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Introduction:

UnleashX is an Xbox Application/Game launcher, with a few other features thrown in. I've designed **UnleashX** with safety in mind. I intentionally left out any feature that could potentially render your xbox useless, except for the HD formatting. This dash has been tested on V1.0, V1.1 and V1.4 xboxes with X2 4976.02/4977/4979/4981, Evox D6/M7 BIOS.

Features:

UnleashX has the basic feature of a dashboard. It can automatically search your HD, or DVD if run from it (though you should not let it search the DVD for speed reason). Here is a small list of the current feature of **UnleashX**:

- 1) Auto search for games/application with thumbnail for display. Searches and indexes your hard drive for Xbox titles. Uses icon embedded within the xbe file or custom icon (Icon.png, Icon.jpg).
- 2) File manager (Copy/Move/Delete/QuickDVDCopy/XBE Title editor, Support for copy and resume so you don't start from the beginning if an error occurs.)
- Game/DVD movie/CD/Data detection with the option to autolaunch them using your favorite media player. Pressing any of the trigger buttons will suppress auto launching of disk.
- 4) Image viewer (bmp, jpg, xbx and xpr –built in to the File manager)
- 5) Zip/Unzip files right from your xbox. Supports extracting from Xbox Xip files (except xm files). Now you can check the contents of the xip files that came with the xbox without leaving it.

- 6) Auto/Manual clock settings. You can set it to manual so **UnleashX** ask you for date and time when it becomes invalid (i.e., it has been unplug for too long). If set otherwise, **UnleashX** will set it Nov 15, 2003.
- 7) Password protection for every item. With **UnleashX**, you can set a password for each menu, submenu, individual item, as well as a system password with maximum number of tries (only for system password. When the maximum is reached, the Xbox will automatically shutdown). The format menu has a default password of Xbox with a capital X
- 8) Color scheme. You can change the colors of all items, from the menu color, to the screen dialog, down to the default background and fog color.
- 9) Fully configurable (XML config file). To achieve flexibility, XML is used almost everywhere. It's a pretty flexible format but it's not an all and be all solution.
- 10) Widescreen support (HDTV and support for 480p was not tested)
- 11) FTP Server with PASV and multi-client (10 max) support. You can set the Username, password, port, maximum number of users, anonymous access). While **UnleashX** supports multiple clients simultaneously, all users must use the same user account (default is Xbox).
- 12) Simple screen saver and Auto-Turn off timer.
- 13) Sound effects (uses internal xbox files-it will still run without them) and uses the soundtrack for background music. The combination for changing the music is White+DpadLeft=Next song, White+DpadRight=Previous song, White+DpadDown=Next soundtrack, White+DpadUp=Previous Soundtrack. And/or Music can also be controlled using the IR. Play, Pause, Stop, Forward(next song), Reverse(prev. song), Skip+(next Soundtrack), Skip-(prev. soundtrack)
- 14) In-box configuration, so you don't need to do everything from your PC
- 15) USB Keyboard and IR support (Pressing the Display on the IR for more than 1.5 seconds will turn the xbox off –though it's probably faster to just select the power-off menu item)
- 16) Virtual Keyboard support for all settings.
- 17) Support for Memory Unit thru File manager and FTP server. You can browse and copy/transfer files between your Xbox hard disk and memory unit.
- 18) Partition Formatting.
- 19) Screen Capture. And with the built in image viewer, you can now view it too (though what's the point?). Key combo –LeftThumbstick press + Black Button. Look for the images in Z:\ (or Y:\, if Z happens to be full, then X:\ if Y happens to be full or not available)
- 20) Extensive support for skinning. You can switch skin without restarting. Now supports preview and you don't have to unpack your skin files anymore. Just zip them up, and upload to your Skins folder (each zip file must be on its own subfolder and all files must be in the root of the zip file –meaning select the files when zipping and not the folder containing the files).
- 21) RSS News feed support. To cycle news items press (Black + DPad Right)
- 22) Supports batch command.
- 23) Support for partition G.

- 24) To keep the footprint small, **UnleashX** uses a lot of files that are already in your HD like the sound effects file and xbx files. If you have a hacked MS dash, you'll probably notice this as long as you didn't rename them to something else.
- 25) Unrar (works with V2.0 Rar only -Winrar 2.9). Rar 3.0 can be displayed but can't be extracted.
- 26) Video Support (WMV8 and XMV only). You can now watch that WMV/XMV cut scenes without playing the game. Just select your movies from the file manager and watch. Rightthumb (press) toggles between windowed and fullscreen view. See skinning overview to learn how to use video on your skins. For an automatic preview video detection, name your video "preview.xmv" or "preview.wmv" and drop them in the game folder. Preview videos con be found at http://www.gametrailers.com/ as well as #mxmfiles on EFNet.
- 27) Custom music path. If you have WMA's on your xbox aside from those ripped using MS Dash, you can tell **UnleashX** where to look for them. It will search the path you pointed and one folder down, if any.
- 28) Skin preview. Provide a screenshot and save it as "preview.jpg" to enable skin preview. It's off by default. Press the White button to toggle preview mode. You can also preview the skin live and restore the settings on next bootup. When in the Skin Selection screen, press the Back button. This should tell UnleashX to use the selected skin until the next reboot. To use the selected skin all the time, press A for the second time, or B or Black buttons.
- 29) Skin files need not be expanded any more. Zip up your files, upload in its own folder, and select it.
- 30) Safe mode. Some skins crashed **UnleashX**? Just reboot your xbox and select another one without using a boot disk. **UnleashX** should bypass it on the next reboot. Same goes true for config.xml.
- 31) Capability to format new Harddisk and restore backup when run from CD-R/RW or DVD. See hdprepare_movie.txt for details. Thanks to Modchip-Source (www.modchipsource.com) for providing the HD used for testing.
- 32) Capability to Delete a single file or a directory recursively -please be cautious and don't blame me for lost data. Deleting from action command WILL NOT ASK for your confirmation.
- 33) XBE Title editor. Find and highlight your xbe using the File manager, bring up the menu, and find "Rename XBE Title" option. The dash will detect if an XBE was modified at boot up time -then updates the cache to reflect info. (Should now update the title when you use XBERenamer, or any XBE-editing tool)
- 34) Enable/disable Preview video via the Black button (only for skins that uses preview videos)
- 35) Windowed/Full screen mode for preview video via Right thumbstick press, or Display on the IR control. (Menu items will still show up when in full screen mode)

- 36) Integrated Text editor. Now you can edit those .txt, .ini, and .xml files straight from the box without leaving the dash. Find your text file from the File manager and select it. Thank to the author of xPad for his "Tab char" idea.
- 37) Video mode Auto-Detect/Auto-Switch using Cherry's dynamic kernel patching code so it's EEPROM safe (Doesn't modify/write to EEPROM chip). Force PAL60 option is also included. A simple reboot reverts everything back to original settings.
- 38) Dynamic fan speed adjustment base on CPU temperature.

