

HELP – iDesk

This document makes use of material in the README file in /usr/share/idesk.

Idesk is a program developed in 2005. It draws desktop icons for users of minimal window managers such as fluxbox. Each icon will execute a shell command on a configurable action. The icons can be moved on the desktop by dragging them, and the icons will remember their positions on start-up.

It is distinguished from **wmalauncher**, also installed by default, in that the icons can be located anywhere on the desktop, not just in a slit position, and moved at will.

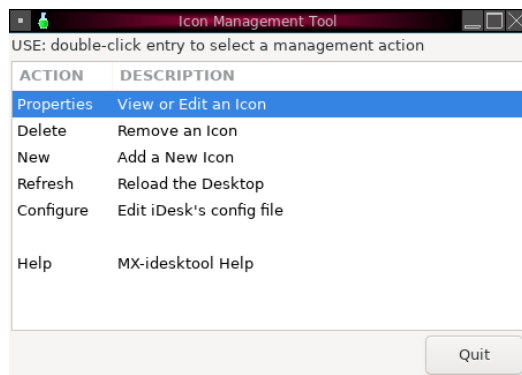
Usage

iDesk requires a configuration file ~/.ideskr, which is installed and configured by MX-Fluxbox. Many options are available, see details [in the Wiki](#) (from the README file).

Each icon created is defined in a *.lnk file located in ~/.idesktop. There are many options available such as tooltips, colors, etc. (> Wiki).The general format is like this:

```
table Icon
  Caption: Home
  Command: /home/you
  Icon: ~/.idesktop/home.png
  Width: 48
  Height: 48
  X: 680
  Y: 174
end
```

Though icons can be set up manually, MX Linux Devs and users have modernized and adapted an old tool to produce mx-idesktool.



mx-idesktool dashboard

Using this tool greatly facilitates the use of iDesk on MX-Fluxbox. It is very straightforward and should raise no questions about its use.

Dragging

Because defaults did not work as described, basic use of a desktop icon (set up in `~.ideskrc`) is different in MX-Fluxbox than stated in the README file:

Action	Mouse
Execute	Left click
Drag	Right click hold, release to stop