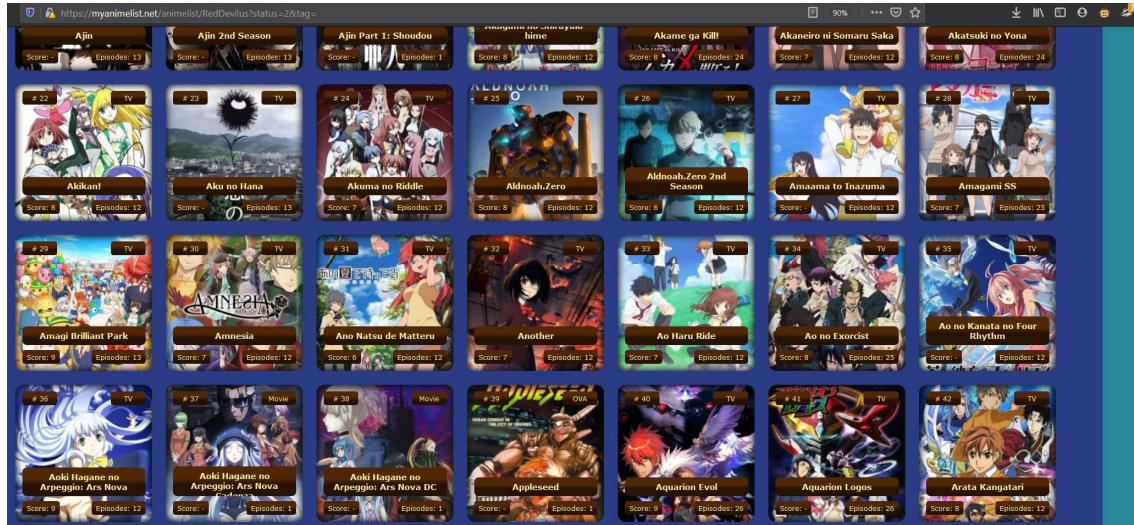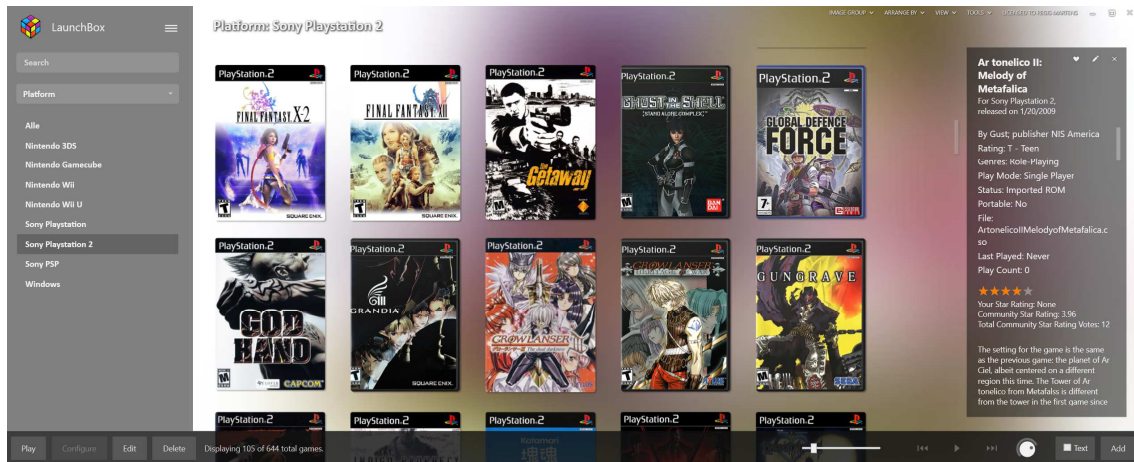Hey you!

Yes you, you human!

You want to display games like this?

Or something like this?

(Note this is the default theme of Launchbox.next there are many themes like Plex,etc)

What is launchbox?
There is 1 main programmer who works on this and is my favorite front-end.

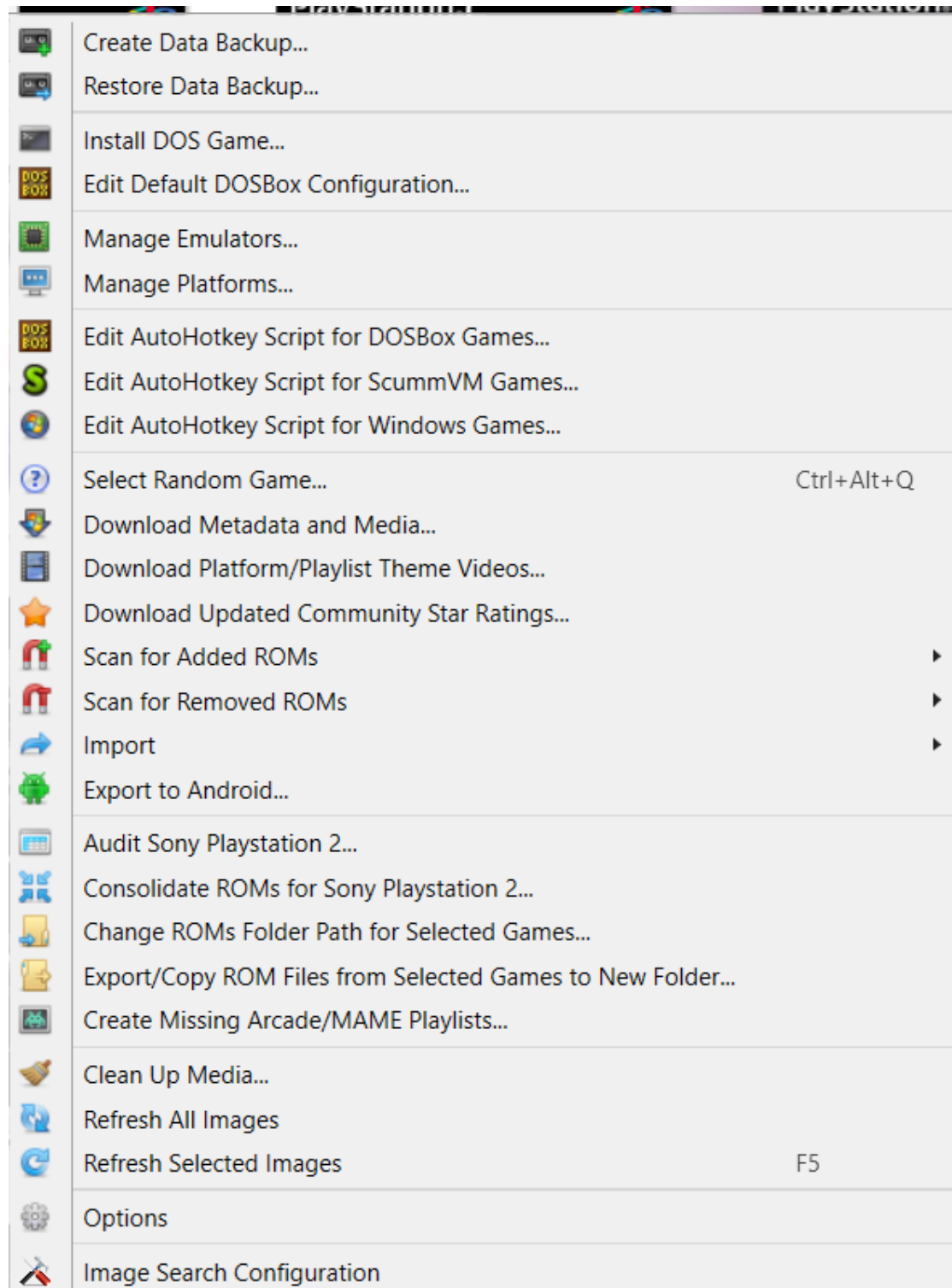It has many features (You may have less than me because I have paid version)

Create Data Backup...
Restore Data Backup...

Install DOS Game...
Edit Default DOSBox Configuration...

Manage Emulators...
Manage Platforms...

Edit AutoHotkey Script for DOSBox Games...
Edit AutoHotkey Script for ScummVM Games...
Edit AutoHotkey Script for Windows Games...

Select Random Game...   Ctrl+Alt+Q
Download Metadata and Media...
Download Platform/Playlist Theme Videos...
Download Updated Community Star Ratings...
Scan for Added ROMs   ▶
Scan for Removed ROMs   ▶
Import   ▶
Export to Android...

Audit Sony Playstation 2...
Consolidate ROMs for Sony Playstation 2...
Change ROMs Folder Path for Selected Games...
Export/Copy ROM Files from Selected Games to New Folder...
Create Missing Arcade/MAME Playlists...

Clean Up Media...
Refresh All Images
Refresh Selected Images   F5

Options
Image Search Configuration

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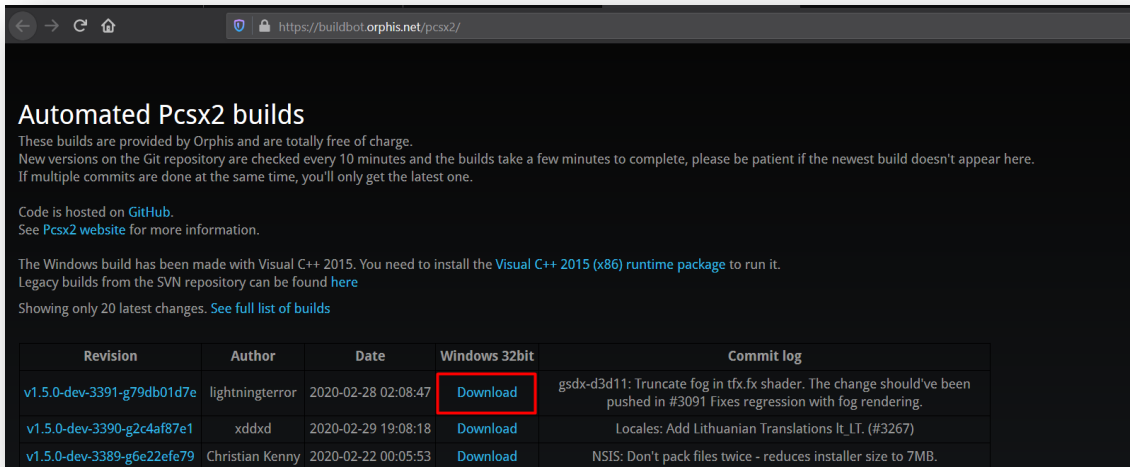
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Preparations

First of all how to begin?

Prerequisites

You need this:

Latest devbuild or a stable less than 1 years old (No this is not 1.4 or lower).
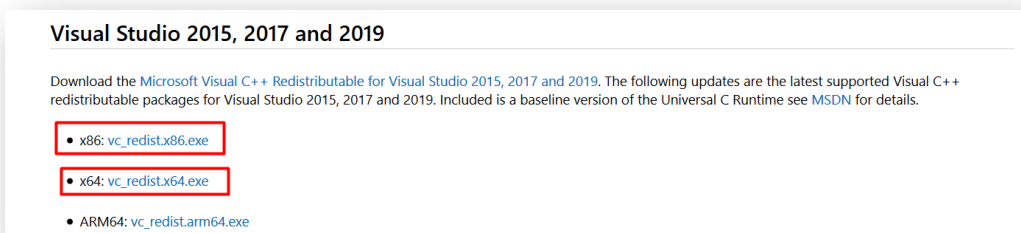https://buildbot.orphis.net/pcsx2/

Spectabis method seems to prefer normal install.

PCSX2 Configurator can do both but only works on 1.5 dev builds.

The combined runtimes visual c++
https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/2977003/the-latest-supported-visual-c-downloads

All drivers, software updates for either W7,W8 or preferably W10.

For AMD GPU: https://www.amd.com/en/support/kb/release-notes/rn-rad-win-15-7-1

For NVIDIA GPU (Best for pcsx2): https://www.nvidia.com/en-gb/geforce/geforce-experience/download/

(Yes I know it points to British one)

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Recommended: 4 – 8 GB RAM, STR Rating of at least 1600 CPU

https://www.cpubenchmark.net/singleThread.html
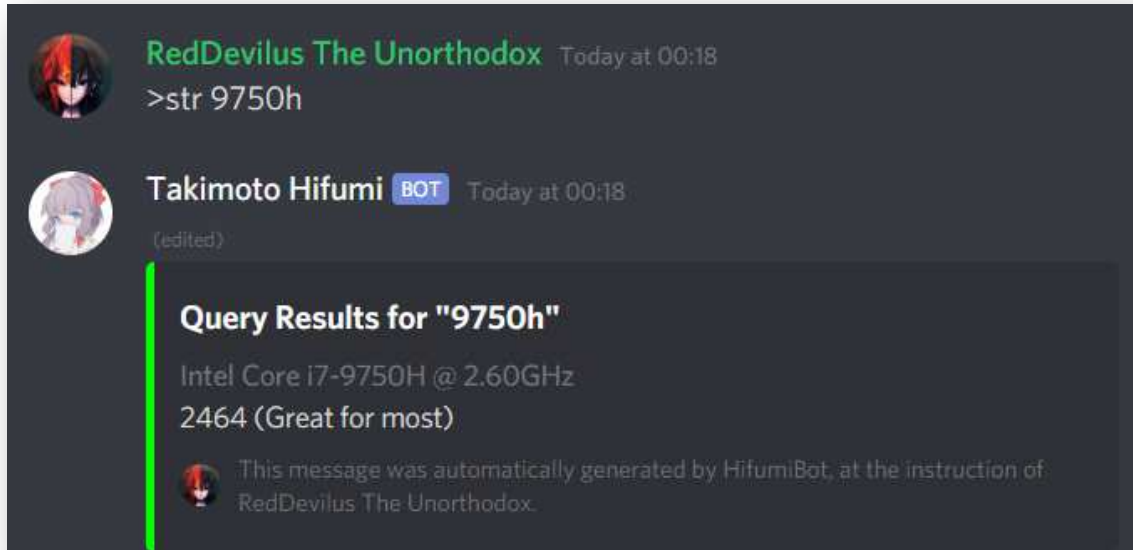
Optional: If you want upscaled/better visuals: A GPU of at least 6000 (1050 Ti)

NO PICTURE. Go to website there is not a command for that yet.

