored. So please fill it with comments.

You can use the following commands in the config file:

#SET BIP <a> <b> <c> FROM DATAREF <d> RANGE <e> TO <f>

- a) Which row with A being the top row A, B, C.
- b) Position on the Row starting with 0. (0 7).
- c) Which color do you want to display. G = Green, R = Red, A = Amber.
- d) Data Reference to tell the indicator to turn on.
- e) First number to check.
- f) Second number to check.

#SET BIP <a> <b> <c> FROM ARRAY <d> <e> RANGE <f> <g>

- a) Which row with A being the top row A, B, C.
- b) Position on the Row starting with 0. (0 7).
- c) Which color do you want to display. G = Green, R = Red, A = Amber.
- d) Data Reference to tell the indicator to turn on.
- e) Array position. For multi engine 0 =first engine.
- f) First number to check.
- g) Second number to check.

#### NEW XSAITEK PLUGIN FEATURE LIST FOR 2023 - Version 3.04 to 3.08 (Geoff Lohr)

Most of these functions below can be triggered by writing a number to the following DataRefs, for programmer use. I designed them this way so they could be used by scripts. The DataRef for the open and reopen functions is "bgood/xsaitekpanels/reopenpanels", and the DataRef for the Debug mode is "bgood/xsaitekpanels/debuglog/status".

#### The following is a list of recent additions and improvements.

- 1) Sometimes when adjusting values, the last digit would take 1 second before it displayed. This has now been fixed.
- 2) The one second key bounce on the AutoPilot button is no longer required and has been removed and is now very responsive.
- **3)** You can open the Radio, Multi and Switch widgets by writing '6', '7' and '8' to the reopen DataRef as well as from the X-Plane Plugins menu. The widgets opened by writing this DataRef do not save your changes to the xsaitekpanels.ini file for the current aircraft. But they do when selected from the X-Plane Plugins menu. Done this way so you can change options and have it be for a one of session only by writing the DataRef.
- **4)** You can reload all FlyWithLua scripts by writing '10' to the reopen DataRef as well as from the plugin menu.
- **5)** You can reload the "xsaitekpanels.ini" file also by by writing '9' to the reopen DataRef as well as from the plugin menu.
- 6) You can reopen the Radio, Multi and Switch panels if they were disconnected without having to reload X-Plane. You can do individual panels or all of them at the same time. This can be done by writing the reopen DataRef, or from the Plugin menu. Good if you accidentally move the plug and lose power on a USB port. You can reopen it without having to exit X-Plane. Or if a panel failed to start and you did not notice it until X-Plane was fully loaded, you can pull the plug and replug that panel, and then try a reopen, which will work almost always. You can also add panels after X-Plane has loaded and you can open them from fresh. It will also update the X-Plane Plugins menu with what was found.
- 7) Since the panels cannot be read by the plugin until you give them input, I have given the option in the "xsaitekpanels.ini" file to specify the values you want shown on load, so you can match the switch positions, and it will load displaying the correct values.
- 8) The plugin version and the panel number are displayed on the Radio Panel display during load. The first number is the Radio Panel number and the -1 and -2 after the panel number indicate upper and lower panel, and hence 1-1 and 1-2 for the first Radio Panel found.
- **9)** A very detailed debug information screen is available by writing '2' to the debug DataRef. It is very useful if having problems working out if you have the correct "xsaitekpanels.ini" file. Many other options are given also. This information is written to the log.txt file. See INFORMATION FOR PROGRAMMERS at the end of these instructions for more information and other new debug options.
- 10) These two were done by the author at my request before I started making all these changes. You can put a file ID number in the "xsaitekpanels.ini" file that can be read later by a script to see if it is the correct ini file. And the DataRef for the upper and low Radio Panels for XPDR (QNH) can now be specified.
- 11) The upper Radio Panel for XPDR (QNH) does Captain while the lower panel now does Copilot by default.

12) Holding your assigned FN button while on NAV1 or NAV2 will now display four digits instead of three if the value is over 999. It will also automatically add a decimal point if the value is inHg and matches one of the default X-Plane barometric DataRefs.

#### **INFORMATION FOR PROGRAMMERS:**

Below are details on how programmers can use the DataRef for the open and reopen functions and Debug modes.

For the reopen and open functions you write one of the following 15 numbers to "bgood/xsaitekpanels/reopenpanels"

The plugin will automatically clear any number from 1 to 15 written with "0" after it responds to your request.

- 1 = Reopen Radio Panel
- 2 = Reopen Multi Panel
- 3 = Reopen Switch Panel
- 4 = Reserved for BIP
- **5** = Reopen all Panels
- 6 = Open Radio Widget
- **7** = Open Multi Widget
- 8 = Open Switch Widget
- 9 = Reload xsaitekpanels.ini file
- 10 = Reload all Scripts
- 11 = Reopen Radio Panel and reload all Scripts
- 12 = Reopen Multi Panel and reload all Scripts
- 13 = Reopen Switch Panel and reload all Scripts
- 14 = Reserved for BIP
- 15 = Reopen all Panels and reload all Scripts

The numbers 16 to 30 below are status numbers from the plugin after writing 1, 2, 3, 5, 11, 12, 13, and 15 to the DataRef.

