Launchy 0.7

Welcome
Launchy was first created for my own use, but as my friends and I began to heavily rely upon it and its lack of cost, I decided to distribute it. It is a work in progress but don't let its version number daunt you, it is stable. The official homepage for Launchy is http://launchy.sourceforge.net. If you need help using Launchy or would like to leave any comments/suggestions please feel free to post on the forums.

-- Josh Karlin

What is Launchy?
Launchy is the most efficient way to launch programs on your computer. Nobody likes to hunt through the start menu to find an application, just to find that the application is hidden under some obscure folder named after a company you have never heard of! Instead, Launchy is a smart search program which tries to guess which program you are looking for and will launch it when you hit the enter key. It is only visible when you hit the alt+space key combination; otherwise it hides in the background. Once you have used it for a few days, it becomes an indispensable utility for your computer. And it's free!

How to use Launchy
Launchy installs itself into your Startup folder and thus will automatically run every time you log into your computer. Yet, where is it? Launchy hides in the background until you need it. To bring it to the foreground type alt+space (hold down the alt key and tap the space bar). At this point simply begin typing the name of the program you are looking for. Do not worry about capitalization, punctuation, or even spelling in general.

Chances are, Launchy knows what you are looking for. Launchy will show you what it thinks you are looking for in the right hand box, and if it has found what you are looking for, hit enter to launch that program. If it has not found what you are looking for stop typing for a second and Launchy will show you a list of alternative suggestions to choose from. Then hit enter to launch that program.

If you strike the enter key Launchy will launch the requested program and then disappear again until you need it next. If you have changed your mind and do not wish to launch a program, you can hit alt+space to make it disappear again or you can simply hit the escape key.

How to close Launchy

It is not apparent how Launchy should be closed; this is because there are not many reasons to close it! In the event that you should like to close it, bring it forward by hitting alt+space and then close it by typing alt+f4.

Version Information

0.7 Launchy has memory! It will associate your input with applications.

0.61 Launchy no longer opens all programs maximized.

0.6 This is the first C++ release. As I became frustrated with C#'s large .NET framework requirements and users lack of desire to install it, I decided to switch back to the faster language. This release is functionally and visually equivalent to the 0.5 C# release. The C# CVS version had some new features that I will soon add to the C++ branch.

0.5 This was the first public release.