At the moment, there's not much feature but I plan to keep an adding more as I go about it. Here are some features I'm planning to include, but not limited to:

- 1) FTP client for your xbox to xbox transfer needs.
- 2) SMTP (outgoing mail client) so you can send email right from your xbox. (Though it's gonna be a pain in the *** with just the virtual keyboard)
- More in-box settings. Xbe renaming, temporary (via cache).
 Adding/modifying password for all menu items is also being planned.
- 4) Game save manager
- 5) Custom soundtrack support.
- 6) And a lot more...

Installation Instructions:

If you are to use this application for the first time, I suggest you use it as an application first before using it as a full time default dashboard, just so you get used to it. FTP the default.xbe, along with the config.xml (optional) to your hard drive, or make an xISO image file and burn it to a media (CD-R/W, DVD±R/W) that your drive can read. Then point your evox/mxm/ava/MS h4xx0r3d dash/nexGen to it and use it for a while (usually in E:\ or F:\ under Apps\UnleashX\default.xbe). Before FTP'ing it in, go ahead and open the config.xml and edit it to your liking. (i.e. IP address, fan speed). Note that everything can be configured straight from inside this dash. Then when you're comfortable, rename your stock dash to something else and stick in the default.xbe and config.xml in your C: drive and rename it to what your old dash use to be named. Most common name for a replacement dashboard is "evoxdash.xbe" but it seemed BIOS maker changed the rule, so read the docs that came with your favorite BIOS provider.

Config File explained:

Here is a sample config file. I'll try to explain it a bit. You can change most of it right from your xbox. UnleashX, like many others, uses xml file for configuration. Xml files are very flexible yet could become cumbersome if you don't know what you are doing. If you don't know a thing about xml files, you can just accept the default (you can even completely delete it and **UnleashX** will create one for you with the default settings. As an xml primer, an xml file is nothing more than a text file that

consists of tags, attributes and values. In the example below, the Tag is "Item", attribute is "Action" and "C:\xboxdash.xbe" as the corresponding attribute value, "MS Dashboard" as the tag value and "/Item" as the end tag.

-Network settings. Default is enabled, using a static IP (detects the current settings and will default to 192.168.0.5 if it can't find a valid IP. Of course, this config file uses 192.168.1.100. Change it accordingly to reflect your network settings (you can do it right from xbox also).

-FTP Server Settings. Default is enabled, using port 21, anonymous not allowed, maximum of two clients at a time and xbox/xbox for the username/password consecutively. The "greeting" option is just a feature I threw in. It's what you'll see from your FTP client after a successful log on.

The FTP server will report your HD status (free/used/total space) when you request the root folders, which is basically the partitions. You can also browse your memory unit.

-Newsfeed. Well, I gotta ride on the bandwagon as newsfeeds seem to become a standard feature of dashboards nowadays. The rotation interval is in seconds. You can put as many URL as you wish though it will have a great impact on the performance of your xbox, I'm sure. Newsfeeds are cached and will only be checked once. The cache will be use initially, if present, or if the xbox can't connect to your newsfeed provider. Note that even if you enable newsfeeds, it won't be requested if your skin don't use it.

```
<Newsfeed Enable="False" Interval="30">
```

```
<URL>www.xbox-scene.com/xbox1data/xbox-scene.xml</URL>
             <URL>www.xbins.org/xbins.xml</URL>
       </Newsfeed>
       <Preference>
             -The following settings are pretty basic and deals with auto-launching.
             <Games AutoLaunch="Yes" />
             <DVD AutoLaunch="Yes">C:\xboxdash.xbe</DVD>
             <AudioCD AutoLaunch="Yes">C:\xboxdash.xbe</AudioCD>
             -You can leave this to blank to let the built-in file manager open up the
       disk for you. Note that UnleashX only supports disk that are natively supported
       by Xbox.
             <Data AutoLaunch="Yes"></Data>
             -Sound effects volume. Valid values are from 0 to 100
             <SoundVolume>90</SoundVolume>
             -Music volume. Valid values are from 0 to 100 Note if you set this to
       zero you wont here the humming noise in the background.
             <MusicVolume>90</MusicVolume>
             -Set this value to make use of your soundtrack. Provide an alternate
       path to look for your music files via the MusicPath attribute.
             Possible values are: Off, Xbox (to play Xbox Soundtrack), Custom (To
       play music located in MusicPath), Both (to play them both if present)
             <EnableSoundTrack Random="True"</pre>
      MusicPath="F:\Music">Both</EnableSoundTrack>
             -Use Fahrenheight when reporting temperature instead of celcius.
             <UseFahrenheit>False
             -If you want to synchronize your xbox with a time server, or with your
PC
             <SNTP Synchronize="No">192.168.1.1
             -Location of your skins. Relative and absolute path are supported.
             <Skin Path="skins\" />
             -If you want to manually set your fan speed. Valid values are 1 to 5
       and 0.5 stepping in between (1, 1.5,2,...4.5,5). This may become controversial
       with the way I have it but there really is no standard. It can not be
       percentage since valid values are 1 to 50 with 10 as the default. While you
      can select an arbitrary number from 1 to 50, it hardly makes any sense so I did
       it the way I have it. 1=10, 1.5=15, 5=50 and so forth and so on. You can see
      this from the settings menu as 1x, 1.5x...5x.
             <FanSpeed>1</FanSpeed>
             -You can change your LED color (the light surrounding the eject
       button) to one of this values: Default, Red, Orange and Off
             <LEDColor>Orange
             -Note: When using 'Default', the dash will not set it to green on
```

bootup. So, if you modified your BIOS to use Red and you chose 'Default', it

will stay Red.

-Wait is in seconds, so it will activate after a minute. The Type is not being use right now but I'm planning to expand this a bit, probably a few more types, like a slideshow or something which really isn't very hard to implement. Right now, it's just a text bouncing around your screen and dimming after a while.

-Auto turn of is in minutes. If you put a value here other than zero, UnleashX will turn your xbox off with the given time of inactivity. Note that its monitoring any file activity (long copying process, FTP activity) and won't fire if your xbox is busy.

```
<autoTurnOff>0</autoTurnOff>
```

-If set, UnleashX will mount your partition 6 as drive F. Do not set this to True, if you don't have Drive F, it may lock up on you.

```
<EnableDriveF>True</EnableDriveF>
```

-If set, UnleashX will mount your partition 7 as drive G. Do not set this to True, if you don't have Drive G, it may lock up on you.

You may have noticed I didn't have settings for date, time and number format. That's because I'm using the internal settings of the Xbox to display the information properly.

-Menu layout/settings. The menu settings are consisting of three elements, namely List, Path and Item, List being the container of the two. Path isn't visible and is use to tell UnleashX where to search for files. The List element can contain several Path, Item or another List element for that drill down effect.

List element can contain the following attributes:

Text –This is what's displayed

Password –password of the element

Sort -On/Off to turn on/off the sorting of its child elements

Auto –Not being use at the moment.

Batch –executes all child items one by one until it reaches the end of the item list or if one fails.

Since the List tag is a container, it can not contain a value.

Path element can only have a value and no attributes. The value should point to a valid location in your HD/DVD

The Item element can contain attributes and value but not another element. The value is whats being displayed. The following are valid attributes for the Item element:

Action –should point to an xbe, or a valid function supported by UnleashX Arg1,Arg2...Argn for arguments required by some inter functions Password –password for the item

Lists and Items can also have icons as shown in the **LaunchDVD** and **Games** example below.

Here's a sample menu data:

```
<Menu>
  <Item Action="LaunchDVD" Password="" Icon ="C:\DVD.png"</pre>
  Preview="C:\DVD.wmv">Launch DVD</Item>
  <List Text="Games" Sort="On" Auto="On" Icon="C:\Games.png"</pre>
  Preview="C:\games.wmv">
        <Path>E:\Games</Path>
        <Path>F:\Games</Path>
        <Path>E:\HDDLoader</Path>
        <Path>F:\HDDLoader</Path>
        <List Text="Action" Sort="On" Auto="On" Icon="C:\Action.png"</pre>
  Preview="C:\Action.wmv">
               <Path>E:\Games\Action</Path>
               <Path>F:\Games\Action</Path>
               <Path>E:\HDDLoader\Action</Path>
               <Path>F:\HDDLoader\Action</Path>
        </List>
        <List Text="Sports" Sort="On" Auto="On" Icon="C:\Sports.png"</pre>
  Preview="C:\Sports.wmv">
               <Path>E:\Games\Sports</Path>
               <Path>F:\Games\Sports</Path>
               <Path>E:\HDDLoader\Sports</Path>
               <Path>F:\HDDLoader\Sports</Path>
        </List>
  </List>
  <List Text="Applications" Sort="On" Auto="On" Preview="C:\apps.wmv">
        <Path>E:\Apps</Path>
        <Path>F:\Apps</Path>
        <List Text="Dashboards" Sort="On" Auto="On">
               <Path>C:\</Path>
               <Item Action="C:\xboxdash.xbe" Preview="C:\msdash.wmv">MS
        Dashboard
               <Item Action="C:\evox.xbe" Preview="C:\evox.wmv">Evolution
        x</Item>
        </List>
  </List>
  <List Text="System" Sort="On" Auto="On" Password=""</pre>
  Preview="C:\system.wmv">
        <Sort>Off</Sort>
        <Item Action="Settings" Password=""</pre>
  Preview="C:\settings.wmv">Settings</Item>
        <List Text="Misc" Sort="Off" Auto="On" Preview="C:\Misc.wmv">
               <Item Action="FTPStop">Stop FTP</Item>
               <Item Action="FTPStart">Start FTP</Item>
               <Item Action="FTPReset">Reset FTP</Item>
               <Item Action="NETReset">Restart Network</Item>
               <Item Action="TrayClose">Close DVD Tray</Item>
               <Item Action="TrayOpen">Open DVD Tray</Item>
        <List Text="Format Menu" Sort="Off" Auto="On" Password="Xbox"</pre>
  Preview="C:\format.wmv">
```

```
<Item Action="Format" Arg1="F" Password="">Format F
     Drive</Item>
            <Item Action="Format" Arg1="G" Password="">Format G
     Drive
           <Item Action="Format" Arg1="X" Password="">Format X
     Drive
           <Item Action="Format" Arg1="Y" Password="">Format Y
     Drive</Item>
           <Item Action="Format" Arg1="Z" Password="">Format Z
     Drive
      </List>
      <Item Action="Skins">Skins</Item>
</List>
<Item Action="FileManager" Password="">File Explorer</Item>
<Item Action="Restart" Password="">Reboot</Item>
<Item Action="Shutdown" Password="">Shutdown</Item>
</Menu>
</UnleashX>
```

The following are internal functions currently supported by **UnleashX**:

LaunchDVD -Launches the game currently inserted, or the configured media player for your DVD and Audio CD.

```
EX: <Item Action="LaunchDVD"> Launch DVD </Item>
```

FileManager -Invokes the built-in file manager.

```
EX: <Item Action="FileManager"> File Explorer</Item>
```

Settings -Shows the settings menu where you can change most of the settings used by **UnleashX**.

```
EX: <Item Action="Settings">Settings</Item>
```

Skins -Shows the skin browser where you can select your skin.

```
EX: <Item Action="Skins"> Skins</Item>
```

Restart -Restart the xbox or reboots to default dashboard.

```
EX <Item Action="Restart">Restart<//r>
```

Shutdown -Power off.

```
EX: <Item Action="Shutdown">Power Off</Item>
```

FTPReset -Resets the FTP server and all counters.

```
EX: <Item Action="FTPReset">FTP Reset</Item>
```

FTPStop -Stops the FTP server if it was running.

```
EX: <Item Action="FTPStop">FTP Stop</Item>
```

```
FTPStart -Starts the FTP server if it was stopped.

EX: <Item Action="FTPStart">FTP Start</Item>
```

NetReset -Resets the network stack.

EX: <Item Action="NetReset">Reset Network</Item>

TrayClose/TrayOpen –Closes/Opens the DVD tray.

```
EX: <Item Action="TrayClose">Close Tray</Item>, <Item
Action="TrayOpen">Open Tray</Item>
```

Format Arg1 -Formats the drive as indicated by Arg1.

```
EX: <Item Action="Format" Arg1="F"> Format F</Item>
```

Copy Arg1 Arg2 -Copies file(s)/Folder(s) pointed to by Arg1 into Arg2.

```
EX: <Item Action="Copy" Arg1="D:\CDrive" Arg2="C:\">Copy C
Backup</Item>
```

CopyDVD -Copies Game disk into one of the following folders:

E:\Games\<GameTitle>, F:\Games\<GameTitle> or G:\Games\<GameTitle\Ex:

<Item Action="CopyDVD">Copy Game Disk</Item>

PrepareHD - Performs formatting of HD as if you just installed a new disk. Run only from DVD/CD to avoid error because of open files..

```
EX: <Item Action="PrepareHD" Password="Xbox">Prepare New HD</Item>
```

Delete -Deletes a single file or a directory recursively -please be cautious and don't blame me for lost data. Deleting from action command WILL NOT ASK for your confirmation.

```
EX: <Item Action="Delete" Arg1="C:\Items.xml">Delete Cache</Item>,
<Item Action="C:\Skins">Delete Skins folder</Item>
```

Zip -Zip a single file or a directory. Format is Command-Source file/folder-destination file

```
EX: <Item Action="Zip" Arg1="C:\Skins" Arg2="C:\Skins.zip">Zip up Skins folder</Item>
```

Unzip -Expands a zip file. Format is Command-Source zip file-destination folder .

```
EX: <Item Action="UnZip" Arg1="C:\skins.zip"
Arg2="C:\Skins">Extract Skins</Item>.
```

MessageBox Arg1 -Displays a message to the user using Arg1 as the caption and the value as the actual message. This will only show an 'OK' button that the user has to press in order to dismiss the message. To break your message into several lines, use the '\' as escape character followed by small letter 'n'. I.e., \n.

```
EX: <Item Action="MessageBox" Arg1="Hi"> This is a message.\nPress
OK to continue</Item>
```

AskUser Arg1 -Same as the MessageBox but this time, user can select between Yes and No. When used in the batch process, selecting No will cancel the queue within the current hierarchy.

```
EX: <Item Action="AskUser" Arg1="Question"> Do you want to
continue?</Item>
```

New Functions for Version 0.30.0220A

```
TextEditor -Opens Text editor with a blank document.
```

```
Ex: <Item Action="TextEditor">Text Editor</Item>
```

X2IGR ON -Turns X2 IGR on (resets automatically).

```
Ex: <Item Action="X2IGR ON">Turn On X2 IGR</Item>
```

X2IGR_OFF -Turns X2 IGR off (resets automatically).

```
Ex: <Item Action="X2IGR OFF">Turn Off X2 IGR</Item>
```

SetClock -Set the date/time.

```
Ex: <Item Action="SetClock">Date/Time Settings</Item>
```

InputBox –Displays the virtual keyboard and wait for user's input. This can be use when doing an installer, giving the user the capability to choose the destination.

```
EX: <Item Action="InputBox" Arg1="KB Caption">Sample
Value</Item>
```

To use the value entered by user later, you can use the keyword **KBResult** or **\$KBResult\$** to combine it with any text. i.e.:

```
<Item Action="MessageBox" Arg1="Hi">You entered \$KBResult$'</Item>
<Item Action="Copy" Arg1="D:\CDrive" Arg2=" KBResult">Copy C
Backup</Item>
```

Note that the use of **\$KBResult\$** is case sensitive. Also, do not use **KBResult** and **\$KBResult\$** after asking for password. In the event that a password is required for an item, ask for another input again from the user.

Xenium-OS -Yes, Mike of Xenium contacted me and asked if I could include this feature. Thanks to ozXodus and Team XDash-OS. Note: (resets automatically) This function has not been tested yet.

```
Ex: <Item Action="Xenium-OS">Xenium-OS</Item>
```

Batch Execution

In order to have a batch process, the Batch attribute must be provided for the List element. Take the following example:

```
<List Text="Batch Action" Sort="Off" Batch="True">
            <Item Action="MessageBox" Arg1="Batch Process">This is a
sample batch process.\nPress OK to continue...
            <Item Action="AskUser" Arg1="Question 1">Do you want to
continue the process?</Item>
            <Item Action="AskUser" Arg1="Question 2">Do you REALLY want
to continue the process?</Item>
            <Item Action="MessageBox" Arg1="Stop FTP">This is a password
protected item. You need to enter a password to continue.</Item>
            <Item Action="FTPStop" Password="Password">Stop FTP</Item>
            <Item Action="MessageBox" Arg1="Final Question">You chose to
continue the process.\nPress OK to reset FTP, Network and Launch
DVD.\nIf you don't have a disk, the process will fail.</Item>
            <Item Action="NETReset">Restart Network</Item>
            <Item Action="FTPReset">Reset FTP</Item>
            <Item Action="LaunchDVD" Password="">Launch DVD</Item>
      </List>
```

UnleashX will execute each Item element one at a time and after another.

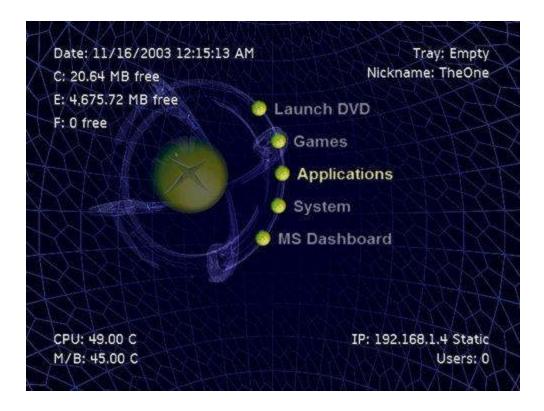
Batch process is now expanded to handle multiple levels. This simply means that the batch script can now contain several List elements, which in turn, can contain some more List elements. The **AskUser** and **InputBox** action commands, when used inside an inner List element will terminate all pending commands within the current level only, and will proceed with the next item of the parent element. To demonstrate this, let's take the xml above and modify it so that it will ask the user in every step whether he wants to perform the action or not.

```
<List Text="Batch Action" Sort="Off" Batch="True">
            <Item Action="MessageBox" Arg1="Batch Process">This is a
sample batch process.\nPress OK to continue...
            <Item Action="AskUser" Arg1="Question 1">Do you want to
continue the process?</Item>
            <List> Note that no other attribute is required here
                  Selecting 'No' here will skip this entire level and
proceed with the next
                  <Item Action="AskUser" Arg1="Question">Do you want to
stop the FTP Server?</Item>
                  <Item Action="MessageBox" Arg1="Stop FTP">This is a
password protected item. You need to enter a password to
continue.</Item>
                  <Item Action="FTPStop" Password="Password">Stop
FTP</Item> This will not execute if you selected 'No'
            </List>
            <List>
```

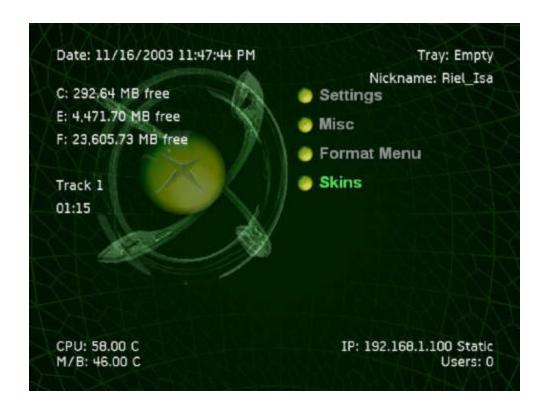
```
<Item Action="AskUser" Arg1="Question">Do you want to
restart the Network stack?</Item>
                  <Item Action="NETReset">Restart Network</Item>
            </List>
            <List>
                  <Item Action="AskUser" Arg1="Question">Do you want to
      reset the FTP server?</Item>
                  <Item Action="FTPReset">Reset FTP</Item>
            </List>
            <List>
                  <Item Action="AskUser" Arg1="Question">Do you want to
      Launch the disk in the tray?</Item>
                  <Item Action="LaunchDVD" Password="">Launch DVD</Item>
            </List>
            <List>
                  <Item Action="MessageBox" Arg1="Level 1">This is Level
      1</Item>
                  <List>
                        <Item Action="MessageBox" Arg1="Level 2">This is
      Level 2</Item>
                        <List>
                               <Item Action="MessageBox" Arg1="Level</pre>
      3">Damn, this is deep</Item>
                        </List>
                  </List>
            </List>
      </List>
```

Screenshots and Controls:

Here are some screenshots, which showcases the capability and feature of **UnleashX**. Whenever possible, several buttons are mapped to the same action, i.e., Back and B buttons can be use to cancel a dialog or to go back to previous screen, while Start and A buttons is use to select an item. DPad is use to move up/down one item at a time, or use the left Thumbstick or trigger buttons to do a fast scroll:



This is the default skin of UnleashX. All colors can be changed using a skin file or by specifying a color scheme within your config file. The menu layout can also be changed in the skin file.



Here's another using a green color scheme.



Menu behavior can be configured too like the one above.

	Xbox Info
Language	English
Game Region	Region 1 (North America)
Video Standard	NTSC M
Audio	Dolby Surround Sound Dolby Digital
AV Cable	Advanced AV Pack
Parental Control	All games
DVD Region	Region 1
Version	V1.0
Serial Number	E
HDD Key	
7/5	
Gamepad	Port: 1
InfraRed	Port: 3
Keyboard	Port:
Drive C	Total: 499.92 MB Free: 278.80 MB (55.77% Free)
Drive E	Total: 4,881.63 MB Free: 4,421.52 MB (90.57% Free)
Drive F	Total: 68,668.97 MB Free: 16,526.91 MB (24.07% Free)

Xbox System Info. Press the Y button when on the main menu. This is also accessible from the settings screen.



The 'Settings' screen. Press 'A' to modify an item. Some item will cycle thru a selection when you press the 'A' button or a new window/control appear as is the case for the Time and IP settings. Use DPad left/right, or left thumbstick, to change the volume.



The virtual Keyboard asking for a password. Note that for passwords, the characters are masked.

I know it's kinda cumbersome to use and navigate around a virtual keyboard so I used some key mappings to perform certain actions.

Y = Toggles the Shift key (Small/Capitalize)

X = Deletes the character immediately before the cursor.

Black = Deletes the character immediately after the cursor. (This was previously Space) *New for V0.25.1217A

White =Cycles among Alphabet, Symbols and accented characters.

Thumbstick (press) =Toggles the state of Caps Lock.

Left/Right Trigger =moves the cursor to the left/right.

Start = Finish entering and accept the entered values.



Skin selection screen. If you have a screenshot of your skin, name it "Preview. jpg" and include it in your skin file. By default, skin preview is turned off. You can turn this on/off by pressing the White Button.

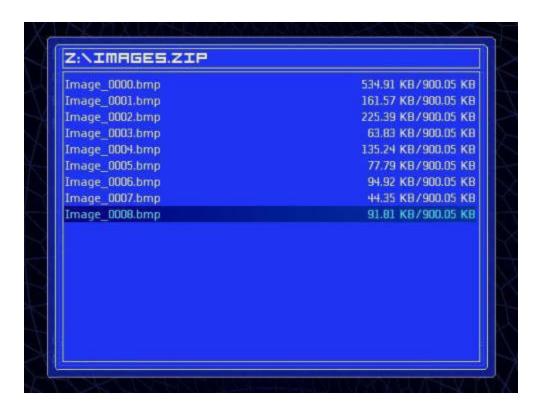


The File Manager screen. Use the Left trigger to select the left pane, Right trigger to select the right. In operations where it requires a source and a destination, the active pane is the source while the other is the destination. Press the Start or White button to bring the options up.

Pressing the right thumbstick will toggle between a split-screen or full view mode. The black button will invert the selection. Higlight an item and press the 'A' button to bring up the function associated with it (bmp, jpg, xpr, xbx –lmageViewer, zip/xip, as well as rar files are also supported. XMV/WMV –Video Player, txt, xml, ini –Text Editor)



Here's the file manager zipping up some file (Yeah, I know it says moving –I fixed that already ;).



And here's the Zip Manager showing the content of the zip file. On the right hand side shows the compressed size against the actual size. You can unzip some or all of the files at once.



Here's the Image viewer showing a file captured by the Xbox. To do a screen capture, press the LeftTrigger+Black button. The actual size is 640x480 but for some reason, the texture description says 1024x512. Press the right thumbstick to display the image in its actual size.

```
CONFIG.XML
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<UnleashX>
  <Settings>
  </Settings>
  <Menu>
     <Item Action="LaunchDVD">Launch DVD</Item>
     <List Text="Games">
       <Path>E:\Games</Path>
       <Path>F:\Games</Path>
       <Path>G:\Games</Path>
     </List>
     <List Text="Applications">
       <Path>E:\Apps</Path>
       <Path>F:\Apps</Path>
     </List>
     <List Text="System" Sort="Off">
       <Item Action="Settings">Settings</Item>
       <Item Action="SetClock">Clock Settings</Item>
       <Item Action="Skins">Skins</Item>
Ln 0 Col 0
                                                          1,136 Bytes
```

Here's the text editor. To open an existing document, find and select any .txt, .xml or .ini via File Manager. To create a new text document, hit "Start" and select "New Text Document..." (Last option). When you have the text editor opened, you can create a new document, open an existing, or save as new document by pressing the "Start" button.

Basic commands:

Back -closes the text editor

B -deletes a character after the cursor

X -deletes a character before the cursor

Y -insert new line

Black -Adds a Tab character

White -Toggles the virtual keyboard.

LeftTrigger/DpadUp -Moves the cursor up RightTrigger/DpadDown -Moves the cursor down Dpad Left -Moves the cursor to the left Dpad Right -Moves the cursor to the right

RightThumbpress, Forces all input to be channeled to virtual keyboard

On normal operation, the virtual keyboard will only respond to left thumbstick for navigation and the "A" button for character selection, pressing the right thumbstick forces the keyboard to recognize all inputs, and the text editor to ignore them.

An USB keyboard is also supported by the Text Editor. Normal ASCII characters will behave as they should while Enter and Esc key will behave differently. Esc will be mapped to 'B' button on the gamepad, while Ctrl+Esc will be mapped to 'Back' button. Enter will be mapped to 'A' while Ctrl+Enter will be mapped to 'Start' button.



Date and Time settings.



IP settings.



In Screen Saver Mode with the bouncing text.

Skinning:

And now the best (hard) part, skinning. I have implemented a simple but extensive skinning support for **UnleashX**. It still may not be perfect but it can stand on its own at the moment. Skins can show preview from the skin selection menu as long as preview.jpg is present in the skin folder. Also, you can pack your skins in zip format, upload it in its own folder and **UnleashX** should be able to recognize it. For this reason make sure ANY skins submitted to www.AllXboxSkins.com are in ZIP format, not RAR. And that all files are in the root of the ZIP file. If you simply don't get this skinning stuff, want to see what others have done or you're just too lazy to make your own. You can download some skins from AXS, xboxdojo.com and xbox-skins.net.

Ok you've got the dash you've got the skins but you can't figure out how to install them. Relax it's not as hard as it seems all you have to do is follow these six simple steps.

- 1) Download a skin file (if you don't have any).
- 2) Make sure you have a skins folder in the folder you installed UnleashX i.e. e:\unleashx\skins, or configure the dash to look somewhere else.
- 3) Create another folder in the skins folder with the name of the skin i.e. e:\unleashx\skins\myskin.
- 4) Copy all the files in your downloaded skin into this folder or make sure all of the files are in the root of the zip file and copy the whole zip into this folder.
- 5) Select system configuration from the main menu. Select Skins from this menu. Select your skin.
- 6) That's it you're all done.

Well, what better way to start this than giving out a sample xml file, right? Here we go:

-Tells the skinning engine that we want this movie to play every time UnleashX is starts.

Supported format is WMV and XMV only.

```
<IntroMovie>C:\xodash\media\live.xmv</IntroMovie>
```

-Tells the skinning engine you want a custom background for the File Manager. Assigning a background image tell UnleashX to draw on top of it and bypass the method to draw the boxes and borders.

-Tells the skinning engine you want a custom Loading Screen. If you don't want to see the title, set ShowInfo attribute to "False". PNG,JPG, WMV, and XMV are the supported format.

-Globe sets whether the rotating sphere background should be rendered or not. Orb, is, that thing on the center, and Fog is the blur in the middle.

```
<Main Globe="True" Orb="False" Fog="False">
```

-Tells the skinning engine you want a custom background. This will be rendered on top of the spinning sphere so if you want the sphere to show up, your background must have some transparency in it.

```
<BackGround>Background.png
```

Now, background supports Movies too (WMV and XMV). By default, background videos have it's audio muted. You can enable audio by providing the "EnableAudio" attribute

```
<BackGround
```

```
EnableAudio="True">C:\xodash\media\live.xmv</BackGround>
```

-Cellwall is the image that's gonna be displayed on the rotating sphere. It's tiled but for some reason, it's rotated 90deg to the left. So if you want to use a custom image, rotate it 90deg to the right , so that the left portion becomes the top.

```
<Cellwall>Cell.png</Cellwall>
```

-The custom image that should be displayed in replacement to the default image.

```
<Orb>Orb.jpg</Orb>
```

-The menu. Set smooth to true to have a smooth transition between items, align can be set to Left(default), Middle, or Right. ShowIcon determines if the game Icon should be display before the game name. Set Rotate to true if you want to go to the first item when you have reached the end of the menu. ShowArrows sets whether the arrows at the top and bottom, or left and right in case the menu is horizontal, of the menu should be displayed. By setting the horizontal attribute to "True", the menu will be displayed horizontally within the bounds determined by the Position element. This also enables Dpad Left and Right as an additional input for navigation.

```
<Menu Smooth="True" Align="Middle" ShowIcon="False"
Rotate="False" ShowArrows="False" Horizontal="False">
```

