

# Creating 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
```

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**.
6. Save the file
7. Now right-click on this file and go to Properties -> Permissions and **tick** the box that says:  
'Allow executing file as program'
8. Now go to Linux Mint Menu and search for the name of your app in the search box
9. 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).
10. Yep! You are done! (See your desktop or panel for your app)