





ORBX Commercial Self-Service Portal

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Introduction

Orbx has established a Commercial Self-Service Portal on its online store located at <u>https://orbxdirect.com</u>

The Self-Service Portal is designed to allow commercial customers, VARs and system integrators to browse, select and transact the purchase of all the Orbx products at commercial pricing.

You can use the shopping basket to quickly establish pricing for your own company's use or generate a quote for your customers. Future updates will add the ability to export the contents of your shopping basket to a CSV or PDF file to allow you to place the pricing into your own quotation software or templates.

Products are installed using our FTX Central application and all installations require an active internet connection on the target PC or PCs to validate the licenses.

Commercial Use

For a full description and the terms of commercial use of Orbx software, please visit the appendix at the end of this user guide.

In summary, as a commercial customer, VAR or integrator - by paying the commercial pricing you have the right to:

- Resell the software for profit with no restrictions on your mark-up or margin
- Exploit the software for profit whether by charging for its use in simulators or other installations
- Install the software onto five (5) Intel-based PCs per simulator device
- Enjoy volume discounts on the commercial pricing (see below)

Please note however that a commercial license does not provide access to our source code nor allow you to decompile any or part of the software or use it in other projects. The license is restricted to using the software "as is" for the supported platforms without modification.

Orbx does not engage in the development of bespoke airports or scenery for commercial customers in general. The exception to this if there is a substantial project budget where we can justify the allocation of resources to such bespoke work. Contact Orbx at info@orbxsystems.com for any enquires outside the scope of using the commercial products as per this guide and the CULA.



Volume Discount

The table below lists the discount available for purchasing multiple licenses in a single shopping basket session. Please note that the quantity is not cumulative between multiple purchase sessions; the discount applies only to quantities at the time of purchase.

Quantity	Discount
1-5	0%
6-10	10%
11-20	20%
21+	30%

Please contact Orbx at <u>info@orbxsystems.com</u> if there is a requirement for very large volumes of products to be licensed.

Product requirements

Orbx products are designed to work with the following simulators: **Microsoft Flight Simulator X**, **Lockheed Martin Prepar3D v1**, **v2**, **and v3**. Future versions of Prepar3D are planned to be supported as well.

NOTE: Please check the relevant license terms of use for each simulator product you intend to use Orbx commercial products with.



Creating an OrbxDirect Commercial Account

To begin taking advantage of Orbx commercial pricing you must first create a commercial account at <u>https://orbxdirect.com</u>

NOTE: If you already have an account at OrbxDirect please email <u>info@orbxdirect.com</u> to request your account to be upgraded to a commercial one. In this instance please skip to the next section about logging in.

At the top left of the website you see a Sign Up button:

	Log In	Sign Up
About	Get	FTX Central

Once clicked you will see a dialog where you complete basic details including company name, email address and password. Be sure to tick the **Commercial Account** box.

OCDEX simulation systems	
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John Sim Integrator PLC	
Email	
john+sim_integrator@orbxsystems.com	
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Confirm Password	
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Already have an account?	



Proxy Accounts

In many cases, you may need to create a commercial account on behalf of your customer so that you can use their OrbxDirect credentials to install products onto their simulator PCs. This is so that the licenses for your customers are kept and maintained in their own separate OrbxDirect accounts and you act as the integrator on their behalf.

In such cases, you will need to use an email and password that either you or your customer controls and then share the login credentials with your customer when they need to use FTX Central at a later stage.

It is important to note that only one unique email address can be used per OrbxDirect account, so when validating a proxy account your customer may need to assist with this.

Account Validation and Login

Once you click **Register** a validation email will be generated and sent to the address which was specified. Please check your email inbox including the spam folder in case the orbxdirect.com email domain is not in your trusted list. Click on the link shown in the validation email to activate your account. You may now login in securely onto OrbxDirect.

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Download FTX Central

To install Orbx products we provide a Windows client application called FTX Central. This must be downloaded and installed onto every PC in your simulator device so you can install and manage all Orbx products. Once logged into the OrbxDirect website you will see a Get FTX Central button:



This application works only with Microsoft Windows versions 7 through to 10, 32-bit or 64bit. Download and install this to each PC on which Orbx software will be installed.

When you run FTX Central for the first time it you need to log in using the blue button on the left pane. If FTX Central detects more than one version of a simulator installed on the PC it will prompt you to choose which simulator you want to work with.





Initially the FTX Central main area will be blank until products are added to the simulator either by downloading directly from the Orbx servers or using previously backed up ZIP files for each product (we discuss this later).

As you purchase products using your OrbxDirect account they will appear as thumbnails in the main FTX Central interface under various categories. For example, if you purchased the **FTX Global BASE** product the thumbnail will appear under the **FTX Global Range** tab shown on the left panel, or if you purchase **FTX England** its thumbnail will appear under the **Europe** category in the left panel.

