Mouse and Keyboard Controls for Celestia

Mouse Functions:

Left drag: orient camera

Right drag: orbit the selected object
Wheel: adjust distance to selection
Right + Left drag: adjust distance to selection
Ctrl + Left drag: adjust distance to selection

Shift + Left drag change field of view (e.g. => telescopic view)

Wheel (middle button) click: toggle field of view between 45 degrees and the previous field (e.g. telescopic view)

Left - click: select object
Left double click: center selection
Right - click: bring up context menu

Keyboard Commands:

Navigation:

H Select the sun (Home)
C Center on selected object
G Goto selected object
F Follow selected object

Y Orbit the selected object at a rate synced to its rotation

: Lock on selected object

Chase selected object (orientation is based on selection's velocity)
 Track selected object (keep selected object centered in view)

HOME Move closer to object

* Look back

END Move farther from object ESC Cancel motion or script

Shift+C Center/orbit--center the selected object without changing the position of the reference object.

Left/Right Arrows Roll Camera

Up / Down Arrows Change Camera Pitch

Shift+Arrows Orbit object

1-9 Select planets around nearby sun

Time:

Space stop time
L Time 10x faster
Shift+L Time 2x faster
K Time 10x slower
Shift+K Time 2x slower
J Reverse time
! Set time to now

? Display light-travel delay between observer and selected object

- Subtract light-travel delay from current simulation time

Labels:

= Toggle constellation labels

B Toggle star labels
E Toggle galaxy labels
M Toggle moon labels

W Toggle asteroid & comet labels N Toggle spacecraft labels

P Toggle planet labels
& Toggle location labels
V Toggle verbosity of info text

Options:

I Toggle cloud textures
U Toggle galaxy rendering
O Toggle planet orbits

/ Toggle constellation diagrams
^ Toggle nebula rendering
% Toggle star color tables

Show an earth-based equatorial coordinate sphere

If autoMag OFF: Decrease limiting magnitude (fewer stars visible)

If autoMag ON: Decrease limiting magnitude at 45 deg field of view

If autoMag OFF: Increase limiting magnitude (more stars visible)

If autoMag ON: Increase limiting magnitude at 45 deg field of view

Decrease ambient illumination Increase ambient illumination

Decrease galaxy brightness independently of star brightness Increase galaxy brightness independently of star brightness

, Narrow field of view
. Widen field of view
Backspace Cancel current selection
Ctrl+A Toggle atmospheres

Ctrl+B Toggle constellation boundaries
Ctrl+E Toggle eclipse shadow rendering
Ctrl+K Toggle display of markets

Ctrl+K Toggle display of markers

Ctrl+L Toggle night side planet maps (light pollution)

Ctrl+P Mark selected object

Ctrl+S Cycle the star style between fuzzy discs, points, and scaled discs

Ctrl+T Toggle rendering of comet tails

Ctrl+V Cycle between supported OpenGL render paths

Ctrl+W Toggle wireframe mode Ctrl+X Toggle antialias lines

Ctrl+Y Toggle autoMag = auto adaptation of star visibility to field of view

r R lower or raise texture resolution

+ Switch between artistic and limit of knowledge planet textures

Multiview:

Ctrl+RSplit view verticallyCtrl+USplit view horizontallyTABCycle active viewDELDelete active view

Ctrl+D Delete all views except active one

Spaceflight:

F1 Stop

F2 Set velocity to 1 km/s
F3 Set velocity to 1,000 km/s
F4 Set velocity to speed of light

F5 Set velocity to 10x the speed of light.

F6 Set velocity to 1 AU/s
F7 Set velocity to 1 ly/s
A Increase velocity

Z Decrease velocity Q Reverse direction

X Set movement direction toward center of screen

Number pad:

Yaw left
Yaw right
Pitch down
Pitch up
Roll left
Roll right
Stop rotation

Joystick:

X axis yaw
Y axis pitch
L trigger roll left
R trigger roll right
Button 1 slower
Button 2 faster

Other:

ENTER

D Run demo
F8 Enable joystick
F10 Capture image to file

Show frames rendered per second Select a star or planet by typing its name

Ctrl+C, Ctrl+INS Copy location URL to clipboard