

Setup-desktop

To use Alpine Linux as a desktop, a desktop environment needs to be installed. Alpine Linux currently supports the following Desktop environments and Window managers. The desktops that can be installed using setup-desktop script are listed:

- Plasma
- Gnome
- MATE
- Xfce
- Sway

Note: Before installing any desktop,

- create a non-privileged user account for security reasons.
- enable the community repository. Setup-desktop script automatically does this for you.

Installation using setup-desktop

The Alpine Linux script for setting up a desktop quickly is setup-desktop.

```
# setup-desktop
```

On running the above command, you will be prompted to select a desktop environment.

```
Which desktop environment? ('gnome', 'plasma', 'xfce', 'mate', 'sway' or 'none') [n
```

Once you have chosen a desktop environment, this script installs the chosen desktop along with all the necessary packages, firefox (https://pkgs.alpinelinux.org/packages?name=firefox&branch=edge&repo=community&arch=x86_64&maintainer=) browser and adds the necessary services to run on startup. You can reboot when complete and the system will boot into a graphical login screen with the desktop environment. Depending on the desktop chosen, the script also activates the necessary services like dbus, elogind, login manager etc..

To view all the packages that are installed by the script for the chosen desktop you can issue the below command:

```
# cat /sbin/setup-desktop
```

See Also

- Alpine Linux - Daily Driver Guide

- [Tutorials related to Desktop](#)
 - [Desktop environments and Window managers](#)
 - [Post Installation](#)
 - [Category:Display Managers](#)
 - [Desktop environment - Archwiki \(https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/Desktop_environment\)](https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/Desktop_environment)
 - [Desktop environment - Gentoo Wiki \(https://wiki.gentoo.org/wiki/Desktop_environment\)](https://wiki.gentoo.org/wiki/Desktop_environment)
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