

HANGAR FM

In-Game Music Panel for Microsoft Flight Simulator 2024

Installation & Setup Guide — By Sgeti

Requirements

Before installing Hangar FM, make sure you have the following:

Microsoft Flight Simulator 2024	MS Store or Steam version
VLC Media Player (free)	videolan.org/vlc — version 3.x recommended
Your own MP3 music files	Organized by genre (Rock, Country, Alternative)

Step 1 — Install Required Software

Hangar FM requires VLC Media Player to be installed. Download it here:

<https://www.videolan.org/vlc/>

Install VLC with default settings. Once installed, open VLC at least once, then close it.

Toolbar Icon Not Showing? If you cannot see the Hangar FM icon in the MSFS toolbar, you may need the Luzat Wrapping Toolbar addon:

https://cdn.alpha.flightsim.to/0026/luzat-wrapping-toolbar_CEy8v.zip

Extract and place the luzat-wrapping-toolbar folder into your MSFS Community folder.

Step 2 — Run the Hangar FM Installer

Double-click **HangarFM_Setup.exe** to launch the installer. Follow these steps:

- 1 Click Next on the welcome screen.
- 2 Community Folder Selection — The installer will attempt to detect your MSFS 2024 Community folder automatically. Verify the path shown is correct, or click Browse to navigate to your Community folder manually.
- 3 Click Install to begin installation.
- 4 The installer will create your MP3 folders and configure VLC automatically.
- 5 Click Finish when complete.

Finding Your Community Folder: If you are unsure where your Community folder is, open MSFS 2024 and go to Options → General → scroll to the bottom. The path will be listed there.

Step 3 — Add Your MP3 Files

The installer creates three genre folders on your PC. Add your MP3 files to the appropriate folders:

Genre	Folder Location
ROCK	C:\HangarFM\mp3\ROCK\
COUNTRY	C:\HangarFM\mp3\COUNTRY\
ALTERNATIVE	C:\HangarFM\mp3\ALTERNATIVE\

You can add as many MP3 files as you like to each folder. Sub-folders are not supported — place all MP3s directly in the genre folder.

Adding or Changing Genre Folders (Advanced)

The three genre folders (ROCK, COUNTRY, ALTERNATIVE) are fixed in the current version. To update your song list after adding new MP3s, simply run **HangarFM_Setup.exe** again — it will regenerate the playlist automatically.

Step 4 — Updating Your Song List

Whenever you add or remove MP3 files from the genre folders, run the installer again to update the in-game playlist:

- Add or remove MP3 files from C:\HangarFM\mp3\ROCK\, COUNTRY\, or ALTERNATIVE\
- Run HangarFM_Setup.exe again
- The installer will rebuild the playlist with your new songs
- Restart MSFS 2024 to see the updated list in the panel

Step 5 — Making VLC Start with Windows (Optional)

Hangar FM requires VLC to be running before you launch MSFS. To make VLC start automatically with Windows:

- 1 Press Windows Key + R, type shell:startup and press Enter.
- 2 Right-click inside the Startup folder and select New → Shortcut.
- 3 Browse to your VLC installation, typically: C:\Program Files\VideoLAN\VLC\vlc.exe
- 4 Click Next, name the shortcut VLC, and click Finish.
- 5 Right-click the new shortcut, select Properties, and in the Target field add --qt-start-minimized to the end so VLC starts minimized.

The Target field should look like: "C:\Program Files\VideoLAN\VLC\vlc.exe"
--qt-start-minimized

Using Hangar FM In-Game

Once installed and configured, here is how to use Hangar FM during your flights:

Start VLC	Launch VLC before starting MSFS. It can run minimized in the background.
Launch MSFS	Start Microsoft Flight Simulator 2024 normally.
Open the Panel	Click the Hangar FM icon in the MSFS toolbar at the top of the screen.
Select a Genre	Click ROCK, COUNTRY, or ALTERNATIVE to load that genre's playlist.
Click a Song	Click any song in the list to jump directly to that track and start playing.
PREV / NEXT	Skip to the previous or next song in the current genre playlist.
PLAY / PAUSE	Start or pause playback.
VOL - / VOL +	Decrease or increase the volume.
Pop-Out Button	The small icon in the top-right corner of the panel pops it out into a separate floating window. You can move and resize it freely, or drag it to a second monitor.
Resize the Panel	Drag the panel edges to make it larger or smaller. A taller panel shows more songs in the list.

Screenshots

Hangar FM panel in MSFS 2024 — toolbar icon visible (HGR FM):



Hangar FM with the ROCK, ALTERNATIVE, COUNTRY genre buttons and logo:



Hangar FM panel view (standalone window):



Hangar FM running on a tablet in the sim pit:

