



## **Help for Application Launcher**

Application Launcher is a Windows tool designed to save time and effort and increase productivity during everyday windowing activity. To execute your most often used Windows applications, a click of the mouse is all that's required. Included is an optional status window that keeps you posted on current values of important Windows system functions.

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## Overview

Application Launcher is a user configurable program designed for the Windows Power User. It will save you time and multiple steps by avoiding the use of the Windows Program Manager to start your most often used applications. For most optimum use, put the Application Launcher in your Program Manager's Startup group.

### Time is money!

Since you probably minimize your Program Manager automatically after starting an application, to execute another application you have to double click on the Program Manager icon, locate the group of the program you want to execute, and finally double click on that icon. With Application Launcher all you have to do is click once on the button containing the icon for your application. You only have to use Program Manager for applications you haven't set up in the configuration of Application Launcher.

### Windows Status

If you like to know the current Date and time, available windows resources, memory and the number of current tasks, the Status window will be a valuable tool. This information is always on your screen. You may move it anywhere you want. Application Launcher will remember where it was and put it in the same location next time. You may keep it minimized if you want, just showing the current day of week, month and date. You also have the option of not showing the status window at all.

### Packing List

Included with Application Launcher is the following:

- LAUNCHER.EXE:  
The executable program that starts Application Launcher.
- LAUNCHER.HLP:  
Application Launcher's Help File in Windows Help format.
- LAUNCHER.DAT:  
Application Launcher's Data File containing 12 default Windows Applications.
- ICO Files:  
A set of icons for Windows Applications.

## Registration Information

Application Launcher is a Shareware product. It is not public domain software, nor is it free software. Your unregistered copy of Application Launcher is limited to the setup of 12 applications. Once registered, the number of applications you may launch with this product is unlimited.

Registration Fee: **\$15.00**

How to register:

Please send **\$15.00** in U.S. Currency to:

**Rick Nader**  
**Application Launcher Registration**  
**15115 Alexis Drive**  
**Tampa, FL 33624**

In return you will receive a Registration Certificate and the code you will use to register your software and maximize the power of Application Launcher. You will also be made aware of future releases.

### Disclaimer:

This software has been designed and programmed to be as efficient and error free as possible. When used properly, it should increase your productivity. Please use it with the following terms in mind:

The use of Application Launcher is subject to the following terms and conditions. You may not make any changes or modifications to Application Launcher. You may not decompile, disassemble, or otherwise reverse-engineer the software in any way.

I do not warrant that Application Launcher will meet your requirements or that the operation of the software will be uninterrupted or error free. Nor do I offer any Warranties or Guarantees of any kind. You are free to use Application Launcher in any way you see fit, but use it at your own risk.

I am not responsible for any problems or damage caused by the software or that may result from using the software; whether licensed or not. This includes, but is not limited to, computer hardware, computer software, operating systems, and any computing accessories. The end user agrees to hold me harmless for any problems arising from the use of this or any other software.

## Configuring Application Launcher

To customize your Application Launcher, choose the **Configure** option from the File menu. The following items are configurable:

### Icons Per Row

The number of icons in each row. The minimum is 1 and the maximum is 14. The default is 6.

### Swap File Size

The size of your Windows Swap File or Virtual Memory. Application Launcher uses this value in calculating the memory on the status window. If your system is configured with a permanent swap file, Windows includes the virtual memory in its calculation of available memory. If you don't want your swap file to be included in the value displayed for memory on the Status window, you need to enter the size (in KB) of your permanent swap file. This value is displayed when you choose the 386 Enhanced icon from the Control Panel, then choose the Virtual Memory... button.

### Hide Icons on Use

If this option checked, Application Launcher hides the icon portion of the window when an application is started. This is a user preference option. It saves screen real estate. The disadvantage is that you have to choose the Show Icons menu item to re-display the icons.

### Show Status Window

If this option is checked, the Status window will be displayed when Application Launcher is started.

### Application Setup

This section is used to set up applications to be used with Application Launcher. Each application includes the full path and executable file name of the application, the icon or bitmap file associated with the application, and an optional starting directory.

#### App #

The number of the current application displayed and the total number of applications configured. Application numbers are based on the order they appear in the Launcher window.