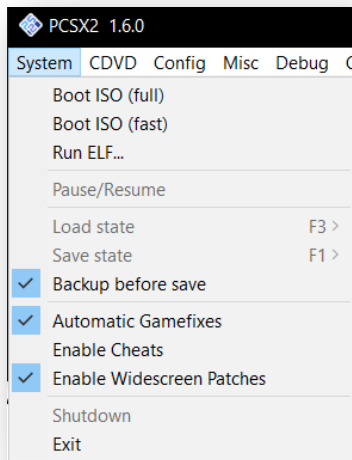https://www.cpubenchmark.net/singleThread.html

PCSX2 Settings

Template style: We will make a global profile. What do I mean?
Basically you will make a preset that applies to all games and then tinker later.

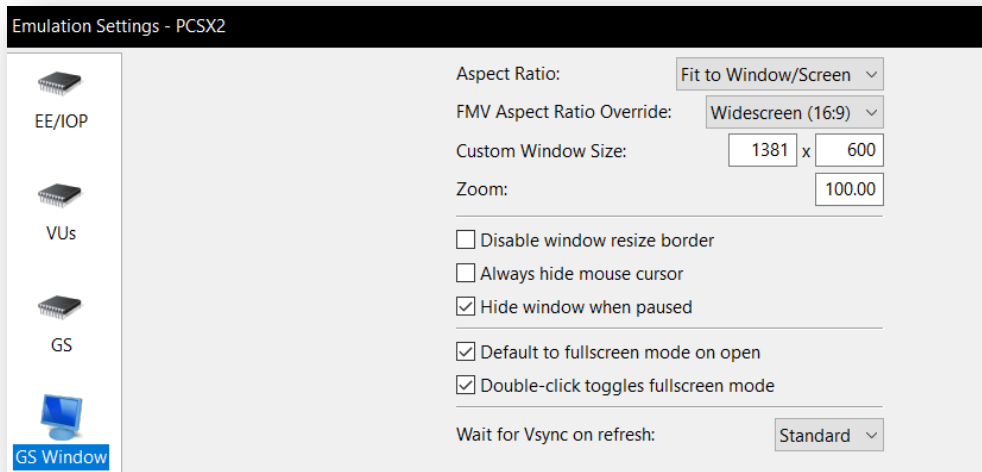You can differ from mine setup:

Automatic gamefixes

Automatic Gamefixes are important: They apply automatic patches to troublesome games.

I have a widescreen so it makes sense for me.
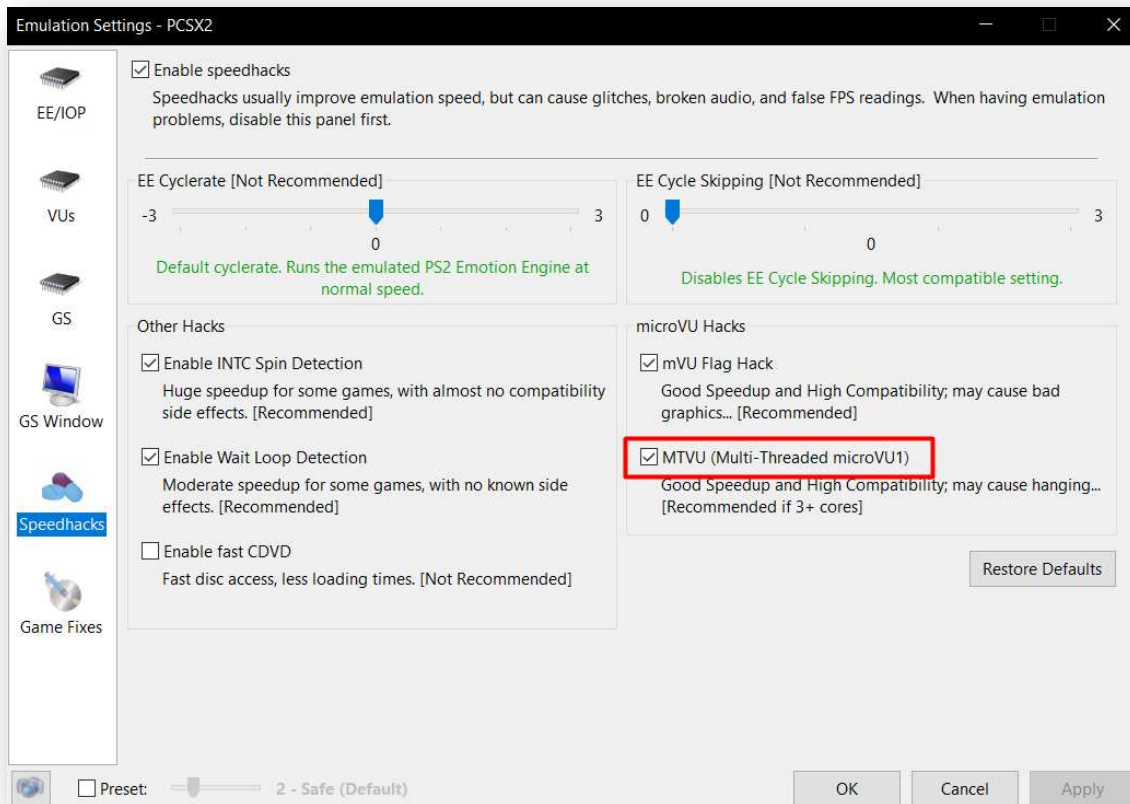
Window presentation (Aspect ratio)

These will wildly differ from your preferences (or about the same)

Aspect ratio is how pcsx2 will represent itself: -   4:3 (How real ps2 ran) Square mode

-    16:9 (Many modern monitors) Rectangle mode

-    Fit to window/screen (Fits your gamewindow to max)

Speedhacks: Enable MTVU (for most games)

I would encourage you to enable MTVU. MTVU can use more of your CPU because of extra thread. So more speed for u. WARNING This will be good for 80% of games and very bad for 20% of the other games.

