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QUICK FILE PREVIEWER `GLOOBUS PREVIEW` UPDATED TO WORK WITH UBUNTU 16.04, 15.10, 14.04 / LINUX MINT 17.X

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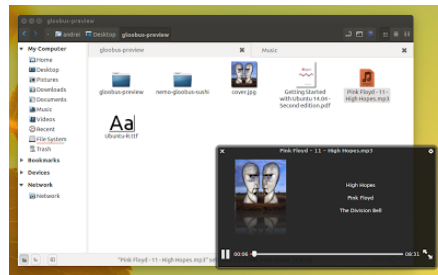
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[Gloobus Preview](#) is a quick file previewer which supports images, documents (pdf, odf, ods, etc.), source files, audio (mp3, wav, ogg and more), video (avi, ogg, mkv, flv, etc.), folders, archives, fonts, plain text files and more.



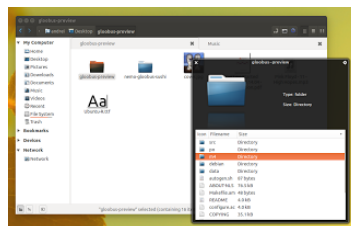
The tool stopped working with recent Ubuntu versions but thanks to [György Balló](#), you can now use Gloobus Preview in Ubuntu 14.04 and 14.10 (and obviously, other Linux distributions). Update: the PPA now also supports Ubuntu 16.04 and 15.10.

György has [fixed](#) various bugs and ported the application to use the latest technologies, along with some new features:

- ported the Gloobus Preview Configuration tool to Pygobject3 and GTK3;
- ported Gloobus Preview to GStreamer 1.0;
- ported media keys handling to GDBus;
- added support for XPS document format;
- added ImageMagick plugin (which supports a wide variety of image formats), replacing the icns plugin;
- added support for bsdtar, which makes Gloobus Preview support more archive types;
- improved office plugin (added support for more MIME types supported by LibreOffice and support for ssconvert - from gnumeric);
- Gloobus Preview now switches to fullscreen on double click;
- various other improvements fixes.

I tested the latest Gloobus Preview and it works pretty well, but not when it comes to documents - the application sometimes fails to display the preview quite frequently (as a side note, it's only supposed to work with files smaller than 10mb).

Here are a few more Gloobus Preview screenshots:



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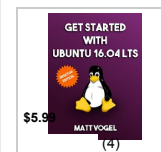
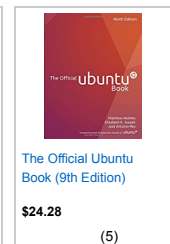
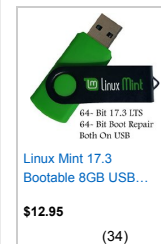
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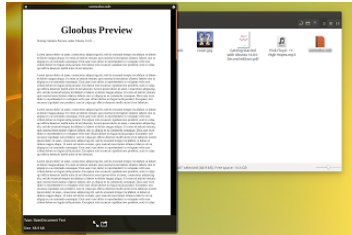
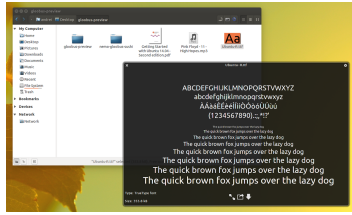
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The Gloobus Preview PPA wasn't updated yet so to make it easier to install in Ubuntu 14.04 or 14.10 / Linux Mint (w/ Cinnamon) 17 or 17.1, I uploaded the latest Gloobus Preview from BZR to the main WebUpd8 PPA.

Also, since for now, Gloobus Preview only works with Nautilus (via the "gloobus-sushi" package), I also uploaded a package called "nemo-gloobus-sushi" (it's simply "gloobus-sushi" modified to work with Nemo) so you can use Gloobus Preview with Nemo file manager.

So what exactly is the **difference between Gloobus Preview and GNOME Sushi / Nemo Preview**? Well, Gloobus Preview supports more file types and looks more fancy but other than that, they are pretty similar, so use the one that suits your needs.

If you haven't used Gloobus Preview until now, here's an old video which showcases Gloobus Preview:



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The video may be old (it's recorded under Ubuntu 12.04), but Gloobus Preview looks the same and has basically the same functionality (with the differences mentioned above) so it should be enough to get an idea on how the application looks like and what it can do.