-You can now put individual items anywhere you wish by providing the coordinates of the items using the ItemPos tag to create a Free form menu layout. This can still be combined with any tag, except the Horizontal attribute. What this does basically, is put the first item on ItemPos #1, second on ItemPos #2...so forth and so on. For item position that is relatively far from each other, it may be best to turn off the "Smooth" attribute. You can have as many item position as the number of available menu. These are the exact coordinates I used for the default skin.

```
<ItemPos Left="285" Top="96"></ItemPos>
<ItemPos Left="310" Top="138"></ItemPos>
```

```
<ItemPos Left="315" Top="180"></ItemPos>
<ItemPos Left="310" Top="222"></ItemPos>
<ItemPos Left="290" Top="264"></ItemPos>
```

-Tells the skinning engine you want a custom font for the menu. Custom fonts can be made with a program called FontBundle which can be found at xbins

/XBOX/apps/dashboards/mediaxmenu/_accessories/FontBundle.rar Arial12.xpr</Info>

-Position is where the menu should be displayed. Please don't indicate too small an area for the menu, if you do, the text will look like this (i.e. Dash...., File....., Sett.....). For an EvolutionX like behavior, set the Fixed attribute to True and FixAt to 3. This means that the selection bar will be fixed at the third position.

-Now that we have support for preview videos, let's see how we can use it. There are two area required to enable preview videos. The presence of the following tag tells the skinning engine to enable preview video and sets the size and location. See the image tags to display the actual video later. The audio is enabled by default, but you can turn it off by using the "EnableAudio" attribute.

-Tells the skinning engine you want a custom font for the InfoText. <InfoFont>Arial12.xpr</InfoFont>

-The following are information about your xbox that you tell the skinning engine to display for you. For text Element the following attributes are valid:

Left, Top, Width – the bounding rectangle where the text should be displayed

Align –Alignment of the text with respect to the bounding rectangle. The following values are valid:TopLeft or Left, TopCenter or Middle, TopRight or Right, MiddleLeft, MiddleCenter and MiddleRight

Source –Points to an internal function supported by UnleashX (more on this later) or your custom text you wanted to show up.

Color –The color you want the information to appear. Note that colors are in the form of ARGB, for Alpha(transparency), Red, Green and Blue and must be in hex value. The range for each is 0 to 255. Any image processing program should be able to convert a color for you.

You can also draw shapes (Rectangle, RoundedBox (rectangle with rounded corners, and triangle. For triangles, add the 'Direction' attribute with the following valid values, Up, Left, Right, and Down.

```
<Shape Type="RoundedBox" Left="132" Top="348" Width="438"
Height="34" BorderColor="0xFFFFFFFF" BackColor="0xFF0000FF" />
```

Lastly, images. You can pepper the screen with images and here's the format

```
<Image Left="132" Top="348" Width="438" Height="34"
Opacity="90">Overlay.png</ Shape >
```

Some people requires overlaying an image one on top of the other and game Icons are no exception. For this reason, Game Icons now uses the Image tag, rather than the GameIcon Tag.

```
<Image Top="106" Left="503" Width="70" Height="70"
Source="GameIcon" />
```

The keyword here is the "Source" attribute. Currently, there are only two values supported, "GameIcon" and "GamePreview". Yes, this tells the skinning engine to draw the preview. Unlike the GameIcon where the screen coordinates are necessary, GamePreview uses the Preview tag on the Menu section. To enable it, provide the following tag. In order for video previews to work you must have preview.wmv or preview.xmv in the game directories

```
<Image Source="GamePreview" />
```

For a sample skin file, look at the WinUX skin. By utilizing the Image attribute, you can overlay any shape on top of the video for that odd looking skin.

```
</Main>
```

-ColorScheme. This is where you can change every color aspect of UnleashX. The name are informative enough so I won't go thru each and everyone of them. ColorScheme collection can be in the config.xml file or in the skin file. If you don't provide one, UnleashX will use a default Blue ColorScheme. Though I think the colors are a little bright. I'm working on a CRT monitor so it could be very different when viewed from a TV monitor. Anyway, I'm still to changes and if anyone can come up with a great color combination, I'll be glad to make that as the default. ColorPicker is a good program to aid in selecting colors. <ColorScheme >

```
-Fog, sky(background), and cell color

<ambient_fogColor>0xff002000</ambient_fogColor>
<ambient_skycolor>0xff004000</ambient_skycolor>
<ambient_cellcolor>0x0600c000</ambient_cellcolor>
```

-Dialog screen colors. Dialogs are composed of caption, an outer and inner border and the text and buttons

```
<CAPTION_TEXTCOLOR>0xFFFFFFC0</CAPTION_TEXTCOLOR>
<CAPTION_BACKCOLOR>0xFF686485</CAPTION_BACKCOLOR>
<DIALOG_BORDERCOLOR>0xFF0C0A18</DIALOG_BORDERCOLOR>
<DIALOG_BACKCOLOR>0xCD636482</DIALOG_BACKCOLOR>
```