GSdx Settings: Renderer, visuals and GPU
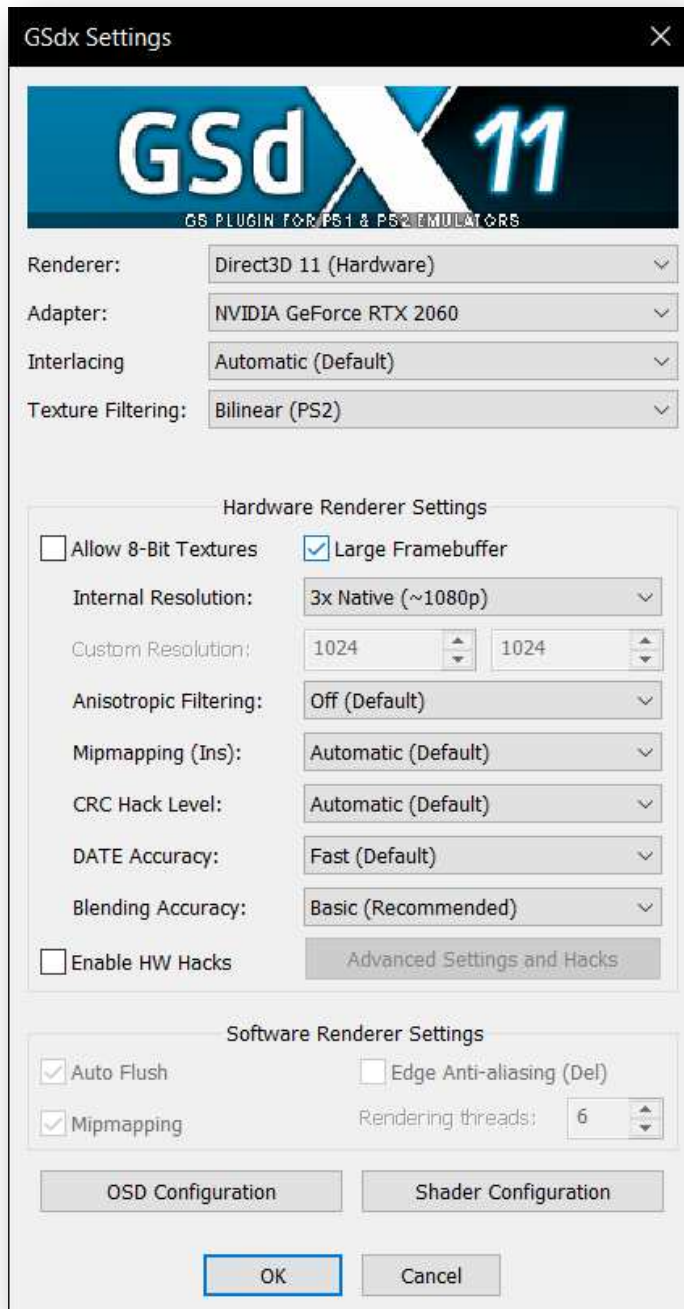
Best to disable Large Framebuffer unless your PC is comparable or better than mines

My specs CPU:i7-9750h (STR 2450), GPU is 2060m (Rating: 10500)

OpenGL hardware is your best choice and 2nd is Direct3D 11 (short: dx11)
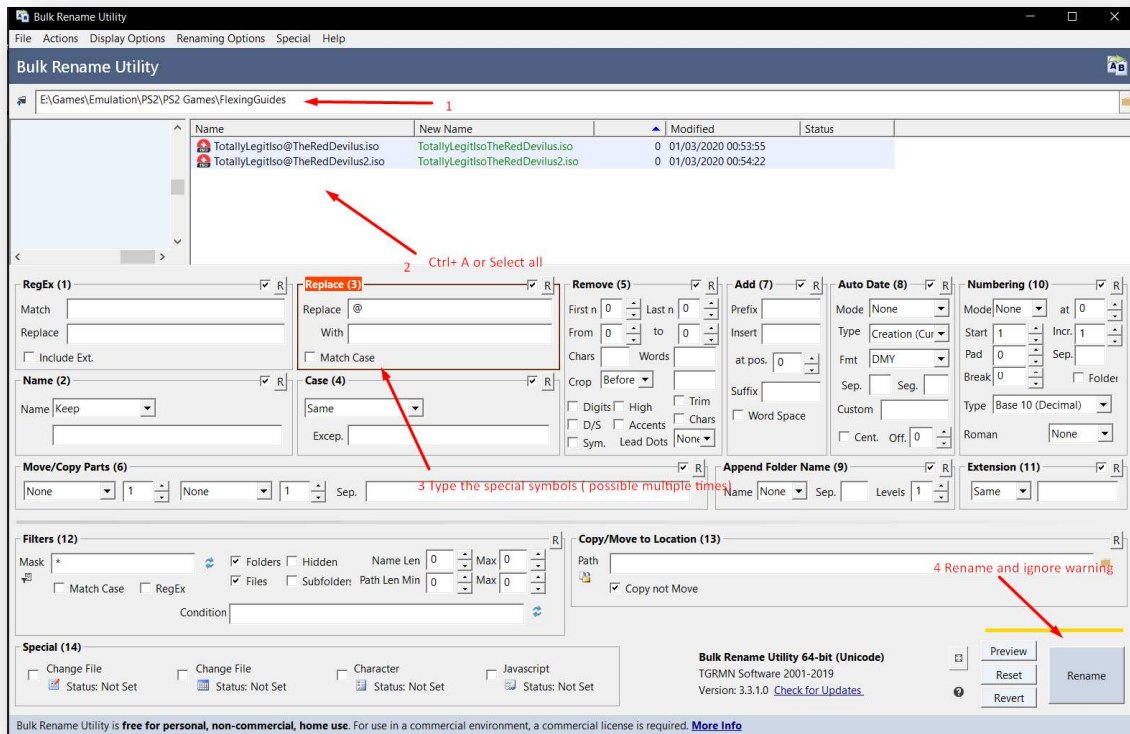
3x is best or even 4x if you have good pc.

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Preparing ROM Files (ISO/CSO/Others)

This is a good tool to remove special symbols (Needed for spectabis)

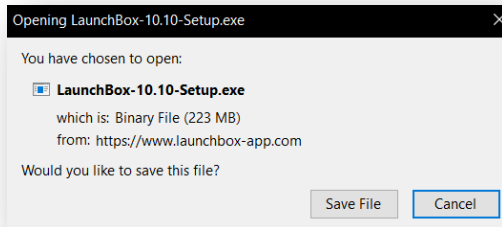https://www.bulkrenameutility.co.uk/Download.php

I got myself carried away and accidentally deletes spaces between them (which isn't necessary)

Install Launchbox (Free is fine)

Put in your e-mail and download it

https://www.launchbox-app.com/download

You will get a link on your mail and get this
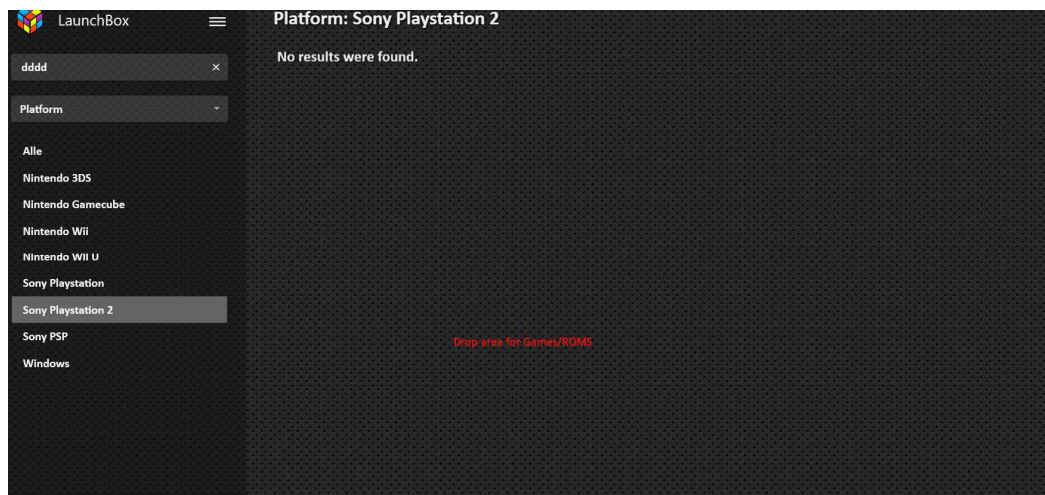

Configuring Launchbox

This is the platform u need

Drag and drop all your games and pick (do this after u configured PCSX2 or Spectabis)

So u can pick the right program. Or add ROM files from the menu.

