

# ***Express Gate***

## ***Quick Start Guide***

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Express Gate is an instant-on environment that gives you quick access to several applications. Within a few seconds of powering on your computer, you will be at the Express Gate menu where you can start the web browser, Skype, or other Express Gate applications. Express Gate is entirely self-contained, so you can use it at any time, even without entering the operating system of your Notebook PC.

## Instant Key

There is a group of instant keys which allows you to launch frequently used applications with one push of a button. Press the Express Gate key on your Notebook PC to enter Express Gate.



The location of the instant keys varies. Refer to the user manual for the location of the Express Gate key.

The icon on the Express Gate key may differ with models. Refer to the following sections for the instant key icons and definitions.

## Power4Gear key

For some models, the Power4Gear key will also function as the Express Gate key. The icon on the instant key may show  or simply . Press this instant key to enter Express Gate directly when the system is powered off.



The Power4Gear key toggles power savings between various power saving modes under the Microsoft Windows environment.

## Express Gate Key

For models with a dedicated Express Gate key ( or ) , you can press this instant key to enter Express Gate directly from a powered-off state.



The Express Gate key will not function under the Microsoft Windows environment. To enter Express Gate, you need to power off your Notebook PC and then press this key.

## Express Gate First Screen

Express Gate's first screen appears within a few seconds after you press the Express Gate key. From here, you can immediately start the web browser, make a phone call with Skype, use various instant messaging services, view and organize photos, listen to music or even play online games.

Point to any large icon in the middle of the screen to scroll through Express Gate applications. Click to launch the application. Or, you can click the button on the Launch Bar at the bottom of the screen to launch the selected application.

You can also choose to continue booting normally to your installed operating system by clicking **Exit**, or to power off by clicking **Power** at the bottom right corner of the screen.



## The Express Gate Environment

After clicking any application icon in the first screen, you will enter the Express Gate environment. If it is your first time launching Express Gate, a first time wizard will guide you through basic Express Gate configurations, including language, keyboard, date and time.

Once in the Express Gate environment, click the buttons on the LaunchBar at bottom of the screen to launch or switch between applications.



You can re-arrange, re-size and move windows. Bring a window to the foreground by clicking within it or by clicking its corresponding application button. Re-size a window by dragging any of its four corners. Move a window by dragging its title bar.

You can also press <Alt> +<Tab> to switch between applications. Right-click anywhere on the desktop to bring up a menu of applications.

The transparent circle around an application button on the LaunchBar denotes that the application is already running and you can switch to this application without any delay. If an application stops responding, right-click that application button and click **Close** to force the unresponsive application to close.

## Overview of Express Gate applications

	Starts the Splashtop Web Browser for access to the World Wide Web. This is a full-featured browser which supports Flash. You can also view PDF files on web pages or from your USB storage device.
	Starts the Music Player application to play music.
	Accesses the Online Games feature of Express Gate. Splashtop Gaming provides several categories of games that offer something for everybody!
	Starts the Photo Manager application. You can view, and organize into albums, BMP/GIF/PNG/JPEG files stored on the hard drive, or on an external USB storage device. Full-featured viewing includes ability to Zoom, Rotate, and create Slideshows. Display as thumbnails, detailed list, or full-screen.
	Starts the Text Chat instant messaging tool, which lets you use MSN, Yahoo, Google Talk, AIM, QQ, and ICQ to chat with your friends.
	Starts the Skype™ application, which lets you make phone calls to other people on Skype for voice, text or video chat.



- When using Music Player and Photo Manager, you will have READ-ONLY access right to the system hard disk or the connected external disk drive.
- Instant messaging services do not support video conversation.
- SkypeOut is available.

For more information about a specific Express Gate application, you can access its Help file from within the application.

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