



Documentation

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Thanks for trying **Initiate**.

Initiate is a new type of launcher - designed for Smartphones and other converged devices.

Initiate Light is a cut-down version for non-Smartphone users. For you - it's a fast, free application launcher which also handles contacts.

It's different to what you're used to - so please take a little time to read about how to make the most of it.

Installation

- Double click on Initiate_xxxx.prc. This should load initiate into your installer program
- Hotsync
- That's it.

Registration

If you are using the full version of **Initiate**, please register wherever you downloaded the software, or at www.HobbyistSoftware.com

- Launch **Initiate**
- Select Register from the menu (tap at the top left of the screen or press the menu button)
- Type in your registration code
- Tap the 'Register' button

Getting Help..

There are instructions on every page except the main page. You can access them by tapping the 'i' icons in the top right of the screens.

Getting Started...



The first time you launch **Initiate**, you will be shown this introduction page

The tutorial is a quick start guide. Since you're reading this document you can skip it!

Helpers are covered immediately below

You can choose whether to try **Initiate** or to use **Initiate** Light. If you don't have any Helpers that you want to use, then **Initiate** Light will be the best option for you.

Helpers allow you to choose the applications that will do the work for **Initiate**.



Email, SMS, Phone Calls and Web Browser will only show the applications that identify themselves to **Initiate** as being able to do the relevant jobs on your device.

Audio Player and Contacts will show all the applications that **Initiate** supports - though they will be in brackets if **Initiate** can't find them on your device.

Simply choose the applications that you want for the job. Remember that apart from Contacts, Helpers are not supported in **Initiate** Light.

Now you're ready to launch! Just tap on the Launch button to start.

The Main View

The first new concept in Initiate is that you search by entering letters. When **Initiate** is first run, it searches in a simple alphabetical list (more on SmartSearch later).

In this example, the user has typed Ge and **Initiate** has found GeorgeWolhuter.

As there is only one item that begins with Ge **Initiate** will automatically launch this item.

If there are a number of items beginning with Ge then you can choose how to select the one you want.

Managing the List



Launching Methods (once you can see the item you want):

- 1) Enter another letter or two until your item is the only one that matches
- 2) Tap on the item you want
- 3) Scroll to select the item then press Right. If you don't have a rocker key you can assign a button to this job in Preferences.
- 4) Scroll to select the item then enter <return/newline>

AutoLaunch:

If you didn't want *Initiate* to launch automatically (perhaps you want to beam the contact or add it to your favourites list) then you should turn AutoLaunch off. To do this simply tap on the AutoLaunch icon and you will see it change to a pause button.

AutoLaunch makes most things faster - but you must turn it off when you want to manage files

Favourites:

Favourites are a very simple feature. There are probably a handful of applications and contacts that you use the most. Make these your favourites. Turn Favourites on (tap on the heart icon) and they will be the first items you see when you launch *Initiate*.

As soon as you start searching you will search the whole list again. Favourites are only for the first items you want to see - so you can launch them instantly.

To select your favourites, select them in the full list (remember to turn Autolaunch off), then tap and hold your stylus on them until a menu appears. Now select 'Add to favourites'. Alternatively select the item then open the normal menu and select Record/Add to Favourites.

Views:

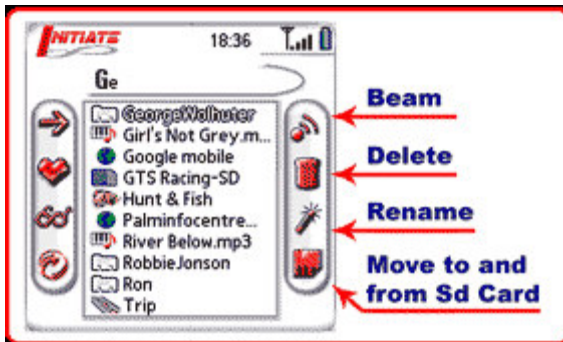
Views let you define a set of different ways of listing items. The default views are Everything (shows everything), Applications and Contacts (you get the idea!).

To switch views either tap on the View icon to toggle through them, or tap and hold the View icon to get a list of all active views.

We'll cover defining views later...

Managing files

File management is simple. Simply select the item you want to work on (remember to turn off AutoLaunch!) and tap on an icon on the right.



You can beam and delete contacts and you can do anything to applications!

You can also act on items in the list by tapping on them and holding down until a menu appears. This menu offers options like Rename, Beam, etc.

Similarly, you can select an item and tap on the main menu then select an option from the Record menu.

Because there are ways of acting on items without the icons on the right some skins don't even include those icons.

Customising Initiate...

Tap on Menu or the top left of the launch screen then select Options/Views.

You can select (and rename) up to 5 views.

There are 3 options for how contacts appear. By default, both FirstName, LastName and LastName, Firstname are shown. This lets you search easily by either the first or last name - whichever you remember.

If you use the company names for contacts you might want to list by company as well. Or you might want to have a separate view that is company only...

