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Create / modify keyboard shortcuts in Gnome under Linux / UNIX

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Q. I'm using Ubuntu Linux and I'd like to create or modify keyboard shortcuts in Gnome desktop system? How do I do it?

A. You need to use GConf-Editor or gnome keyboard shortcut tool. GConf-Editor is a tool used for editing the GConf configuration database. It might be useful when the proper configuration utility for some software provides no way of changing some option. The main window consists of a tree showing the GConf configuration database hierarchy, a list of the keys available, and documentation for the selected key. Key values can be changed by either changing them directly in the list, or right clicking on them and selecting Edit key. Changes take immediate effect in running programs. New keys can be added by right clicking in the list and selecting New key. [1]



Easy to use - Keyboard Shortcuts tool

Use the Keyboard Shortcuts preference tool to customize the default keyboard shortcuts to your requirements.

Click on System > Preferences > Keyboard Shortcuts to launch the application and view the preconfigured shortcuts.



[2]

To edit a keyboard shortcut, perform the following steps:

1. Click the action in the list. If you are using the the keyboard, use the arrow keys to select the shortcut and press Return.
2. Press the new key or key combination you want to assign to the action.
3. To clear a shortcut, press Backspace. The action is now marked as Disabled.
4. To cancel assigning a shortcut, click elsewhere in the window or press Escape.

Advance keyboard shortcuts tool - gconf-editor (GConf-Editor)

You need to install this tool using any one of the following command (Debian / Ubuntu Linux):

```
$ sudo apt-get install gconf-editor
```

Or if you are using Fedora / CentOS / RHEL Linux:

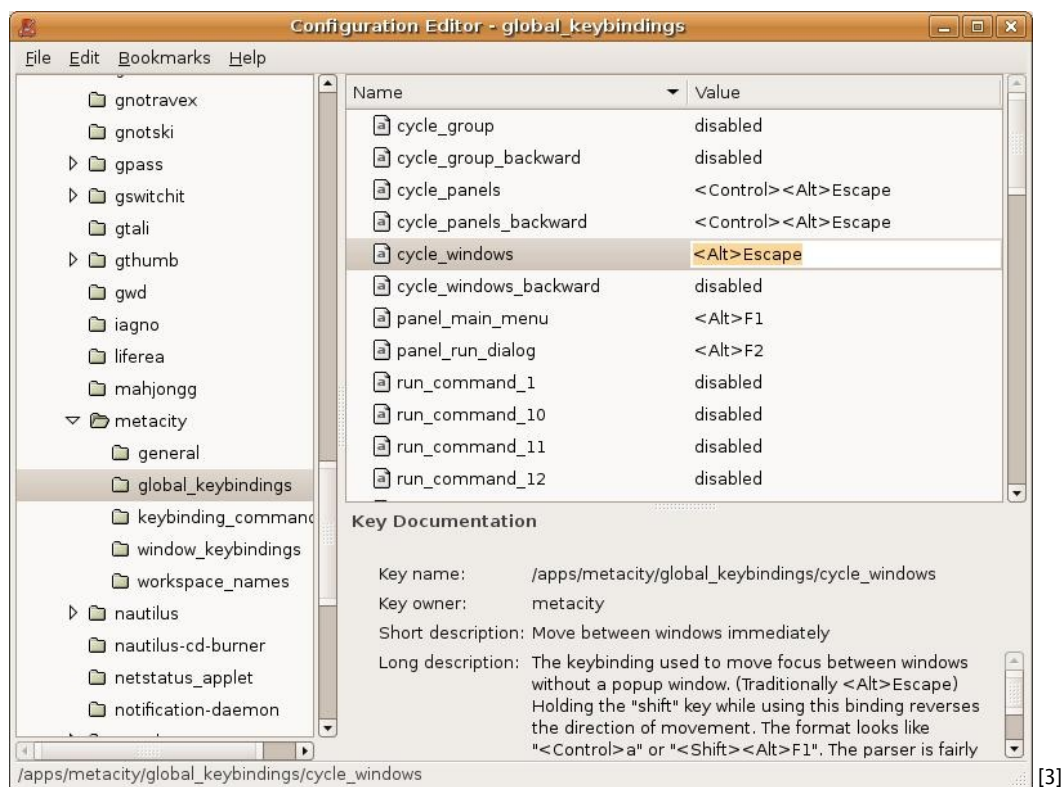
```
# yum install gconf-editor
```

Run gconf-editor

Use menus or type a command as follows:

```
$ gconf-editor &
```

- Next double click the "apps" folder
- Next double click the "metacity" folder
- Finally click the global_keybindings folder



Please note that all these keyboard shortcuts and other settings are saved on a user basis (inside a home directory), so each user can create their own custom setup.

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