

WELCOME TO NEXT LAUNCHER

Next Launcher is a game launching organiser, which revolutionises the way you manage your ZX Spectrum Next games collection. Now with quicker mouse running functionality offering 3,000 editable game & media slots, fully searchable just click the middle mouse button. Launcher has a host of features with a fully customisable front end. Based on feedback, this version is now a more flexible and customisable feel to it, offering you possibilities to manage multimedia as well instant online games direct to game slots as optional extra downloads. Customisation even allows you to have background music added to any game on playback, or video clip on boot, and the software has a decent built in game search so you can get active with a game in no time after organising your content. A real customizable game media hub for your humble Next, or Next clone machine!

Launcher was first released over two years ago. This is a brand new media and Internet enhanced version of the product. It has taken two months of development time. A team project produced by: Richard Szerman, with the amazing help of Allan Johnstone and David Isherwood who assisted in beta testing. 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.

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This software was created to support Cancer Research UK; please consider donating to this worthy cause, as every contribution helps fund vital research to combat cancer, which affects 1 in 3 of us. Your support, however small, not only makes a difference to Cancer Research UK but also inspires the author, along with the rest of the development & testing team, to continue improving Launcher.

Its feature rich in all the right places... So what is new?

Version 16.2g

- Faster cursor navigation
- Right click on menu list - Quick Jump to bank and menu
- Right click on wallpaper - Update boot screen, while left click updates wallpaper
- Improved visual interface of Music Xstream
- Made news ticker in settings more readable

Version 16.2f

- Mouse support to move between game banks
 - Clickable arrow keys on the main page
- Click on a bank title to change added
- Click on wallpaper to change added
- Music Xstream updated with mouse support
- Bug fixed in diagnostic tool
- Bug fixed wallpaper change when no mouse is in use

Version 16.2e

- Quicker functionality "Mouse compatible"
- Auto detects mouse & loads driver if found
Left button: Normal launch & Middle button even gives you global game search!
- Layout improvements, typos fixed - in Keymap & Music Xtream
- Game loading splash screen added

Version 16.2d

- New version of Music Xtream to add background music to Launcher Improved interface
Music files are named & saved into A-Z folders just like game downloads
- Bug fix in installer correctly verifies older Launcher start-up files to update
- Improved WIFI error checking process

Version 16.2 (a,b & c)

- Instant version check feature in settings
- Transparent sub menu icons
- Improved text input speed & menu speed
- Bug fix: Auto detect missing games & DSK game speed change
- Launcher slot support for DSK games
- Launcher slot support for WAV music
- Bug fix enabled WIFI for BAS/NEX usage
- Enhanced random background music for games

V16.1 Changes

- Added ZX80 file support, to Launcher slots to run ZX80 games
- Added background music support for all game formats, excluding TZX
- Added PT3 media file support; music can be added to Launcher slots
- Added Video support, videos can now be added to Launcher slots
- Added Video format boot screen support (sample boot videos included)
- Added NEW text friendly wallpaper support in FRAMES directory giving you clear view of your Launcher pages at all time
- Updated file picker: To allows for the following
1. Initial browse Pick: TZX,NEX,SNA,Z80,SNX,O,P,TAP or 2.
PRESS space in browser for: BAS,PT3,GDE,TXT,VID etc..
- Updated search support (Allowing you to multi-search Launcher database)
- Added animated Space Invader pre-loader
- Added Updated PDF Setup guide
- Improved Music Xtream interface
- Essential Launcher News ticker now in Settings Menu
- Updated About screen. All composers and helpers credited
- Improved Launcher user guide (Press SHIFT U within Launcher)
- Improved Launcher Keymap (Press Extend Mode key within Launcher)
- Bug fixes ensure smooth running