DO THIS AFTER ONE OF THE METHODS

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Method 1: PCSX2 Configurator
Good for 1.5 Dev builds of PCSX2 (with standard or portable)

Download PCSX2 Configurator (beta 2)
Either make an account and get from zombeaver:

https://forums.launchbox-app.com/topic/41653-zombeavers-pcsx2-configs-simple-1-click-installs-with-pcsx2-configurator/?ct=1583021980

Or download from Github:

https://github.com/roguesaloon/launchbox-plugin_pcsx2-configurator-next/releases

Go to your launchbox folder location and go to Plugins
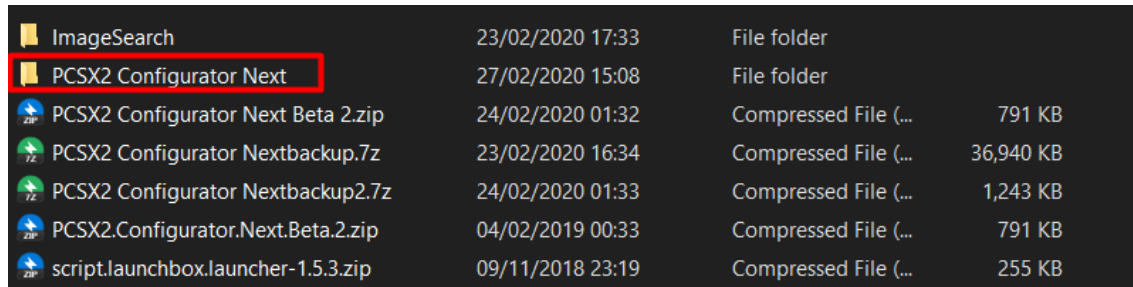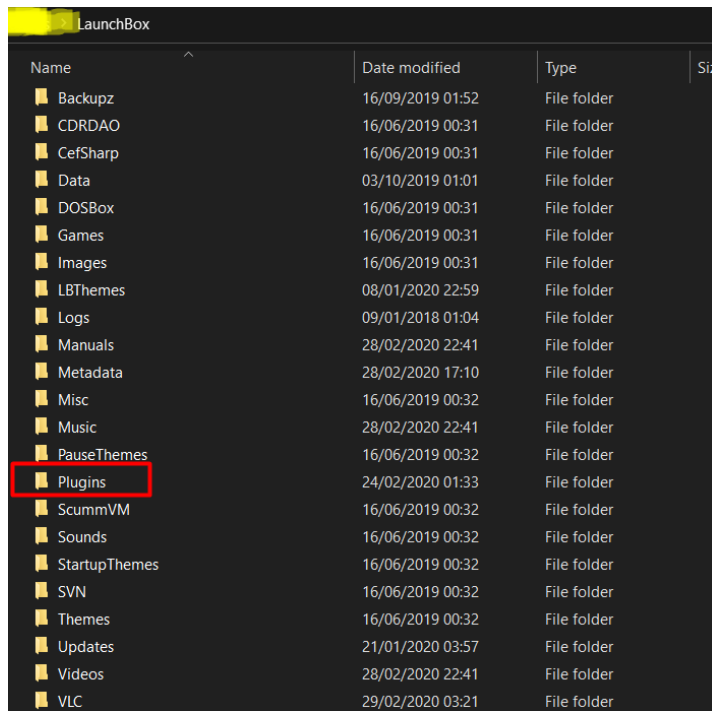
PCSX2 Configurator Next
(Needs to be exact like me above not beta 2 included in the name)

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Manage emulator (add pcsx2.exe)

There is also option to download pcsx2 link from there but just copy my settings (depending on ur situation)

Now u can finally add ur games by drag and drop or via the launchbox menu.

If you miss some box art

Right click on it and click Edit (or do shortcut)

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Sometimes this happens first:

Downloading the Latest Metadata...   ✕

Please wait while metadata is refreshed from the LaunchBox Games Database...

