



QuickStart Overview

Open Start via Icon in the Menubar

QuickStart runs in the background and is usually invisible except for the small icon in the menu bar.

As soon as you click on the icon in the menu bar, the main window of QuickStart is displayed.

Alternatively you can set a hotkey in the preferences to show the main window.



Pin to Screen

The main window of QuickStart automatically fades out when the application loses focus.

With this button, the window can be "pinned" and thus remains visible.

Categories

QuickStart manages entries of different type/category.

Applications are automatically detected and added using Spotlight.

Links to files, folders and URLs can be added manually.

In this section you can quickly view all entries of a certain type.

Tags

Entries can be assigned to one or more tags in QuickStart.

It doesn't matter if the entry is an applications, link to folders/files or URLs.

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Create a new Tag

Creates a new tag in the tag list.

The tag can then be adjusted and used for entries.



Search bar

With the search bar you can quickly search for a desired entry.

If you have added comments to your entries (e.g. a description of an application) you can also quickly search for it with the search bar.



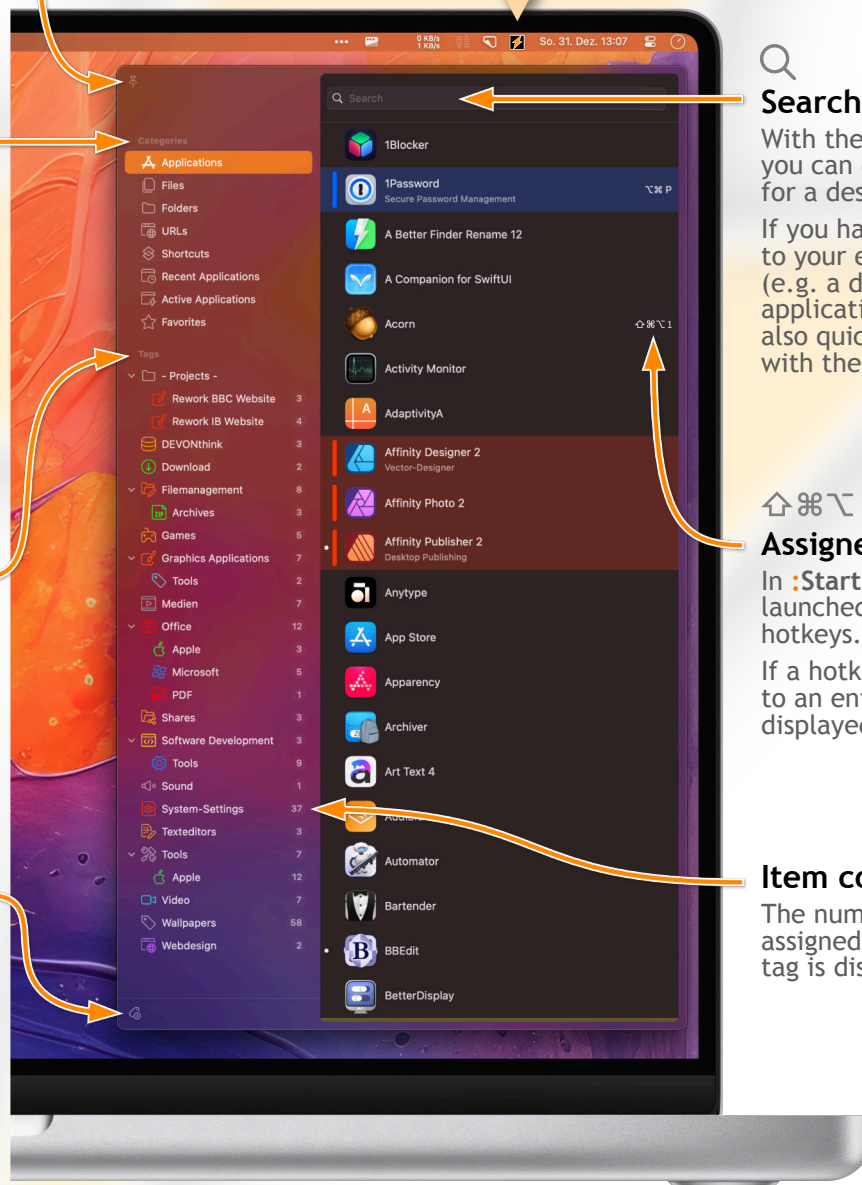
Assigned Hotkey

In QuickStart, entries can be launched with global hotkeys.

If a hotkey is assigned to an entry, it will be displayed here.

