Rock-It Launcher

Launch the power: Rock-It!

Rock-It Launcher is easy to use, but you may find yourself missing out on some of its features if you don't read this user's guide. If you simply want instructions, skip ahead to "How to Use".

Requirements

- PC running Windows
- Microsoft .Net Framework 1.1
    - If you do not already have the .Net Framework 1.1, get it through Windows Update.

Introduction

Rock-It Launcher is a keyboard launcher which will allow you to easily access your programs and files without making you explicitly indicate each item during setup. Most launchers suffer from two problems. First, they are usually mouse based, making you route through many windows to find what you want. Second, launchers generally make you specify each item that you want access to. Both of these issues defeat the purpose of a launcher, which is to provide a no-fuss, quick approach to access your programs and files.

It will only take a couple of minutes to get accustomed to Rock-It Launcher . . . it's that easy. Once you do, you will notice that your ability to open things quickly will skyrock-it. You will probably find yourself nearly abandoning the "Start Menu" and gone will be the days of clicking through directories until you find what you want to open. These traditional methods of locating items are truly tedious, and you may wonder how you ever were able to deal with them.

How to Use

Setup:

- The first time that you use Rock-It Launcher, you need to tell it where you keep the programs and files that you want easy access to. Click "Catalog" to bring up the "Catalog" dialog.

- In the "Catalog" dialog you specify directories whose contents you want Rock-It Launcher to know about. For example, if you specified "C:\", then you could access anything on your C drive through Rock-It Launcher. I do not recommend that you do this, however, since there is a lot of "junk" on your computer that you don't want to see.

- You will notice some default entries. You can remove any of these and add your own. I recommend that you select the directories that contain your personal files since you will want to open them the most. You also will probably want to select both your personal "Start Menu" directory and the "All Users/Start Menu" directory since these contain many useful shortcuts. It is a better idea to select these directories than to select "Program Files", as the later contains a lot of "junk".

- When you are finished click "Update". Rock-It Launcher will then scan the selected directories to provide speedy access. Rock-It Launcher will not modify your files, so don't worry. It simply creates its own personal index inside "Application Data\Brunswick Software\Rock-It Launcher\".

- Whenever you feel that Rock-It Launcher's index is out-of-date, simply revisit the "Catalog" dialog and click "Update".

Launch:

- Hit "CONTROL+RETURN" to show Rock-It Launcher if it is hidden. If Rock-It Launcher is already showing, this will hide it.

- Start typing the name of your file or application. You do not have to start from the beginning of the name. Use the arrow keys to select a result and hit "RETURN" to open it.

Other Features:

- Select multiple results at a time to perform batch operations.

- 4 views are available. When in "Details" view, navigate into a directory with the right arrow key or navigate up a level with the left arrow key.

- "SHIFT+RETURN" will reveal the selection in Windows Explorer.

- "CONTROL+C" will copy the paths of any selected items.

- "CONTROL+V" will open all of the copied items in the selected application.

- Drag files from Windows Explorer onto Rock-It Launcher to open those files in the selected application.

- "DEL" will clear the current search expression.

- "ESC" is an alternate method to hide Rock-It Launcher.

- A context menu is available as an alternative to the "hot-keyed" actions.

- The following settings can be changed in the "Options" menu:

  - "Max search results"
    Set the maximum number of search results. If a search has truncated results, the background will change to blue. Click "Show All" to see the full results.

  - "Max cached icons"
    Set the maximum number of icons to cache.

  - "Selection size warning"
    Set the minimum selection size that will trigger a warning. Use this to protect yourself against accidentally opening a large number of files.

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