Install Gloobus Preview in Ubuntu or Linux Mint (w/ Cinnamon)

Important: Gloobus Sushi, which is required to get Gloobus Preview to work with Nautilus, can't be installed on the system in the same time as GNOME Sushi, that's why when installing the *gloobus-sushi* package, *gnome-sushi* is removed. In Ubuntu GNOME, this also tries to remove the "ubuntu-gnome-desktop" meta package and unfortunately, only the Ubuntu GNOME devs can fix it because *ubuntu-gnome-desktop* depends on *gnome-sushi*.

Ubuntu 12.04 users: the latest Gloobus Preview doesn't work in Ubuntu 12.04, but you can

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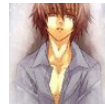
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Francisco Aloisio

2017-01-17 13:00 GMT-02:00 Disqus <notifications@disqus.net>:



Feng Yu

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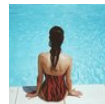
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It works very well on elementary os. Except for browsing files (SFTP), but that's probably a system problem.



Andrew

It might work but I didn't test it.



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use an older version (though it might be buggy) - see [THIS](#) article for more information.

1. To add the main WebUpd8 PPA and install Gloobus Preview in Ubuntu 16.04, 15.10, 15.04 or 14.04, use the following commands:

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:nilarimogard/webupd8
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install gloobus-preview
```

For some documents to work with Gloobus Preview, you'll also have to install unoconv and Gnumeric (for its *ssconvert* tool):

```
sudo apt-get install unoconv gnumeric
```

However, as I said above, Gloobus Preview doesn't seem to handle documents very well right now.

2. Next, you must install a Gloobus Preview helper tool which integrates the application with either Nautilus or Nemo and then restart Nemo / Nautilus, using the following commands:

- for Nautilus:

```
sudo apt-get install gloobus-sushi
nautilus -q
```

- for Nemo:

```
sudo apt-get install nemo-gloobus-sushi
nemo -q
```

Notes:

- installing the Nautilus integration (gloobus-sushi) automatically removes it for Nemo (nemo-gloobus-sushi) and the other way around;
- installing *gloobus-sushi* removes *gnome-sushi* (you can install it back but it will remove gloobus-sushi);
- installing *nemo-gloobus-sushi* removes *nemo-preview* (you can install it back but it will remove nemo-gloobus-sushi);

3. Using Gloobus Preview

To use Gloobus Preview, simply open Nemo or Nautilus (depends on which package you've installed under step 2), select a picture, a text file, an mp3, a folder or whatever and **press the SPACE key to quickly preview the file**.

You can close the preview either by pressing the SPACE key again, using the close button or you can set it to close on lose focus from its preferences. In the preferences, you can also set Gloobus Preview to always stay on top or use the GTK theme instead of its built-in theme.

If you encounter bugs, report them @ [Launchpad](#).

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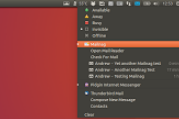
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Offtopic: Your atom repo for Trusty just got updated. So, here is missing deps(of course, installed). Here is an output:

```
→ ~ atom
```

```
→ ~ /opt/atom/atom: error while loading shared libraries: libdbus-1.so.3: cannot open
shared object file: No such file or directory
```

Please, look into this.

Thanks for your hard work, man!

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**Andrew Admin** → Bogdan Arabadzhi • 2 years ago

Thanks, I'll look into it!

Edit: I can't seem to figure out what's wrong so for now I'll revert the PPA packages to version 0.165.0, which was working for everyone. I'll update it once I manage to fix it.

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**Guest** → Andrew • 2 years ago

Good, so libdbus-1-3 is a default ubuntu package installed(I think so), reinstalling it also gives nothing, it absolutely an atom package trouble. The simplest solution, maybe just plase link to this lib inside an atom executable foulder, I think this should work then.

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**Andrew Admin** → Guest • 2 years ago

The issue is not related to that dependency...

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**Bogdan Arabadzhi** → Andrew • 2 years ago

Andrew, I found the solution. Moustly we use 64 bit systems and you build atom for 80386 intel pc. Here is my script

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/g6t1...>

it will cover all the necessary deps of your package(a lot of 80386 libs just for 1 atom package -- I don't like this, really). I will advice you to build 2 versions: atom-64 & atom-32 debs in your PPA. Just not to have same issues in the future. Thanks for your attention!

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**Andrew Admin** → Bogdan Arabadzhi • 2 years ago

I do build them for both 32bit and 64bit. But something changed in the latest Atom and I'm not sure what's causing it yet.

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**Bogdan Arabadzhi** → Andrew • 2 years ago

Ok, will wait till your update.

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**fikriarroi** • 2 years ago

Thanks, this really helpfull

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Is there a difference in speed between it and sushi? I find sushi to be somewhat slow (I have a fast computer)

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