**✅ How to Enable Internet Explorer Mode for The Sims 3 Launcher (Fixes Blank Welcome/Store Tabs)**

Although The Sims 3 Launcher was built for Internet Explorer, we can **trick it** into partially working by **enabling IE Mode in Edge**, which sometimes restores access to the Welcome and Store pages.

**🧭 Step-by-Step Instructions**

**🔹 Step 1: Open Microsoft Edge Settings**

1. Launch **Microsoft Edge**.
2. In the address bar, type:

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edge://settings/defaultbrowser

1. Press **Enter**.

**🔹 Step 2: Enable IE Mode**

1. Find this setting on the page:
   * **"Allow sites to be reloaded in Internet Explorer mode"**
2. Set it to: ✅ **Allow**
3. Click **Restart** when prompted to restart Microsoft Edge.

**🔹 Step 3: Reopen the Sims 3 Launcher**

1. Close the Launcher completely.
2. Reopen the **Sims 3 Launcher** (via Origin or shortcut).
3. Wait a few moments — the **Welcome** and **Store** tabs may now attempt to render through **IE mode backend**, improving compatibility.

**⚠️ Notes**

* This doesn’t always fully restore login or store downloads, but it can **fix blank launcher tabs**.
* If this doesn’t work, your best bet is to **bypass the Launcher** entirely using TS3W.exe.

**Want to Skip the Launcher?**

You can launch The Sims 3 directly and play without dealing with the launcher at all:

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C:\Program Files (x86)\Electronic Arts\The Sims 3\Game\Bin\TS3W.exe

Right-click → **Create shortcut to desktop** for easier access!

👉👉 [https://github.com/EverythingZella/sims3-launcher-fix 👈👈](https://github.com/EverythingZella/sims3-launcher-fix%20👈👈)

🎮 Hey Simmers! Let’s talk Sims 3 Launcher problems! 🎮

Is your Sims 3 Launcher acting up? 🤯

❌ Crashing on start?

❌ Not recognizing expansions?

❌ Custom content not showing up?

You're NOT alone! 💬

Let’s share what’s going wrong and help each other fix it. Drop your issue in the comments 👇 and follow for fixes, tips, and all things Sims 3! 💚

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