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How do I open a folder as root?



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`/etc/apt/`

folder. I need to delete some files and replace

`/etc/apt/sources.list`

with a newer version.

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asked Apr 21 at 18:23



Klikini

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To open the folder as root in the graphical file manager, run the following command:

```
gksu nautilus /etc/apt/
```

If you wish to do your operations **from the command line**, the following command enters the intended directory and makes you root. However, you would be better off using the first method above.

```
cd /etc/apt; sudo -i
```

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edited Apr 22 at 15:39



Jorge Castro

22.8k 🌟 40 🗣️ 190 🏆 371

answered Apr 21 at 18:25



SirCharlo

5,938 🗣️ 5 🏆 26

Thanks! That worked fine! I used the GUI version and deleted the two (very old) backup files. – [Klikini](#) Apr 21 at 19:13 🗣️

sudo -i is less typing and cleaner environmental variables ubuntuforums.org/showpost.php?p=6188826&postcount=4 – [bodhi.zazen](#) Apr 22 at 4:54

I disagree with SirCharlo that first method is better than using command line. Command line is way more powerfull. – [OrangeTux](#) Apr 22 at 12:50

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Nah ! do a simple thing first. Create a custom file manager. Its easy.

Here how you can do it:

First open gedit and paste all these:

```
[Desktop Entry]
Name=Nautilus
Comment=Browse the filesystem with administrator rights
Exec=gksudo nautilus
Icon=file-manager
```

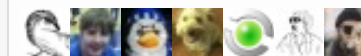
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```
Terminal=false
Type=Application
Categories=Application;System;
```

Now save the file as Nautilus.desktop on your desktop.

(desktop is the file extension).

Now Open:

```
/home/your user name/.local/share/applications
```

and cut/paste Nautilus.desktop file into there.

Now open dash and search for "Nautilus". It will open up the default file manager with root permission. Now you can navigate to any directory and delete anything you want.

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answered Apr 21 at 18:45



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in terminal you can use:

```
sudo -e /etc/apt/sources.list
```

for example:

```
sudo -e /etc/apt/sources.list
```

Note if you prefer to use graphical software you should use `gksudo` in Gnome:

```
gksudo gedit /etc/apt/sources.list
```

or `kdesudo` in KDE:

```
kdesudo kate /etc/apt/sources.list
```

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edited Apr 22 at 12:47



bodhi.zazen

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answered Apr 21 at 18:28



swift

614 1 14

1 or just `sudo -e /etc/apt/sources.list` – bodhi.zazen Apr 22 at 4:55

@bodhi.zazen thank you, smart option ... you are free to edit my answer for creating difference `sudo -e <YourTextEditor> /etc/apt/sources.list` – swift Apr 22 at 9:42

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