← *Using Legacy Status Icons*

Pop!_OS uses GNOME Shell for launching apps, switching windows, managing workspaces, etc. Ubuntu and previous versions of GNOME Shell supported "status icons" or "AppIndicators" where installed apps could add arbitrary icons to the shell. In GNOME Shell 3.26, this functionality was removed in favor of other APIs.

However, some apps you use (like Dropbox) might not have been updated and thus might depend on being able to draw a status icon. Fortunately it is easy to add legacy status icon support with a GNOME Shell extension.

> **Note:** This extension is not provided by System76 nor officially supported by Pop!_OS; we are simply directing you how to use it as a convenience.

INSTALL

The extension `gnome-shell-extension-appindicator` works well for this and is what we recommend users of Pop!_OS install if they need status icons. To install, open the **Terminal** app (`Super` + `T`) and type:

```
sudo apt install gnome-shell-extension-appindicator
```

…and press `Enter` . If prompted, type your password and press `Enter` . The extension is now installed, but you need to enable it.

ENABLE

In the **Terminal** app or from the **Enter a command** dialog (`Alt` + `F2`), type:

```
gnome-shell-extension-prefs
```

...and press ⌢Enter⌣. In the **Shell Extensions** window that comes up, turn on the **KStatusNotifierItem/AppIndicator Support** switch.

Lastly, you may need to **log out** and back in for icons to show up. When you do, any app's status icons will show up at the right-side of the top panel, next to the system menu.