

About the FG-Platypus - Navigator



Purpose

This aircraft and navigation package was developed in response to the stated need of Flightgear Enthusiasts who would like to gain a basic understanding of instrument usage on General Aviation Aircraft's as well as getting an insight of the various technologies and hidden workings of sophisticated Flight Management Systems found on large airliners.

There are many great tutorials and Wikis available to learn about how to operate aircrafts within Flightgear, yet most assume an understanding of Navigation Concepts as a given, which may or more likely not may be the case.

Most of you will find its relatively easy to fly a big bird after a little reading, just telling the autopilot to take me from A to B, yet most will not be aware of what makes the magic happen behind the scenes.

More over you will find its a lot harder to control a small aircraft which usually does not come equipped with bells and whistles on the instrument panel like a glass cockpit, super duper FMC and so forth.

Yet there are good reasons why all airline and military pilots start off with small aircrafts, one of them being to develop an understanding of aeronautical navigation systems detached from pure push button automation.

We hope you enjoy your journey s with the Navigator as much as we enjoyed putting the package together.

The aircraft was designed from FG Version 2016.x.x onwards to 2018.2.1, as such compatibility with future versions or backwards integration may or may not be guaranteed.

Credits.....

First of all thank you to the developer of the original Cherokee David Megginson, a long-time contributor and driving force behind FG as I understand it from various Wikis.

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