The next section will guide you through the process of purchasing a license on OrbxDirect and then installing it via the FTX Central application.



Purchasing Products

To recap; all product licenses are purchased from the OrbxDirect website, and all products are installed using the FTX Central application. They are two distinct elements of the overall purchase and installation process but they are linked together very closely.

To purchase a product license simply browse through the OrbxDirect website Products section where you will see them listed under FTX Global Range, Europe, North America, Oceania and Aircraft. These categories may expand to other parts of the world as Orbx releases more regions.

In this example, we will purchase the FTX Global BASE Pack, FTX Global VECTOR and FTX Global openLC Europe and add them to the shopping basket. Browse to the product page for FTX Global BASE Pack:



Click on **Add to Cart**, update the quantity required and if then click on **Continue Shopping**.

Cart Are you ready to take your simming experience to the next level?	
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FTX Global BASE Pack	Qty: 3 \$5,997.00 AUD X Update Cart Quantity
	Total: \$5,997.00 AUD Payment Methods
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Now locate the FTX Global VECTOR and FTX Global openLC Europe product pages and add them to your cart:

Products	Not done? Continue Shopping
FTX Global BASE Pack	Qty: 3 \$4,797.60 AUD X
FTX Global VECTOR	Qty: 2 \$2,558.40 AUD X
FTX Global openLC Europe	Qty: 1 \$879.20 AUD X
	Update Cart Quantity
	Total: \$8,235.20 AUD

Once you have added the products required including the quantity for each, select **Pay with Card** to complete the transaction. Please note that the volume discount pricing will automatically be shown based on the quantities selected.

NOTE: You can store your credit card information securely with Stripe, the company Orbx uses for its payment gateway. Your card details are not stored on Orbx servers. Using this facility from Stripe allows you to speed up the purchasing process using stored card information.

Once the payment has gone through you receive a confirmation screen and also a confirmation email.

Thank you for shopping with Orbx!				
Your transaction ID is 589aefc54ee29.				
You can view your products in your account.				
You will require FTX Central to install your products. Download FTX Central				

You can use the Shopping Basket to also generate quotations, by simply not transacting the purchase until you're ready. The contents of your shopping basket are saved on our website and is persistent between session across any devices you access it from.

We will update the shopping basket page soon with buttons to allow exporting the basket to a CSV or PDF file.



Installing a Product

Once the product licenses have been paid for they appear in your Account page on the OrbxDirect website. You can review all your previous purchases from this page. In the following example, we show an account with just a single license purchase, and will use LKHV Horovice Airport as the product we are installing via FTX Central.

Account Manage your Orbx products here.	- -
Your products LKHV Horovice Airport Info	John Sim Integrator PLC
	john+sim_integrator@orbxsystems.com Commercial Account
	FSS License Transfer
	Update Account
	Change Password
	Log out

When clicking on a product listed on your account page, it will bring up details of the transaction and provide installation options for you:

Product Information View information on one of the products you have purchased.	
Product information Transaction ID: 589aefc54ee29	John Sim Integrator PLC
 Product: LKHV Horovice Airport Amount paid: \$499.00 AUD Purchased at: 2017-02-08 10:16:10 Quantity purchased: 1 	john+sim_integrator@orbxsystems.com Commercial Account
Download	FSS License Transfer
Version 1.00 Download via FTX Central	Update Account
	Change Password
Manual download	Log out
The preferred way to download this product is with the "Download via FTX Central" button above. However, if you are unable to download the product via FTX Central, you can use the MANUAL DOWNLOAD (but we strongly recommend using FTX Central).	



You have two choices at this point:

- 1. Download via FTX Central
- 2. Manual Download

Both require the use of the FTX Central application.

Download via FTX Central prompts you to launch the FTX Central application where you then click on the product thumbnail that shows *Not Installed* to begin the download process.



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	Product Download Use the buttons below to download/update this product.		
	Version 1.00 Installation Options		Install Product

Click on the blue **Install Product** button to download and install the product to the PC. This process download the product in chunks and extracts ZIP files on the fly. You will see a progress bar like this:

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FTX Central > FTX Global Range > LKHV Horovice Airp			
	Current Progress Downloading		
	3.73 MB downloaded	00:00:17 remaini	ng at 0 B/s



Manual Download prompts you for a file save location on your PC, where a long obscurely named ZIP file will be saved. We strongly recommend that you create a unique folder name for every product you download so that you can quickly identify the product being saved, since the zip file name will not offer any clues as to what the product is.

The advantage of the Manual Download option is that you can archive Orbx product installer ZIP files onto an external HDD and install them on multiple PCs on site without having to re-download the product for each PC. Note however that each PC you install Orbx products onto will need a live internet connection to validate the licenses on the OrbxDirect server.

