

# Preflightly

*Free desktop add-on manager and Route Finder for Microsoft Flight Simulator 2024*

## At a glance

Product	Preflightly
Status	Public beta
Platform	Windows (64-bit)
Simulator	Microsoft Flight Simulator 2024
Price	Free
Website	<a href="https://preflightly.app">preflightly.app</a>
Also on	<a href="https://flightsim.to/addon/109450/preflightly">flightsim.to/addon/109450/preflightly</a>
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## Key features

- **Central library + symlink activation** — Add-ons are stored outside Community/ and linked in only when active. Fully reversible.
- **Route Finder** — 70,000+ commercial routes cross-referenced with the user's library. Includes Marketplace and Official MSFS airports and aircraft. Suggests viable aircraft substitutes within the same family when the exact type is missing.
- **Quick Import** — Drag-and-drop folders, ZIP archives, or GSX profiles. Auto-detects the manifest root, classifies the package, and handles embedded GSX profiles.
- **Smart classification** — Each package is read via its manifest and tagged as aircraft, livery, scenery, GSX profile, or dependency library.
- **Conflict detection** — Warns the user before activating sceneries that compete for the same ICAO, including conflicts with Official MSFS content.
- **External Apps manager** — Auto-launches companion apps (SimBrief, Navigraph, vPilot, GSX, etc.) when a flight starts.

- **Fully reversible Reset** — Restores Community/ to its original state with no leftover files or hidden state.

## Use cases

- Pilots with large add-on libraries (hundreds of community + payware packages) struggling to keep startup times reasonable.
- Users wanting to know what they can fly tonight with the content they already own.
- Sim enthusiasts looking for a non-destructive way to manage Community/ that doesn't lock them into the tool.

## Technical

- Built on Tauri v2 (Rust shell + web frontend).
- Reads MSFS package manifests directly, no scraping or guesswork.
- Uses Windows symbolic links (requires Developer Mode or admin elevation).
- Does not modify Marketplace or Official store files.
- Local-first : no account required to use core features.

## What's next

Preflightly is being developed with a clear direction : keep cutting down the time pilots spend managing their addons so they can spend it flying. Planned improvements include richer import and update automation, deeper coupling between flights and library state, and quality-of-life refinements driven by beta feedback.

A built-in feedback system lets users report bugs, request features, or share suggestions directly from the app. Every report is reviewed and feeds the prioritization of fixes and upcoming improvements.

## Developer

Thomas Philibert returns to the MSFS community after a hiatus in 2023. Previously active under the name headwind, author of several well-received community add-ons released between 2020 and 2023. Stepped back from the scene to focus on family. Preflightly is his comeback project.

## Press materials

- High-resolution logos (SVG + PNG, light and dark)
- Product screenshots (1920×1080)
- Developer contact and quote available on request

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