Item count

The number of entries assigned to the respective tag is displayed here.





Quick:Start Tags

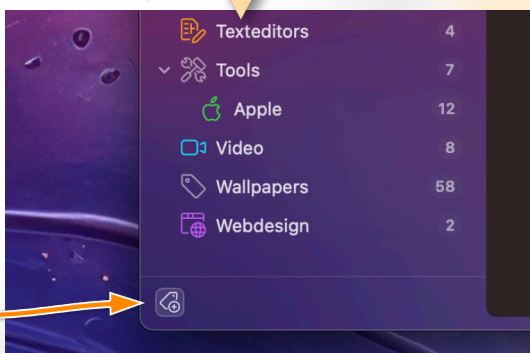
What are Tags?

With the help of tags you can group entries in :Start. For example, you can assign the tag "word processing" to all word processing programs.

Topic related tags can also be useful. For example, if you always need the same programs for a certain task, you can assign a tag to these programs and have all the necessary programs immediately at hand.

It is also important to mention that you can easily assign multiple tags to one entry.

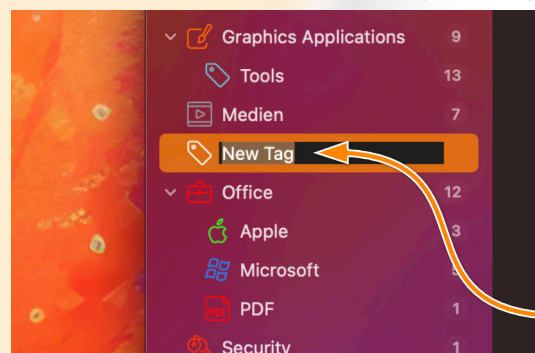
New Tag



There are several ways to create a new tag in :Start. The simplest way is to click on the button (see Screenshot above).

This creates a new tag in the tag list with the name "New Tag". The new tag can then be renamed or adjusted afterwards.

Renaming a Tag



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A tag can be renamed very easily by double-clicking on the tag.

Modifying a Tag

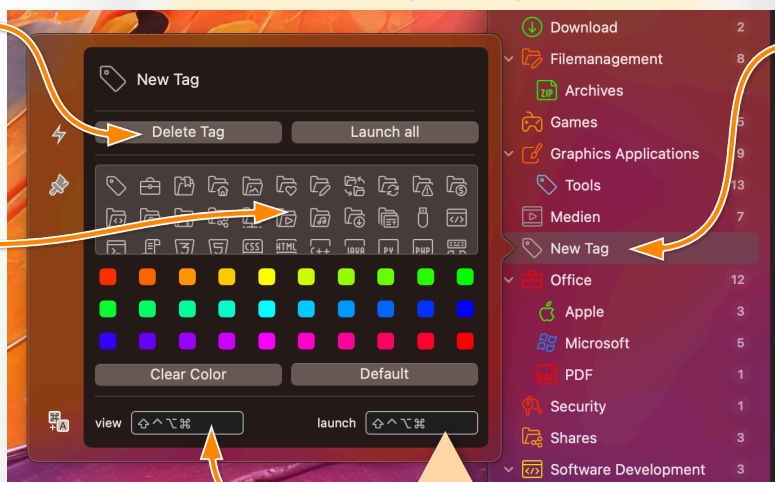
Delete Tag

Click to remove tag.

Change icon

Here you can change the design of the tag and, for example, select an individual icon or change the color.

By clicking on "Default" the design settings are reset.



Menu

Open the Menu via Control-Click or the right Mouse button.

View

This hotkey opens Start and switches to the corresponding tag. This gives you quick access to the entries of the tag.

Launch

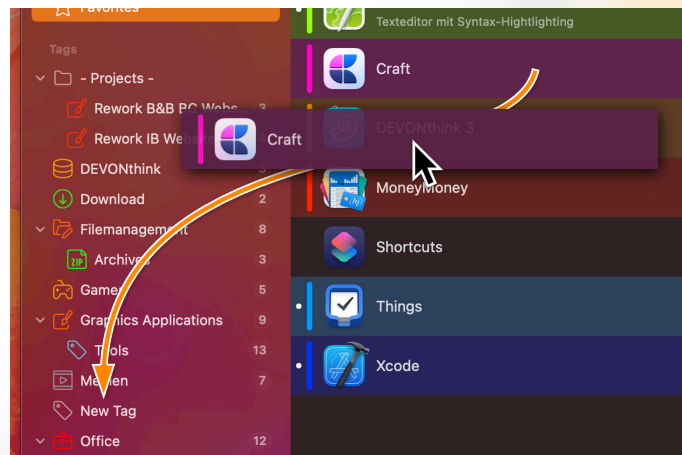
This hotkey launches all entries of the tag at once, similar to the "Launch All" button.



