

MacLaunchpad

Mac OS X 10.7 (Lion) has introduced an exciting new way to access the applications installed in your computer. Now this feature is available for every Intel-based Mac user: MacLaunchpad allows you to directly access, manage and search for your installed applications.

MacLaunchpad can be open easily: clicking on its icon, pressing a keystroke combination or reaching one of the screen corners. The Dock and Menu bar are not accessible while MacLaunchpad is running. You can open an application, set it as a favorite, delete it and find it. To quit MacLaunchpad, simply press the escape key or perform a double click over an empty area at MacLaunchpad's background.

To open an application, simply click on one of the many displayed icons within MacLaunchpad. It will instantly close MacLaunchpad and launch the selected application. To set an application as a favorite, just perform a right click on it and select the star icon that will appear. There will be attached a badge to a favorite application. The application also will be displayed at the favorite's tray.

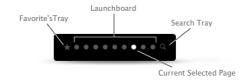


To remove an application from the favorite's tray, just right click on it's icon and select once again the star icon. This process will remove the favorite badge and also remove it from the favorite's tray.

MacLaunchpad intelligently displays applications in alphabetical order. It also

saves the last visited Launchboard page when it is closed.

To access a page, just drag an empty area at the background and slide the cursor in the direction of the page you want to display. You can also press \leftarrow or \rightarrow to navigate through the pages, or click on one of the page markers placed at MacLaunchpad bottom. To directly access favorite's tray, just press # + # , and to access search tray, press # + # . The page number can vary according to the MacLaunchpad display options and to the amount of installed applications.



To find an application with MacLaunchpad, you simply have to access Search Tray and type the name of the desired application. MacLaunchpad will automatically display a list with the applications that most likely match the searched term. Within Search Tray and application can also be set as a favorite. To launch a found application just click on it's icon.



To **permanently** remove an installed application, simply hold down **%** key at MacLaunchpad until the applications start to shake and an "X" mark appear at the Top-Left corner.



Removing an application

There are a few certain applications that cannot be deleted from the system. MacLaunchpad will not display the "X" marks neither shake these applications. Once you select an application to be deleted, MacLaunchpad will display a notification requiring you to confirm the deletion. Warning: MacLaunchpad will attempt to remove the selected application. Once the action is successfully performed, there is no way to revert it.



Removing iChat

MacLaunchpad also includes a few customization options to best access and manage your applications. After MacLaunchpad's installation, there will be available a System Preferences Pane where it's settings can be set. The Pane is available at "Other" ghetto.



Launchpad Preferences Pane

MacLaunchpad Preferences Pane offers three major setting options: Keyboard Shortcut Settings, Active Screen Corners Settings and MacLaunchpad (Launchboard) Appearance. At MacLaunchpad Appearance you can set the icon amount per page in MacLaunchpad. This process

will potentially increase (or decrease) the page amount. You can set the number of icons to be displayed per line and per column.



Launchpad Appearance Pane

At Active Screen Corners tab, you can set the behavior of your primary screen corners. There are 4 actions available for screen corners: Launch MacLaunchpad, Launch Favorite's Tray, Launch Search and no action. To disable Active Corners feature, simply uncheck the checkbox at the bottom of the tab.



Launchpad Active Corners Setup

MacLaunchpad Preferences Pane also allows you to set Keystroke combinations to instantly access distinct MacLaunchpad features (Launchboard, Favorite's Tray and Search Tray). Checking or unchecking the checkbox placed at the pane bottom can toggle off the Keyboard Shortcut Feature.



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