

NEXT LAUNCHER ULTIMATE V16.2

This media and Internet enhanced version of Launcher has taken 3 years of development time. A team project produced by: **Richard Szerman**, with the amazing help of **the Launcher Team**. Please see the ABOUT screen of Launcher for all the people who have played a pivotal part of the success of the overall project, or have been a past contributor. The manual covers explanations of features, and what is new with this release.

installation instructions

Before Starting - Please read & understand these important points:

- A.** This version can upgrade Launcher from v10.x directly from the Next (excluding pre-releases and betas).
- B.** Ensure you have a Supported Next Distribution installed. In anticipation of the new Next distribution release, following Kickstarter deliveries and take up, Launcher was developed and tested with "NextOS v2.08 & v2.09" stated as offering "Access to new "bleeding-edge" features.
- C.** Support for the Launcher software is available from our Facebook group.
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The KS2 has a supported distro compliant for this version of Launcher. If on the other hand you have a KS1 Spectrum Next, or any of the other alternatives such as N-GO, XBerry Pi, etc. then you need to update to **NextOS v2.08 or v2.09** available directly from - <https://gitlab.com/thesmog358/tbblue>

1. Please read the NextOS update instructions to update your SD card if you need to update your distro.
2. The distro is supported by the Next team. The Launcher team look after Launcher and all its updates such as this new release provided in the RAR file. Please remember do **not** ask the Next team for Launcher assistance, as they manage the OS and NOT our product.

STEP-BY-STEP INSTALLATION

These instructions apply to ALL Hardware Next versions, alternatives and clones. Please read the steps carefully before starting as they differ to previous versions of this software.

1. Back up your data: **

Before proceeding, back up your SD card to your computer so your data is safe. The **SLOTS** directory is important. Back this up from the **Launcher\Slots** location if you had a previous installation.

2. Download the Launcher RAR file: **

Download the latest Launcher RAR file from <https://launcher.retrobeachman.com>

Note: The built in AUTO UPDATE feature of Launcher is for bug fixes not for new complete versions. Sometimes if announced by the Launcher team you will be able to use this route for a full update.

3. Extract the RAR file: ** (7-zip allows extraction of this file type).

Extract the **LAUNCHER** directory to the root of your SD card, do not place it into a sub directory or it will not work. If upgrading do **NOT overwrite** the SLOTS directory, unless you do not wish to keep your Launcher configuration. If you did by accident, you can recover from **Step 1** by copying back, and overwriting the slots directory within the Launcher folder of your SD from your backup.

4. Launcher on boot file: **

Did you have Launcher set to start on Boot on a previous installation? If the answer to this is YES, it is important you remove the **AUTOEXEC.BAS** file from the **NEXTZXOS** folder within the root of the SD. An updated version is part of the new version supplied.

5. Remove the SD, time to power on the Spectrum Next: **

Launcher is now compatible with a PS/2 mouse so before power on ensure it is plugged in, then unmount and remove the SD from your computer, and insert back into your Next and power up. Avoid opening other programmes before running the installation.

6. Run the Launcher Setup: **

From the Next browser, navigate to the **LAUNCHER\SETUP** directory on your SD card. Press enter on the **INSTALL.BAS** file and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the Launcher setup.

9. Customise Launcher settings: **

Once the setup is complete, the **Settings** menu will be displayed when you run Launcher for the 1st time. Make your settings suitable for your setup. Ensure your WIFI is setup if you have not previously done so. Save your preferred preferences, to continue. You can come back to the Settings screen at any time to amend your choices.

10. The Next Launcher Experience: **

After the initial boot screen, press the **EXTEND MODE** button to get familiar with the keys used in Next Launcher. The software comes with its own Next user manual, viewable on your Spectrum Next too. To review content navigate to the help section once Launcher has started you can view it on your Next

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