[████████████████████████████████   ]   Cancel

Arc   ⌄

[LaunchBox DB] 1945 I & II: The Arcade Games (Sony Playstation 2) (8/5/2004)
[LaunchBox DB] Arc the Lad: End of Darkness (Sony Playstation 2) (6/14/2005)
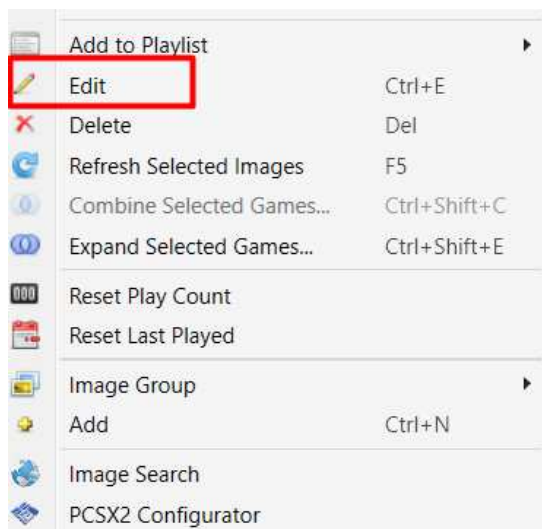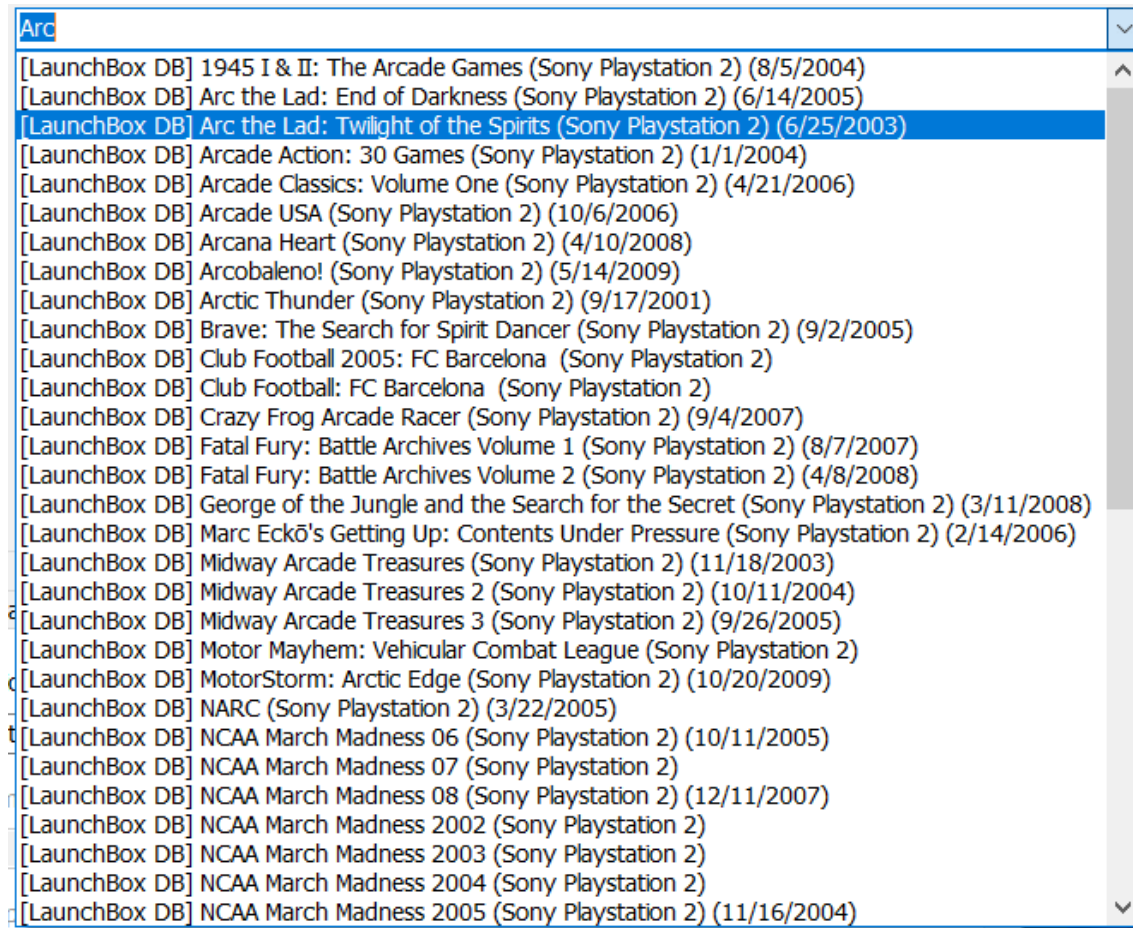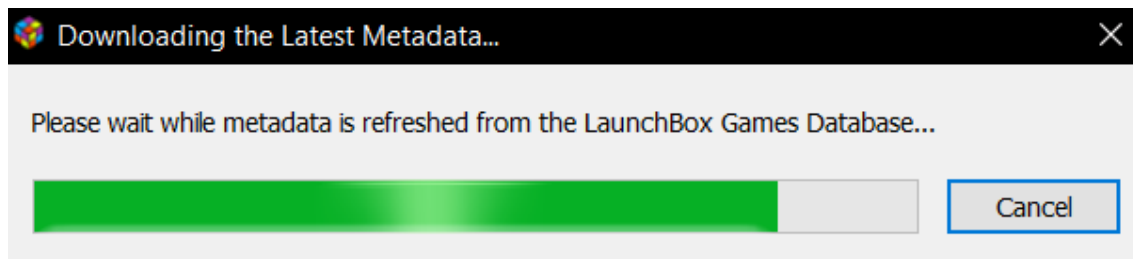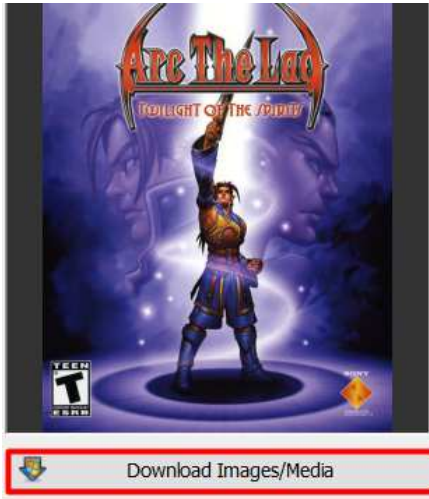[LaunchBox DB] Arc the Lad: Twilight of the Spirits (Sony Playstation 2) (6/25/2003)
[LaunchBox DB] Arcade Action: 30 Games (Sony Playstation 2) (1/1/2004)
[LaunchBox DB] Arcade Classics: Volume One (Sony Playstation 2) (4/21/2006)
[LaunchBox DB] Arcade USA (Sony Playstation 2) (10/6/2006)
[LaunchBox DB] Arcana Heart (Sony Playstation 2) (4/10/2008)
[LaunchBox DB] Arcobaleno! (Sony Playstation 2) (5/14/2009)
[LaunchBox DB] Arctic Thunder (Sony Playstation 2) (9/17/2001)
[LaunchBox DB] Brave: The Search for Spirit Dancer (Sony Playstation 2) (9/2/2005)
[LaunchBox DB] Club Football 2005: FC Barcelona (Sony Playstation 2)
[LaunchBox DB] Club Football: FC Barcelona (Sony Playstation 2)
[LaunchBox DB] Crazy Frog Arcade Racer (Sony Playstation 2) (9/4/2007)
[LaunchBox DB] Fatal Fury: Battle Archives Volume 1 (Sony Playstation 2) (8/7/2007)
[LaunchBox DB] Fatal Fury: Battle Archives Volume 2 (Sony Playstation 2) (4/8/2008)
[LaunchBox DB] George of the Jungle and the Search for the Secret (Sony Playstation 2) (3/11/2008)
[LaunchBox DB] Marc Eckō's Getting Up: Contents Under Pressure (Sony Playstation 2) (2/14/2006)
[LaunchBox DB] Midway Arcade Treasures (Sony Playstation 2) (11/18/2003)
[LaunchBox DB] Midway Arcade Treasures 2 (Sony Playstation 2) (10/11/2004)
[LaunchBox DB] Midway Arcade Treasures 3 (Sony Playstation 2) (9/26/2005)
[LaunchBox DB] Motor Mayhem: Vehicular Combat League (Sony Playstation 2)
[LaunchBox DB] MotorStorm: Arctic Edge (Sony Playstation 2) (10/20/2009)
[LaunchBox DB] NARC (Sony Playstation 2) (3/22/2005)
[LaunchBox DB] NCAA March Madness 06 (Sony Playstation 2) (10/11/2005)
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[LaunchBox DB] NCAA March Madness 08 (Sony Playstation 2) (12/11/2007)
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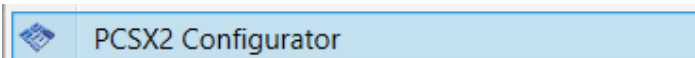
Pick the right one

Done (u can pick any region to pick the boxart from)

Using PCSX2 Configurator

After placing all your games + fixing box art + other settings

U can begin configuring with right clicking the game u want to change.