Audio files lists any audio files in the default mp3 folder on your sd card. Normally this folder is /Audio/

Bookmarks are stored in a special format in the memo application. Example Bookmark memos are listed at the bottom of this document. You can download them directly from the hobbyistsoftware.com site. If you want to add bookmarks then you have to add them in the correct format as memos.

Defining Views



List Preferences

Tap on menu then Options/Preferences to access the Preferences tab.

List Preferences controls the use of the main list.



Enable Smart Search:

This is a recommended feature for power users. It changes the way that items are found in the list. Instead of looking up items alphabetically it finds all items that have the same first letter as your input and also the same letters appearing in the right order, though not necessarily at the front.

This makes for very fast searching.

Typing FZ will bring up Filez and Frobnitz. Typing JSM will bring up John Smith and Jim Storm.

Confirm before playing audio file:

Initiate will check before playing an Mp3.

Don't launch on L:

Vital if you use graffiti 2. This option stops autolaunch from triggering when you write an L. Very important if you are about to turn that L into an i.

Only SMS Numbers Labelled as ...:

Allows you to set the letter that you consider to be SMS able'. This will be m (mobile and main) in an English Palm, something else in other languages.

Show all favourites in all views:

This option is recommended and enabled by default. It means that when you launch **Initiate**, your favourites are shown whatever view you are in. This gives you instant access to your most used items without having to select a view. Some people prefer favourites to show only if they match the view.

You can completely alter the look of **Initiate**.

You can download skins and backgrounds at www.hobbyistsoftware.com. Skins let you re-define both the layout and the look of **Initiate**.

As well as backgrounds that you have downloaded, you can choose a solid colour as a background. Just select 'solid colour' in the background dropdown list and you will be able to choose a colour.

Shadows allow you to surround text with a shadow in another colour. This is particularly useful if you have a transparent list with a background behind it. As the background changes colour a single colour of text will not be visible in places. By choosing sufficiently

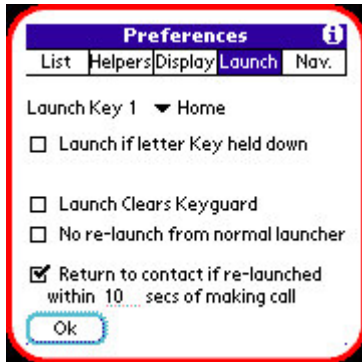
Display Preferences



different text and shadow colours you should be able to read the items on any background

Launching

These options control how **Initiate** launches and how it behaves between launches.



Launch Key 1:

Allows you to assign **Initiate** to launch automatically when you press a certain key (only works for Palm OS 5 and above)

The recommended launch key is the Home key. You can customise **Initiate** to allow the Home key to launch either Initiate or an alternative launcher when in **Initiate** (see next menu). This allows you to toggle easily between **Initiate** and your standard launcher.

Launch if Letter key held down:

This allows you to hold a key to launch **Initiate**. The letter you held down is entered as the first search letter. This has only been tested on the treo600 - please let me know if it works on other devices!

Launch Clears Keyguard (treo600 only):

This allows a launch from one of the four hard keys to automatically clear the keyguard (also compatible with the Butler alternative Keyguard)

No re-launch from normal launcher:

This allows you to launch with the Home key, then press it again to launch your alternative launcher - then press again to do whatever happens in your alternative launcher (e.g. change tab) without going back to **Initiate**. As soon as you leave your alternative launcher **Initiate** will launch on the home key as normal (assuming it is assigned to the home key).

Return to contact if re-launched...:

Situation: You find a contact. You call their office number. They don't answer. Now launch **Initiate** - you are still in their contact, so can now instantly call their mobile or home number.

These options give you more ways to navigate while in **Initiate**

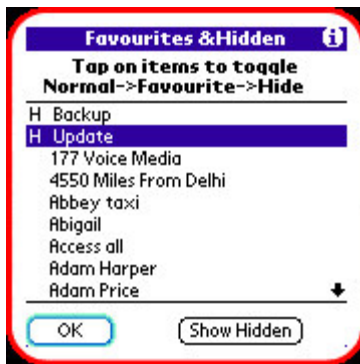
Navigation

You can assign several alternative actions to the hard keys and home button. This allows you to use the hard keys to mimic the left and right of a navigation rocker button, or to assign various other actions.

I recommend assigning the Normal Launcher to Home Key so you can easily toggle between **Initiate** and the built in launcher or whichever alternative launcher you want to use.



Favourites



This screen gives you another way to select favourites - and also applications that you would like to hide.

Tap on an item to switch it from Normal to Favourite and to Hidden.

Tap on 'show Hidden' to see previously hidden items (they are at the bottom of the list)

Register :

If you like **Initiate** - please register. It took many months of work - and your registration fees are what I live on.

Updates and Other Apps

This lets you open a web page on my site showing the latest versions of all my software, including some beta versions. They are all in .prc format ready for direct download to your handheld. Please give them a try!

Beam **Initiate**

Beam **Initiate** to a friend.

Soft Reset

Reset your device.

Application Menu



That's It

If you've read this far, drop me an e-mail at rob@hobbyistsoftware.com and I'll tell you a secret...

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