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Adding content to tags

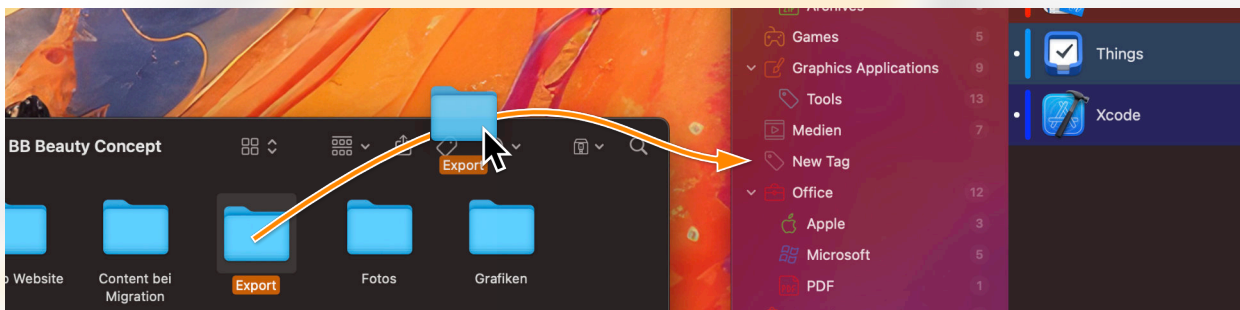
Assign existing entries to a tag



To assign a tag to an entry, there are several ways.

The easiest way is via drag and drop. Simply drag the entry onto the desired tag – Done.

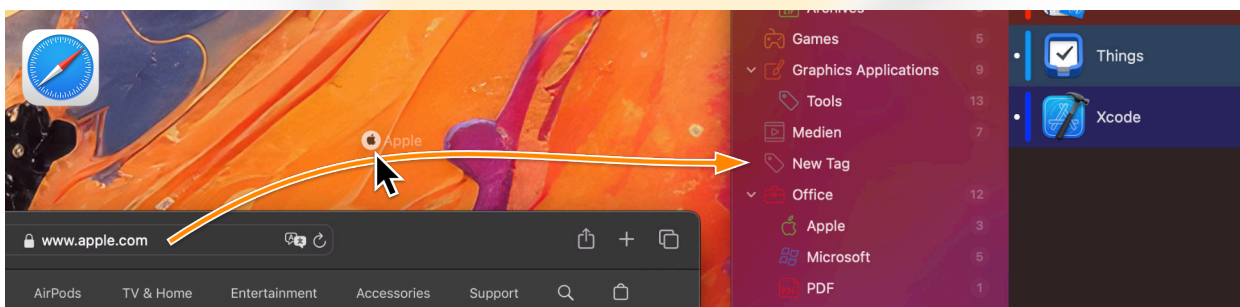
Assign files or folders to a tag



Start automatically captures applications via Spotlight. However, you can also add your own entries such as files and directories to :Start.

To do this, simply drag the relevant entry from the Finder onto a tag. This creates an entry in :Start and assigns it to the tag. The file or directory is not modified by :Start which only creates an entry for it.

Assign URLs to a tag



In addition to files and directories, you can also add URLs to a tag in :Start. Simply drag the URL from Safari onto a tag – Done.



Tip

:Start automatically fades out as soon as another window is activated, which can be very annoying when adding entries. You can simply "pin" the main window of :Start, then it remains permanently open. Just click on the pin needle at the top left in the main window.





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Modify an entry

Tags
In this section, you can see all the tags currently assigned to the entry.
You can add or remove tags here.


Favorite
You can mark entries in :Start as favorites – They will appear in the "Favorites" category and are easy to find.


Colors
Here you can assign a colour to the entry.

Actions
Depending on the type of entry, various actions are available here.

Menu options
Right-click (or Control-Click) on an entry to display the context menu.

Comment
A short comment or note can be added to each entry in :Start. These comments are also considered during a search.

Hotkey 
You can assign a unique hotkey to the entry here, allowing you to call up the entry system-wide, even if the main window of :Start is not currently displayed.

Tip 
You can find a detailed guide as well as many tips and hints on the :Start website at: <https://start.innovative-bytes.net>