Installation of a manual download is similar to a normal FTX Central install; run the FTX Central application and click on the product thumbnail where it shows *Not Installed*:



The key difference is that we now click on the orange **Installation Options** link which will bring up a dialog where you select **Install from my manually downloaded .zip** – this will prompt you for the location of your saved ZIP file, preferably in a folder name you can recognise, for example *Orbx LKHV Horovice Airport* or similar.

Product Download Use the buttons below to download/update this product.		
Version 2.10 Installation Options	Install Product	
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Once you have located the ZIP file, click on continue and you will see a progress bar which now extracts your local files from your saved folder.



Product Options

Once a product has been successfully install its thumbnail in the main FTX Central interface will show as normal without the *Not Installed* text tag.

Click on the thumbail to bring up the options screen for the product:

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FTX Central > FTX Global Range > LKHV Horovice Airp		
	This product is installed and up-to-date!	
	Product Tools These tools will allow you to customise your Orbx experience.	
	Configure this product Learn about this product Remove this product	Control Panel User Guide Uninstall

From this screen, you can configure the product using its Control Panel (note that not all Orbx products have a control if it is not required), display the User Guide PDF document, or perform a one-click uninstall.



Commercial Product Technical Support

Orbx has created a dedicated private support forum for all commercial customers. You will need to register on our FTX forums to obtain technical support.

You can access the forums by clicking on the **Support** menu from the OrbxDirect home page, and then the **Orbx Support Forums** link:

	Home	Products	Freeware	Demos	Forums Support About	Get FTX Central
Need help? Welcome to World Class Support!						
Welcome to World Class Support! No questions unanswered. Our philosophy at Orbx is "the customer is king". If you've got any fisues with FTX, from installation assistance, performance tuning, bugs, or just any general queries about any aspect of FTX or the simulators we support, then please visit the Orbx Support Forums and we'll be ready to provide assistance. You'll also find a vibrant community there as well!						
How to get quick support						
 Don't request support by email Orbx does not provide email or telephone support for FTX 	products.					
 Register on the FTX support forums It's a simple process, and your user account won't take lon 	Register on the FTX support forums It's a simple process, and your user account won't take long to be validated.					
 Provide your purchase order number We have a simple rule - no order number, no support. This is to ensure that only legitimate Orbx customers get the support they deserve. 						
• Use the forum search function In many cases, your support question or issue has already been answered by Orbx staff for another customer.						
For any account issues or payment support, please create a ticket. Do not use this for technical support related to products.						
Orbx Libraries						
The recommended way to download the Orbx Libraries is via FTX Central. If your Orbx Libraries are out of date, you will see a blue notification at the bottom left of FTX Central's interface. Simply click on this to begin the update process.						
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Version 161201 (December 2016)					l	Manual Download

Initially you won't have access to these private commercial support forums but once your forum account has been created please email <u>info@orbxsystems.com</u> to request access, providing the email address of your OrbxDirect account.

You can also create a support ticket for any issues related to payments or using the ecommerce gateway. Please do not use the ticket system for technical support however.



Commercial Support Sub-Forum

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Commercial Support This sub-forum is visible to commercial customers and Orbx staff only.	Follow 0 Mark forum as read Start new topic
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P Obtaining Commercial Support By John Venema, Just now	0 replies John Venema 0 views Just now

Orbx provides world-class support on our forums, and it's the only way in which you can receive support for commercial products. Provided you adhere to the forum terms of use and have a legitimate license, you will always be offered our support at no cost as we work toward a resolution to your problem each time.

Use the forum search function

Before you post a question, please try searching for the answer first, using the forum's built in search function located on the forum menu bar. Whilst we provide a private commercial customer support forum please always search the general forums first since resolutions to most problems may have been provided to non-commercial customers.

What to include in your support requests

If at all possible, this is what we'd like to see provided for each request you log:

- A separate post on the FTX support forums for each issue (don't tag new issue reports onto existing threads).
- Include your ORDER NUMBER from your license purchase in your post or forum signature section.
- A screenshot to highlight what you are talking about.
- A descriptive post title which clearly states what the issue is.
- Detailed comments in your post about what you are reporting on.

The Orbx support team is always on standby to assist you with any problems you may have, or will comment on your issue reports. Please remember, our priority is fixing any urgent issues first, and addressing bug reports second. Clearly though, any "show stopper" bugs will be given top priority though.



FTX Community Forums

FTX already has quite a thriving and active user community on the forums, with over 68,000 members as of February 2017. We encourage you to participate in our customer community where you will find tens of thousands of screenshots and videos posted by users, discussions on VR technology, tips and tricks and much more.

We hope to see you there soon!

Thanks for reading!

You've stuck with us through all these pages of information, and we appreciate you taking the time to read the user guide. We hope it gave you some tips and insights.





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