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## ATC settings

### *Learn how to customize your ATC experience*

You may want to customize settings for ATC, in order to establish how much other traffic is in the area and which pilot voice you'll hear.

## Changing ATC Settings

### To change ATC settings

1. On the main screen, click **Settings**, and then click **Air Traffic Control**.  
-or-  
On the **Options** menu, point to **Settings** and then select **ATC**.
2. Make any desired changes in the **ATC Settings** dialog box.
3. Click **OK**.

## Choosing a Pilot Voice

### Creating Custom Voicepacks

Flight Simulator also allows you to create custom voicepacks using the Flight Simulator Voicepack SDK, which can be downloaded from the Flight Simulator Web site.

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You can choose from a selection of ten voices to use as your pilot voice. If the **Use a Pilot Voice** check box is not selected in the **ATC Settings** dialog box, you can't choose a pilot voice and you won't hear a voice when you send a message to ATC.

### To choose a pilot voice

1. In the ATC Settings dialog box, select the **Use a Pilot Voice** check box.
2. In the **Pilot Voice** list, select the voice you want to use as your pilot voice.
3. Click **OK**.

## Turning Off the Pilot Voice

There are three different kinds of voices you'll hear in Flight Simulator: the pilot voice (which represents you), the ATC controller's voice, and the voices of other pilots talking on the same frequency. Some pilots prefer to hear only the ATC controller voice and not their pilot voice. You can turn off the pilot voice in Flight Simulator (although you'll still hear the controller and the pilots in other aircraft).

### To turn off the pilot voice

1. In the **ATC Settings** dialog box, clear the **Use a Pilot Voice** check box.
2. Click **OK**.

## Turning on the ATC Window Auto-Open Feature

By default, Flight Simulator does not open the ATC window automatically when messages are sent or when a response is required from the pilot. Some pilots prefer that the ATC window remain hidden until they want to open it manually; others want it to appear automatically.

### To have the ATC window appear automatically

1. In the **ATC Settings** dialog box, select the **Auto-open ATC Window** check box.
2. Click **OK**.

Did you know you can turn down the engine sounds so it's more like you're really wearing a headset in the cockpit?

**To adjust sounds**

1. On the **Options** menu, select **Settings**, and then click **Sounds**.
2. Drag the slider to adjust the sound you want to change.
3. Click **OK**.

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