#### Filename

This contains the full path and file name of the application's executable program. It can have any of the following extensions; EXE, PIF, COM, BAT. EXE's and PIF's are highly recommended for windows performance. Use PIF files for DOS applications. Use the Browse button to the right of the input box to display a dialog box for use in selecting the application.

Parameters may be used with the filename. If you enter a parameter denoted by a space followed by a filename or file spec, (e.g., \*.TXT), a dialog box will be displayed allowing you to select a file name or confirm the current filename is correct. I.E., by default the **NOTEPAD** application is set up with a file name of **C:\WINDOWS\NOTEPAD \*.TXT**. When you click on the notepad icon, a dialog box is displayed with

the file extension of .TXT. This way you can select whatever text file you wish to edit with NOTEPAD.

### **Icon**

This contains the full path and file name of the icon you wish to associate with the application. It can be a standard ICO or BMP file. If you use a bitmap file, it must be small enough to fit on an Application Launcher button. Use the Browse button to the right of the input box to display a dialog box for use in selecting the icon.

### **Directory**

This is the starting directory of the application. Although optional, it is recommended that you enter the directory where the filename is located.

### **Buttons**



Choosing this button displays the previous sequential application. If the first application is the current application, the last application is displayed.



Choosing this button displays the next sequential application. If the last application is the current application, the first application is displayed.

### **Append**

Choosing this button appends a new blank application record. Keep in mind 12 applications only for unregistered Application Launchers.

### **Insert**

Choosing this button inserts a new application record before the currently displayed application.

### **Remove**

Choosing this button removes the current application.

### **Save Configuration**

Choosing this button saves any changes that have been made to the configuration of Application Launcher.

### **Register**

Choosing this button displays a dialog box used to enter the registration code for Application Launcher. This code will be mailed to you after you follow the steps to register this product as described in the [Registration Information](#) section. This button no longer appears once the product has been successfully registered.

### **Exit**

Choosing this button closes the Configuration window.

**Location of Launcher and Status Windows**

Since every user has his/her own preference as to the location of windows on the screen, the screen location of both the Launcher and the Status windows are automatically preserved when Application Launcher is closed.

## **Menu Options**

### **File Menu**

#### **Configure**

Displays Application Launcher's Configuration window.

#### **Run**

Executes any application by displaying a dialog box allowing you to select an application to run.

#### **Exit Windows**

Closes down all applications and exits Windows. This function is identical to exiting Windows from Program Manager except it eliminates the "This will end your Windows session" dialog box. All applications will be properly closed and you will be prompted if there are changes to be saved.

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### **Options Menu**

#### **Hide Icons on Use**

If checked, Application Launcher hides the icon portion of the Launcher window when an application is started. This is a user preference option. It saves screen real estate. The disadvantage is that you have to choose the Show Icons menu item to re-display the icons. Changing this option from the menu temporarily overrides the setting in the configuration. It must be changed in the Configuration window to take effect when Application Launcher is restarted.

#### **Show Status Window**

If checked, the Status window is displayed, otherwise it is closed. Changing this option from the menu temporarily overrides the setting in the configuration. It must be changed in the Configuration window to take effect when Application Launcher is restarted.

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### **Show Icons / Hide Icons**

This menu option toggles back and forth depending on the display state of the Icons. If the icons are hidden, choosing the Show Icons menu option displays them. If the icons are displayed, choosing the Hide Icons menu option hides them.

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### **Help Menu**

#### **General Help**

Executes Windows Help with the Application Launcher's Help file.

#### **Registration Information**

Executes Windows Help with the Application Launcher's Help file, displaying the

Information pertaining to the registration of this product.

**About Application Launcher**

Displays Application Launcher's About window.



## Status Window

Application Launcher's Status window keeps you abreast of some important current Windows settings. The title of the window is the day of the week and the day of the month. Information displayed includes the following:

- The number of tasks currently running in your Windows session.
- The available memory to Windows in bytes. This may or may not include virtual memory, depending on configuration.
- The percentage of current memory available to total memory available when you started your Windows session.
- The current percentage of system resources available to Windows.
- The current system time. The blue circle next to the time gets wider as the end of the hour approaches.

Note:

See [Configuration](#) for information on how to permanently close the Status window if you so desire.