It is up to you how you choose to respond and to clear the status by writing a "0" afterwards.

- 16 = A reopen Radio Panel request was executed without error
- 17 = A reopen Multi Panel request was executed without error
- 18 = A reopen Switch Panel request was executed without error
- 19 = A reopen all panels request was executed without error

The following are status numbers from the plugin when a panel that was not present when X-Plane loaded is found and opened.

- 20 = A Radio Panel was found and opened
- 21 = A Multi Panel was found and opened
- 22 = A Radio and Multi Panel were found and opened
- 23 = A Switch Panel was found and opened
- 24 = A Radio and Switch Panel were found and opened
- 25 = A Multi and Switch Panel were found and opened
- 26 = A Radio, Multi and Switch Panel were found and opened.

The following are status numbers from the plugin when a panel does not exist or has been disconnected.

- 27 = No Panels or they have all been disconnected.
- 28 = No Radio Panel or it has been disconnected
- 29 = No Multi Panel or it has been disconnected
- 30 = No Switch Panel or it has been disconnected

Below is an example of what you could use to automatically respond to the above status codes. You may use this example, which is used in all my scripts, BUT ONLY if you GIVE CREDIT to me accordingly.

Especially since all the code to do everything here was written by myself and officially added to the plugin with the authors permission.

Functions that find and open a panel after X-Plane was loaded would normally require a script reload so your code knows it now exists. And hence writing "10" to the DataRef will trigger a script reload. Otherwise, it should be cleared with a "0".

```
function Msg Loop()
    if Reopen Panels == 0 then return end
    if Reopen Panels == 16 then
       XPLMSpeakString("Reopening Radio Panels.")
       Reopen_Panels = 0
   elseif Reopen Panels == 17 then
       XPLMSpeakString("Reopening Multi Panels.")
       Reopen Panels = 0
   elseif Reopen_Panels == 18 then
       XPLMSpeakString("Reopening Switch Panels.")
       Reopen Panels = 0
   elseif Reopen Panels == 19 then
       XPLMSpeakString("Reopening all connected panels.")
       Reopen Panels = 0
   elseif Reopen Panels == 20 then
       XPLMSpeakString("A Radio Panel was found and opened.")
       Reopen Panels = 10
   elseif Reopen_Panels == 21 then
       XPLMSpeakString("A Multi Panel was found and opened.")
       Reopen Panels = 10
   elseif Reopen Panels == 22 then
       XPLMSpeakString("A Radio and Multi Panel were found and opened.")
       Reopen Panels = 10
   elseif Reopen Panels == 23 then
       XPLMSpeakString("A Switch Panel was found and opened.")
       Reopen Panels = 10
   elseif Reopen Panels == 24 then
       XPLMSpeakString("A Radio and Switch Panel were found and opened.")
       Reopen Panels = 10
   elseif Reopen Panels == 25 then
       XPLMSpeakString("A Multi and Switch Panel were found and opened.")
       Reopen Panels = 10
   elseif Reopen_Panels == 26 then
       XPLMSpeakString("A Radio, Multi and Switch Panel were found and opened.")
       Reopen Panels = 10
   elseif Reopen Panels == 27 then
       XPLMSpeakString("No Panels or they have all been disconnected.")
       Reopen Panels = 0
   elseif Reopen Panels == 28 then
       XPLMSpeakString("No Radio Panel or it has been disconnected.")
       Reopen Panels = 0
   elseif Reopen Panels == 29 then
       XPLMSpeakString("No Multi Panel or it has been disconnected.")
       Reopen Panels = 0
   elseif Reopen Panels == 30 then
       XPLMSpeakString("No Switch Panel or it has been disconnected.")
       Reopen Panels = 0
```

end
end
do\_often("Msg\_Loop()")

#### **DEBUG OPTIONS**

For the debug operations, programmers can write one of the following values to "bgood/xsaitekpanels/debuglog/status" They are now also available from X-Plane plugin menu. The number in parenthesis after each menu option is the number written to the debug DataRef.

- 1 = Enable the multi panel acceleration debug logging
- **2** = Writes a once only report to X-Planes log.txt file on the status of the "xsaitekpanels.ini" file and its options, and other useful information.

Note that when the number '2' is written to this debug DataRef, it is immediately set back to '0'. It is designed to just trigger a one of report. So the option in the plugins menu will show debug modes off after selecting this option, which is normal and correct.

- 3 = Enable all panel read and write buffer display debug logging
- **9** = Enable switch panel landing gear led debug logging (before led writes, on gear led writes and after led writes)