I don't recommend doing the download option (they download 3 year old config files and ive seen a lot of em are wrong now)

Change the settings. Close PCSX2. And u can play :D

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Configure games that differ from global profile (per game profiling) PCSX2 Configurator
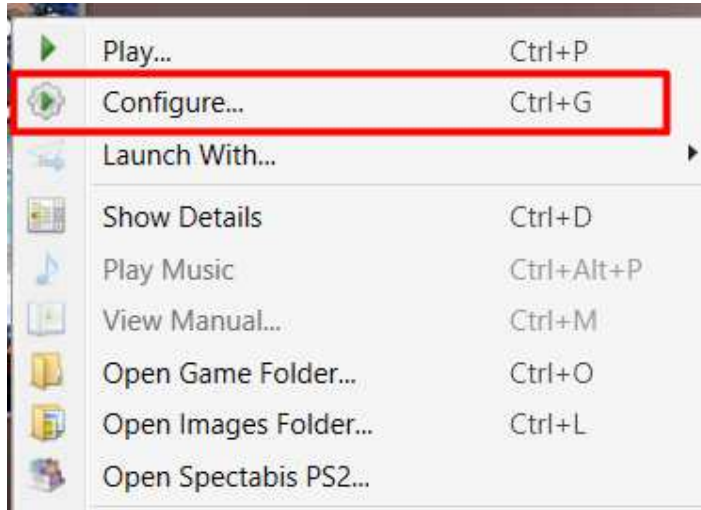
1.5 Dev build (portable version)

Method 2: Spectabis

Good for all versions of PCSX2 (preferably with standard installation)

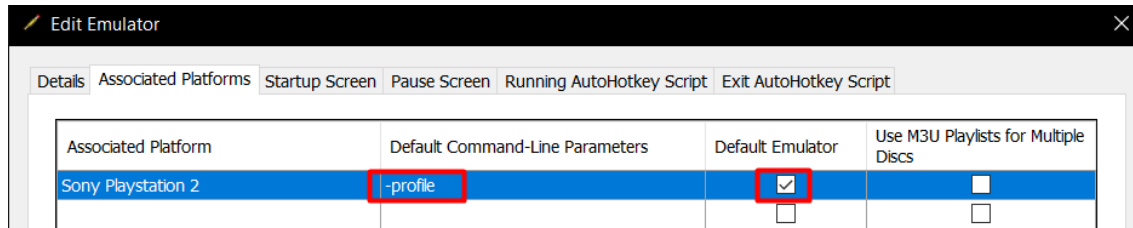Download Spectabis and download to an easily remembered location.

https://spectabis.github.io/
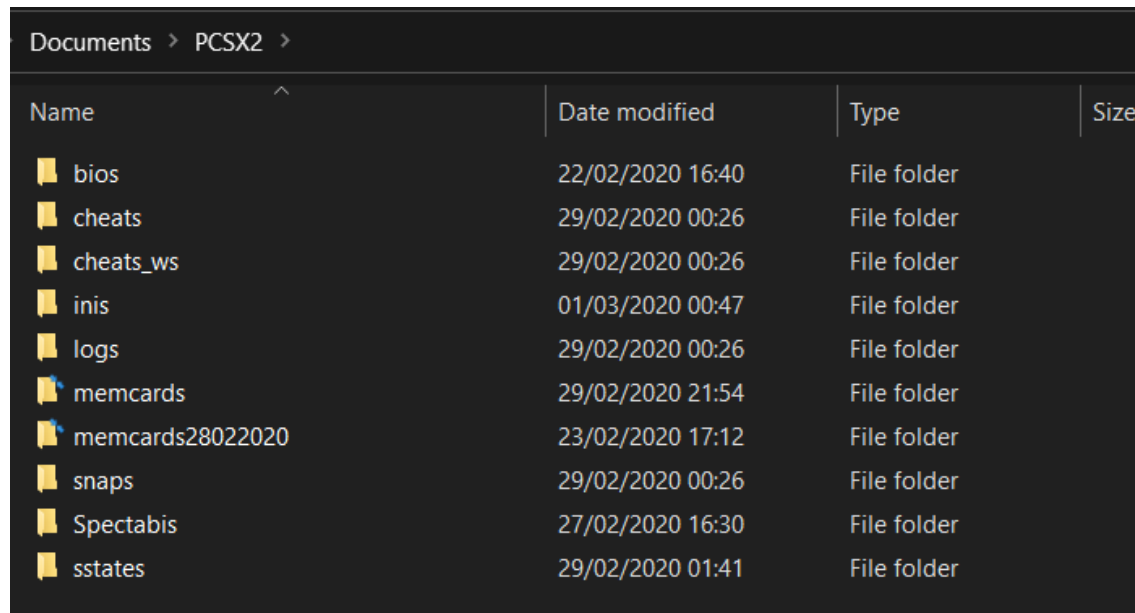
Manage emulator (add Spectabis.exe)

Just copy my settings for Spectabis (middleware)

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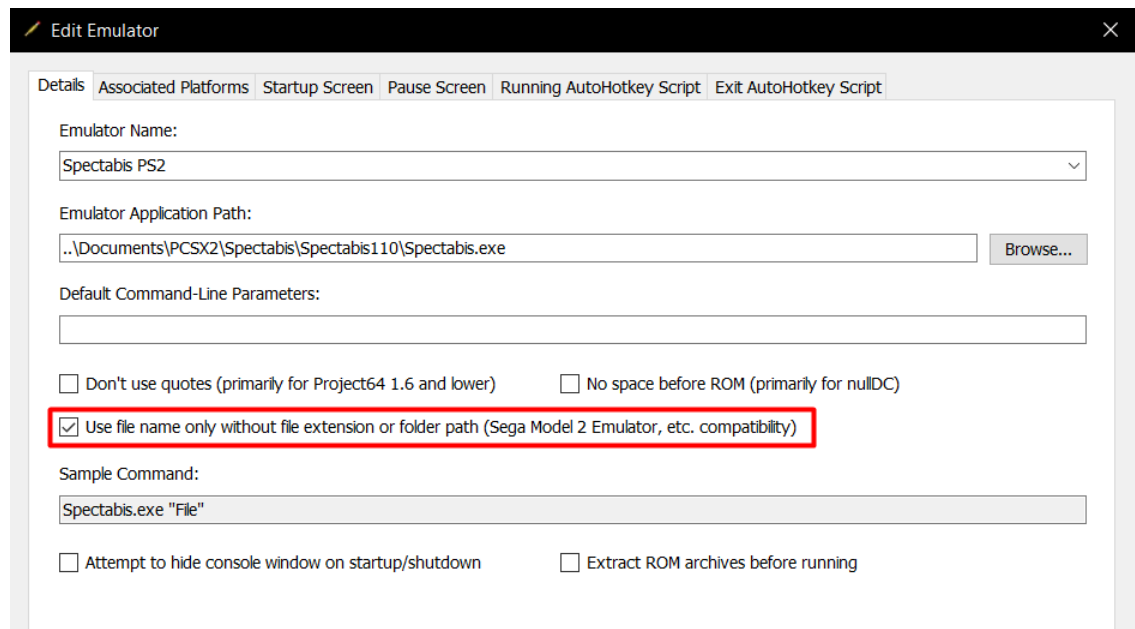
Just in case it wont launch well. Best if enabled

Profile is copied over from spectabis and pick default emulator and if it asks to replace it for all games say yes.
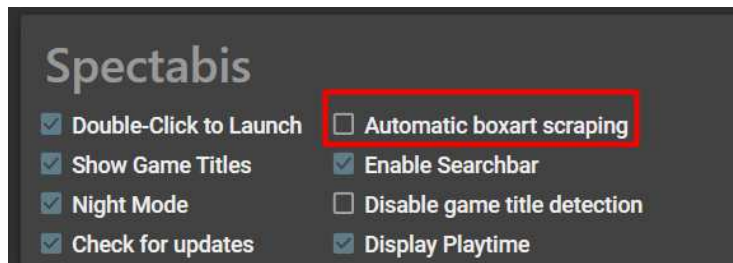
Spectabis configuration

