The best new browser for Windows



Hi, friends! Welcome to *Installer* No. 36, your guide to the best and *Verge*-iest stuff in the world. (If you're new here, hello, I'm thrilled you found us, the *Installer*verse loves you, and also you can read all the old editions at the *Installer* homepage.)

I missed you all last week! I was at a friend's bachelor party in South Carolina, playing golf and eating burgers and mostly staying offline. Thanks to everyone who reached out to say you missed the newsletter! But I'm back now, and so is *Installer*. We are *so* back. This week, I've been writing about **AI gadgets** and **iPads**, watching ***Baby Reindeer*** and ***The Fall Guy***, reading ***A Drink Before the War***, and listening to the excellent ***Challengers* score**.

I also have for you a new browser for Windows, some new mobile audio options, a couple of fun things to watch this weekend, apps for coffee nuts, and much more. Let's dig in.

(As always, the best part of *Installer* is your ideas and tips.

What are you into right now? What should everyone else be into right now? Tell me everything: installer@theverge.com. And if you know someone else who might enjoy *Installer*, tell them to subscribe here.)

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Riley Testut has had a busy couple of weeks. Couple of months, really. Years, honestly. He’s the developer behind **Delta**, the game emulator that has taken over the App Store over the last few weeks and that might also be the signal of a new app era entirely. He’s been working on bringing his app store, AltStore PAL, to users in the EU, while also just trying to get some *Pokémon* playing in.

I asked Riley to share his homescreen, in part just to see if I could snoop on his Delta and ROM setups. I got my wish! Here’s Riley’s homescreen, plus some info on the apps he uses and why:

The phone: Purple iPhone 12 Mini. I absolutely LOVE this phone, and I’m dreading having to upgrade to a larger one eventually. (I would’ve gotten the 13 Mini, except it doesn’t come in purple.)

The wallpaper: A photo of a *Pokémon* drone show in the shape of Mew, originally taken by Joe Merrick (of Serebii fame), then slightly edited.

The apps: Phone, FaceTime, Photos, Camera, Notes, Maps, Calculator, Find My, Files, *Pokémon Sleep*, Settings, 1Password, Alamo Drafthouse, Messages, Mail, Safari.

My co-founder / roommate Shane and I are obsessed with *Pokémon Sleep* (we compete to see who gets the most shinies), so that's earned a spot front and center. My social folder contains my most heavily used apps (Ivory and Threads), and then below it is the Alamo Drafthouse app, which I use a LOT because I love going to the movies and have the annual pass ¯_(□)_/¯

1Password contains literally everything important in my life, so it's also a staple, but I only made the Delta folder recently once it was released in the App Store. It contains the app itself as well as launchers for *Pokémon Emerald* and *Pokémon HeartGold* as well as the amazing Ketchup pokédex app so I can easily look up *Pokémon* stats.

And because I can't use AltStore PAL outside the EU, I have the regular AltStore widget to remind me to refresh my apps every week!

I also asked Riley to share a few things he's into right now. Here's what he shared:

- I bought myself a **Steam Deck** a few months ago and have been absolutely loving it! In fact, it's the main way I kept myself entertained while we were stuck in Europe trying to launch AltStore PAL (god bless Dolphin emulator and *Super Mario Galaxy 2*).
- I'm also a sucker for super nerdy science YouTube videos, and the History of the Universe channel is literally the perfect thing to put on in the background while I build some Legos or something. I also recently discovered Technology Connections' channel, which basically scratches the same itch but for tech. I'll also forever be a fan of *Nirvanna the Band the Show*, and Shane and I love their "Update Day" video so much we even used it to tease AltStore PAL's launch.
- At the same time… I'm also deeply invested in the ongoing UFO discourse. Exciting to see something that

> was dismissed for so long being taken seriously by Congress and others because that’s how science makes progress!

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For the last few weeks, I’ve been reading and hearing a lot about how much people like **the Boox Palma**. It’s basically just an Android phone, but it has a Kindle-style E Ink screen, which means it’s awful at a lot of things but can download all your reading apps and news apps. I have a lot more testing to do with it, but so far, I *love* this thing. It’s kinda slow and a little wonky, but it fits in my pocket and is a perfect device for reading and taking quick notes. For years, I’ve cycled between carrying a notebook everywhere, relying on my phone for everything, trying to shove some other device into my workflow, and even occasionally being a weirdo who carries around an iPad. The Palma’s not perfect, but this form factor — Android device with an E Ink screen — might be. I’ll have a bigger piece on this thing in the next couple of weeks, but if you’re intrigued, I love it so far.

See you next week!

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