

A typo created a 212-story monolith in 'Microsoft Flight Simulator'

The building soars like a Tower of Babel over a quiet Melbourne suburb.



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Microsoft's latest [Flight Simulator](#) entry doesn't do anything small. It's a title that comes on [10 DVDs](#) and allows you to explore the world in almost its entirety. It turns out that scale even extends to its accidental inclusions. *Flight Simulator* users recently found an unusual landmark: a 212-story monolith towering over an otherwise nondescript suburb in Melbourne, Australia.



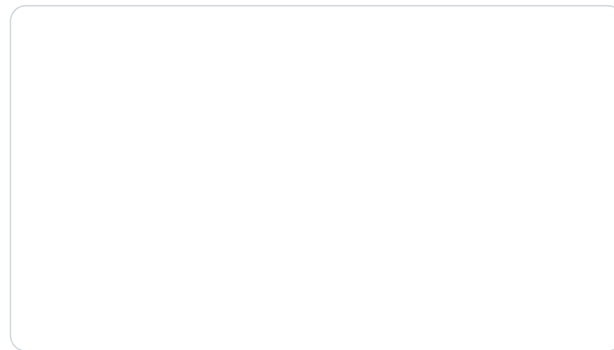
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In Microsoft Flight Simulator a bizarrely eldritch, impossibly narrow skyscraper pierces the skies of Melbourne's North like a suburban Australian version of Half-Life 2's Citadel, and I am -all for it-



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After [some sleuthing](#), the title's community found what had caused the tower to appear in *Flight Simulator*. When developer Asobo Studio built its detailed recreation of the globe, they pulled data from [OpenStreetMap](#), a free map of the world to which anyone can contribute. About a year ago, a user named "nathanwright120" added a tag that said this one building in Melbourne had 212 floors instead of two. Based on their other contributions, it appears the edit was a simple typo, not them trying to mislead anyone. The error was later corrected by another OpenStreetMap contributor, but not before it made its way into *Flight Simulator*.



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We've reached out to Microsoft to find out if the company plans to remove the building from *Flight Simulator*, and we'll update this article when we hear back. Based on the title's dedication to realism, there's a good chance it's not long for this world. So if you own a copy of *Flight Simulator*, board your favorite plane and visit it before it's gone for good.

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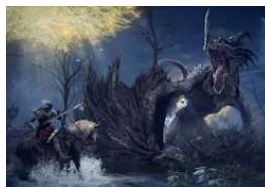
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