<DIALOG DISABLEDTEXT>0x7F086820/DIALOG DISABLEDTEXT>

```
<BUTTON BORDERCOLOR>0xFF0C0A18/BUTTON BORDERCOLOR>
          <BUTTON TEXTCOLOR>0xFF02C90C</putTon TEXTCOLOR>
          <BUTTON BACKCOLOR>0xCD636482/BUTTON BACKCOLOR>
          <BUTTON ACTIVETEXTCOLOR>0xFF 
          <BUTTON ACTIVEBACKCOLOR>0xE102C90C/BUTTON ACTIVEBACKCOLOR>
          -Keyboard color settings
          <KB KEYBG HIGHLIGHT>0xCC00C000</kB KEYBG HIGHLIGHT>
          <KB KEYBG DISABLED>0xffc0c0c0</kB KEYBG DISABLED>
          <KB KEY PRESSED>0xff808080</KB KEY PRESSED>
          <KB KEY NORMAL>0xff000000</kB KEY NORMAL>
          <KB KEY DISABLED>0xff808080</kB KEY DISABLED>
          <KB KEY ACTIVEBORDER>0xff008000</kB KEY ACTIVEBORDER>
          <KB KEY TEXTCOLOR>0xff000000</kB KEY TEXTCOLOR>
          <KB KEY TEXTBORDERCOLOR>0xff0000FF</kb KEY TEXTBORDERCOLOR>
          -The main Menu color settings. For an EvolutionX like
appearance, set the color for the active item.
          <MENU ACTIVETEXTCOLOR>0xFF40FF40/MENU ACTIVETEXTCOLOR>
          <MENU BORDERCOLOR>0x0000000
Omenu Bordercolor>
          <MENU BACKCOLOR>0x0000000
/MENU BACKCOLOR>
          <MENU ACTIVEBACKCOLOR>0xFF004000/MENU ACTIVEBACKCOLOR>
          <MENU ACTIVEBORDERCOLOR>0xFF686485/MENU ACTIVEBORDERCOLOR>
     </ColorScheme>
</Skin>
```

Here are some tags you can use for your skins.

```
"DVDTitle"
              -The Title of the game currently loaded in the tray. If it isn't a game,
reverts to either the disk type or tray state if it's empty.
"C_Free" -Free space of Drive C, in Bytes.
"C Total"
             -Total space of Drive C, in Bytes
"E Free"
             -Free space of Drive E, in Bytes.
"E Total"
              -Total space of Drive E, in Bytes.
"F_Free"
             -Free space of Drive F, in Bytes.
"F Total"
             -Total space of Drive F, in Bytes.
"G_Free"
              -Free space of Drive G, in Bytes.
"G_Total"
              -Total space of Drive G, in Bytes.
"C_FreeMB"
              -Free space of Drive C, in MegaBytes.
"C TotalMB"
              -Total space of Drive C, in MegaBytes.
"E FreeMB"
              -Free space of Drive E, in Megabytes.
"E TotalMB"
              -Total space of Drive E, in Megabytes.
"F FreeMB"
              -Free space of Drive F, in MegaBytes.
"F_TotalMB"
              -Total space of Drive F, in MegaBytes.
"G FreeMB"
              -Free space of Drive G, in MegaBytes.
"G TotalMB"
             -Total space of Drive G, in MegaBytes.
"Time"
              -Current Time
"Date"
             -Current Date -Format of date is dependent on the language you
selected.
"DateTime" -Current date/time
```

```
"NickName"
             -Your Xbox Nickname
"CPUTemp"
             -CPU Temperature, depends on your settings, it could in Celcius or
Fahrenheit
"MBTemp"
             -Motherboard/System Temperature, depends on your settings, it could
in Celcius or Fahrenheit
"CPUTempC" -CPU Temperature, in Celcius
"MBTempC"
             -Motherboard/System Temperature, in Celsius
"CPUTempF" -CPU Temperature, in Fahrenheit
"MBTempF"
             -Motherboard/System Temperature, in Fahrenheit
"SongName" -Current song playing
"SoundTrack" -Current sound track the song belongs to
"SongTime"
             -How long the current song has been playing
"Tray"
             -Trav state/disk type
"DVDType"
             -Game/Data/DVD/Music
"VideoMode"
             -NTSC/PAL
"IP"
             -The current IP of the xbox
"Subnet"
             -Subnet Mask
"Gateway"
             -The Gateway
"DNS1"
             -The primary DNS server
"DNS2"
             -The secondary DNS server
"AppVersion" -This Application's Version
"MAC"
             -MAC address
"SkinAuthor" -Author of the current skin, as set within the Information section
"SkinVersion" -Skin version
"Version"
             -Xbox Version (will say V1.1 even though you have V1.2-V1.5)
"HDDKey"
             -The key for unlocking the XBOX's Hard Drive.
"SerialNum" -Serial Number of your Xbox
"NumClient" -Number of connected clients on the FTP server
"ChipID"
             -The type of chip being used, i.e. SST 49LF020, if unknown, it defaults to
"Protected BIOS".
"Newsfeed"
             -Newsfeed Item
"NewsSource" -Newsfeed provider as defined in the xml/rss
"LaunchMode" - How this app was launched
"FanSpeed"
             -Do I really need to explain this
"Thread"
             -Number of worker threads running in the background.
"TextEditor"
             -TextEditor
```

Using the above value for your "Source" attribute will include a predefined text for some of them, like the IP, the word Static or DHCP is appended. If you don't like this behavior, you can still use the tag but enclose it with the "\$" character, like Source="\$IP\$". This tells the skinning engine to retrieve just the value. Of course, it's possible to append or prepend it with anything you want, say Source="My IP: \$IP\$". this would display the something like "My IP: 192.168.1.100". Note that a Text element can only contain one value for the source attribute, so this isn't acceptable Source="IP, DNS1" or Source="My IP: \$IP\$ My DNS: \$DNS1"

Also note that when using tag with the "\$" to denote a custom text, the tag becomes case sensitive. While Source="IP", Source="ip", and Source="\$IP\$" are all values, Source="\$ip\$" is not. This is primarily for speed reason when reading the skin file.

Example:

```
<Text Left="280" Top="360" Color="0xB7000000" Source="IP: $IP$" />
```

The above example will display the text "IP: XXX.XXX.XXXX.XXX" 280 pixels from the left and 360 pixels from the top. If set the Align attribute, it's important the you provide the width also, or else, this attribute will be ignored.

That's basically it for skinning. I've included 4 skin samples. They're not the greatest though and graphics isn't really my forte' so give me a little slack.

For more information or if you just want to throw in your \$.02 head out to cyberspace @ unleashx.com or xbox-scene.com

And now for the credits:

There are a lot of people I should be thankful about. Most of them I really don't know personally but they've been very helpful to the xbox community. I wanted to give a very generic "Thank you" without naming names but I guess that's even ruder than not saying thanks to specific people or group of people at all. So here it goes and to the ones not mentioned here, I beg your pardon, but thank you as well.

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The usual disclaimer: (Portion taken from EvolutionX nfo)

This piece of software will most likely destroy your XBOX if you don't know what you are doing!

I will not take any responsibility for any damages on your XBOX/PC inflicted by this software.