Open Spectabis.exe
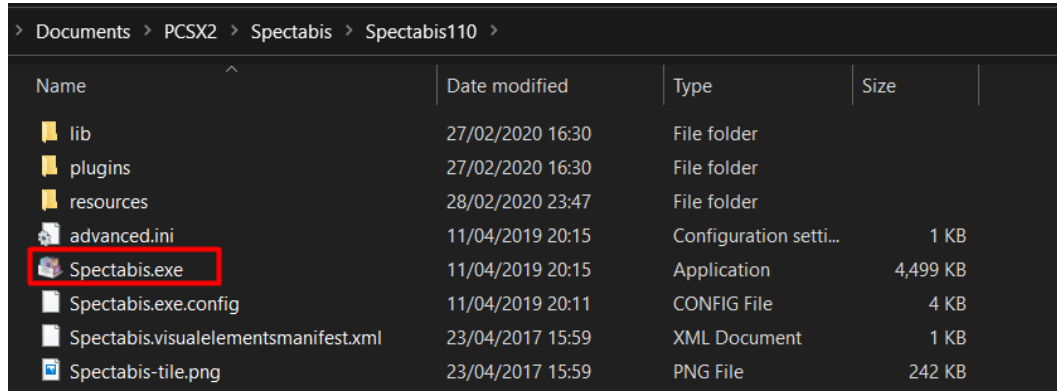
Do the same for launchbox and drag and drop to Spectabis (the directory is slow af)

Don't worry about boxart this time because you wont notice spectabis at all (if nothing is broken or wrongly setup, Spectabis is touchy with special characters and wrong matching of rom files in launchbox and spectabis)
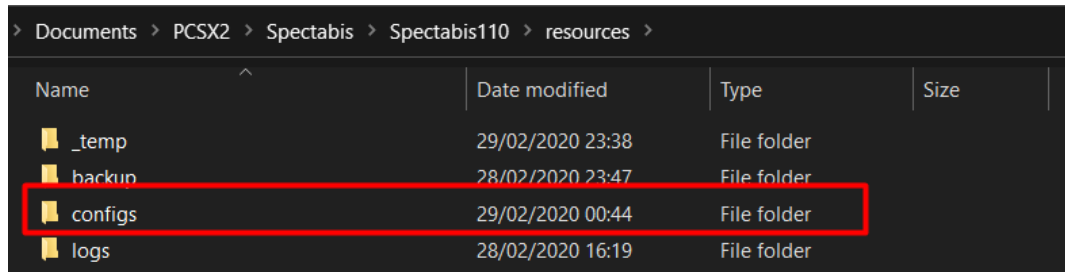
Optional:

No point for me but u can try registering to API for boxart but u won't see them anyway.
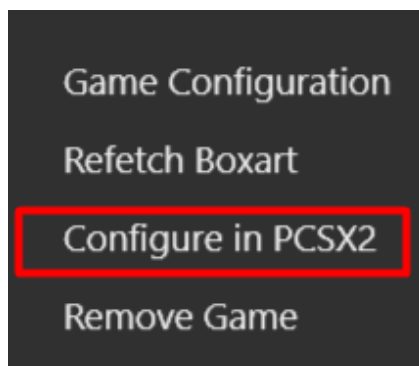
This is what my Spectabis looks like:

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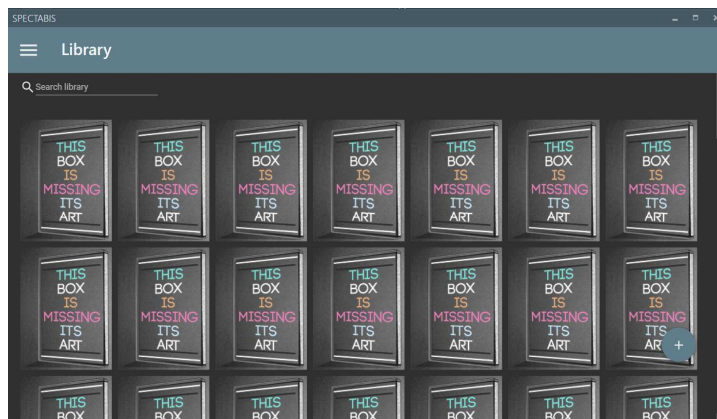
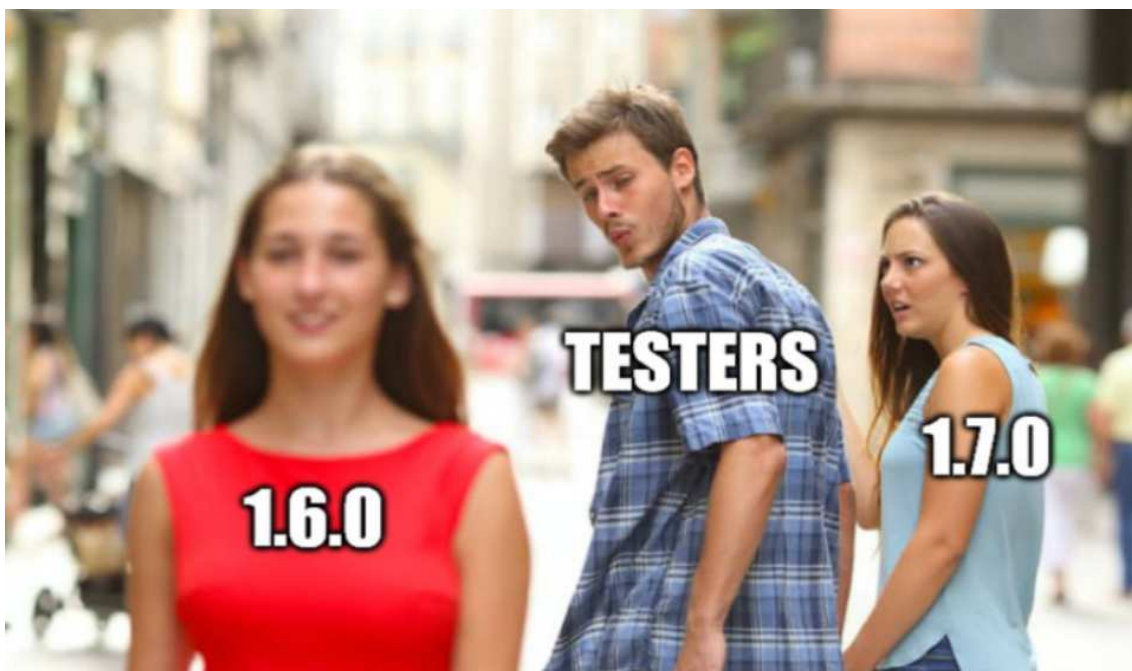## Resetting/fixing Spectabis

Delete everything in the config folder(not folder itself) and add games again when u open spectabis.

Configure games that differ from global profile (per game profiling) Spectabis

Dev is more stable than stable because stable is outdated/legacy (for 1.4)

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