

Students at Munich University of Applied Sciences present:

Unified launcher for an easier operation of the smartphone

Due to rapid technical development, the selection of available applications for smartphones is increasing. Since all apps are designed differently, the user is often overwhelmed and overcome by confusion when operating them or the smartphone, especially people with dementia and the elderly.

The launcher therefore provides a unified interface for the launching of existing apps, helps select new apps and provides instructions on how to use specific apps. This is intended to help Alzheimer's patients as well as technically inexperienced people in their everyday lives. The release is planned for January 2020.

The application is downloaded as a new app and is ready to use immediately. It replaces the existing (often crowded) home page and displays the most important apps on the home page as large icons. Less relevant apps are kept on the following page. A third page is provided for instructions on selected apps. These measures make the start page tidy and clear.

"I use a lot of different apps, so I lost track of them. The launcher shows me exactly the apps I need on a regular basis. Now I can find my applications immediately. If I have any questions, the instructions always help me," says a person affected by Alzheimer's.

The app is available free of charge and for smartphones only in the Google Play Store.