

Creating Desktop short-cuts for apps on Linux Mint

Requirements:

1. An app like a binary or an AppImage
2. An icon (optional): most suitable one is .png image

Steps:

1. Open Files and go to Home -> .local -> share -> applications
2. Here, create a file with name like this:
Your_app_name.desktop
(here replace 'Your_app_name' with your app's **name**)
3. Open this file with text editor like xed or gedit
4. Fill it with the following:

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[Desktop Entry]
Type=Application
Terminal=false
Exec=your-app-location
Name=your-app-name
Icon=your-app-icon-location
Comment=app
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5. Here above:
Replace 'your-app-location' with **full path** to your app's **binary or AppImage** and
'your-app-icon-location' with **full path** to your **app's icon** (wherever you stored it!)
And 'your-app-name' with the **app's name** (short-cut name).
6. **For cli apps:**
 1. Terminal=true
 2. Exec= gnome-terminal -- your-app-location
7. Save the file
8. Now right-click on this file and go to Properties -> Permissions and **tick** the box that says:
'Allow executing file as program'
9. Now go to Linux Mint Menu and search for the name of your app in the search box
10. Now right-click on the app name in the results and select:
add to desktop (for desktop short-cut) and
add to panel (for panel short-cut).

11. Yep! You are done! (See your desktop or panel for your app)

Note: Your binary or AppImage should also have the permission: 'Allow executing file as program' ticked!