Ubuntu 18.04 XAMPP desktop icon "There was an error launching the application"
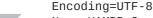
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I created an icon on the desktop and entered the following code:

```
[Desktop Entry]
Encoding=UTF-8
Name=XAMPP Control Panel
Comment=Start and Stop XAMPP
Exec=gksudo /opt/lampp/manager-linux-x64.run
Icon=/opt/lampp/htdocs/favicon.ico
Categories=Application
Type=Application
Terminal=false
```

When I launch the application I get "There was an error launching the application"

If I go into the terminal and type `sudo /opt/lampp/manager-linux-x64.run`, it works fine. I tried changing `gksudo` to `sudo` but that didn't work either.

What am I doing wrong?

xampp

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`gksudo` isn't included by default in 18.04, are you using Wayland or X11? – Eskander Bejaoui May 18, 2018 at 14:56

I'm using Xorg. I tried admin:///opt/lampp/manager-linux-x64.run but that didn't work either. – eric May 18, 2018 at 15:32 ✏️

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install nautilus-admin
```

Create a new file in "/usr/share/polkit-1/actions/xampp.policy" with:

```
sudo nano /usr/share/polkit-1/actions/xampp.policy
```

Add this content:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE policyconfig PUBLIC
 "-//freedesktop//DTD PolicyKit Policy Configuration 1.0//EN"
 "http://www.freedesktop.org/standards/PolicyKit/1/policyconfig.dtd">
<policyconfig>

  <action id="org.freedesktop.policykit.pkexec.run-xampp">
    <description>Run the Xampp Control Panel</description>
    <message>Authentication is required to run the Xampp Control Panel</message>
    <defaults>
      <allow_any>no</allow_any>
      <allow_inactive>no</allow_inactive>
      <allow_active>auth_admin_keep</allow_active>
    </defaults>
    <annotate key="org.freedesktop.policykit.exec.path">/opt/lampp/manager-linux-
x64.run</annotate>
    <annotate key="org.freedesktop.policykit.exec.allow_gui">TRUE</annotate>
  </action>
</policyconfig>
```

To end, create a new file or edit the desktop entry on `/usr/share/applications/xampp-control-panel.desktop` and replace `Exec=gksudo /opt/lampp/manager-linux-x64.run` with `Exec=pkexec /opt/lampp/manager-linux-x64.run` :

```
sudo nano /usr/share/applications/xampp-control-panel.desktop
```

```
[Desktop Entry]
Encoding=UTF-8
Name=XAMPP Control Panel
Comment=Start and Stop XAMPP
Exec=pkexec /opt/lampp/manager-linux-x64.run
Icon=/opt/lampp/htdocs/favicon.ico
Categories=Application
Type=Application
Terminal=false
```

I hope it helps.

I confirmed it also works in Ubuntu 20.04. – PhatHV Oct 14, 2020 at 2:12

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