

Finster – Installation Guide

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1. **Download DOSBox-X** from the link below:

<https://dosbox-x.com/>

2. **Install DOSBox-X** using the setup you just downloaded:

tip: Uncheck “Add Run/Open with DOSBox-X context menu for Windows Explorer” during the installation if you want to keep your system UI clean.

3. **Create a new directory for your DOS files:**

Simply create a new directory somewhere on your drive and give it any name. This directory will be later used to store all files you can access inside DOSBox-X.

tip: It is recommended to create and name the directory such that it will be easily accessible. For example, you can create a directory named DOS directly in the root of your C drive (C: \DOS\).

4. **Create a directory named GAMES** inside your newly created DOS directory:

Navigate to the directory you just created and create a new directory called GAMES. This will serve as the location where Finster will be later installed to.

5. **Enable “ignore sequencer blanking”** in the config:

Navigate to the DOSBox-X directory and open the configuration file dosbox-x.conf in notepad.

tip: The default installation directory for DOSBox-X is C: \DOSBox-X

Find the [video] section in the config and add the following line to the end of it:

```
ignore sequencer blanking = true
```

The video section should now look something like this:

```
vmemsize           = -1
vmemsizekb         = 0
high intensity blinking = true
ignore sequencer blanking = true
```

6. **Limit the CPU cycles to 20000** in the config:

Next, find the [cpu] section. Here you will need to limit the CPU speed by changing the line:

```
cycles                = auto
```

To:

```
cycles                = fixed 20000
```

7. **Disable EMS** in the config:

Go to the [dos] section, locate the ems option and disable it by changing it from:

```
ems                   = true
```

To:

```
ems                   = false
```

8. **Configure autoexec** to mount your directory as the drive C:

Lastly, go to the very bottom of the file and add these lines:

```
MOUNT C *path to your DOS directory*  
C:
```

Replace **path to your DOS directory** with the path to the directory you created 4 steps ago.

For example, if your directory is located in C:\DOS then the autoexec section should look like this:

```
[autoexec]  
# Lines in this section will be run at startup.  
# You can put your MOUNT lines here.
```

```
MOUNT C C:\DOS  
C:
```

Save the file by pressing CTRL+S and close it.

9. **Download finster.zip and extract it** to a directory of choice:

For example, you can create a new directory in your downloads folder and extract the contents of `finster.zip` into it using an extraction tool like 7-Zip or WinRar.

10. **Start DOSBox-X and mount the aforementioned directory as drive A:**

Launch DOSBox-X and type the following command.

```
MOUNT A *path to your extracted finster.zip directory* -t floppy
```

Replace **path to your extracted finster.zip directory** with the path to the directory to which you extracted `finster.zip`.

For example, if you extracted `finster.zip` to a directory named `finster` in your downloads directory, the command would look like this:

```
MOUNT A C:\Users\*MyName*\Downloads\finster -t floppy
```

11. **Start the installation:**

While in DOSBox-X, change your current drive to the A drive using the command:

```
A:
```

Now start the installation utility by typing the following command:

```
INSTALL
```

Once the previous command is executed, an installation screen should appear. Press the "I" key and then press it again to confirm the installation location. Then, press the "K" key to close the message window.

Now the installation should begin. Once the first set of files is copied over, the installation program will ask you to insert a diskette with the next volume. You do not need to do so. Simply press the "Y" key and "ENTER" key multiple times to force the installation to continue.

12. Configure the soundcard using the provided setup:

Change your drive to the C drive again using the command:

C:

Then, navigate to the newly created "FINSTER" directory by typing:

```
CD C:\GAMES\FINSTER
```

Now type the following command:

```
SETUP
```

Press the "S" key and then the "T" key to autodetect a sound card. Once you have done so, press the "O" key and then the "X" key to confirm and save your selection.

Congratulations. Now the preparations are complete.

13. Start Finster:

Simply navigate to the Finster directory by typing:

```
CD C:\GAMES\FINSTER
```

And then start the game by typing:

```
FINSTER
```

14. [OPTIONAL] Create a shortcut to launch the game from the desktop

If you don't wish to repeat the previous step in order to start the game, you can create a shortcut on your desktop.

To do so, right click on the DOSBox-X executable and hit Send, followed by Desktop (create shortcut).

Then, navigate to your desktop, find and edit the shortcut you just created and add the path to your FINSTER bat file after DOSBox-X path in the target field.

For example:

```
C:\DOSBox-X\dosbox-x.exe "C:\DOS\GAMES\FINSTER\FINSTER.BAT"
```