

Change the default sort order in Nautilus

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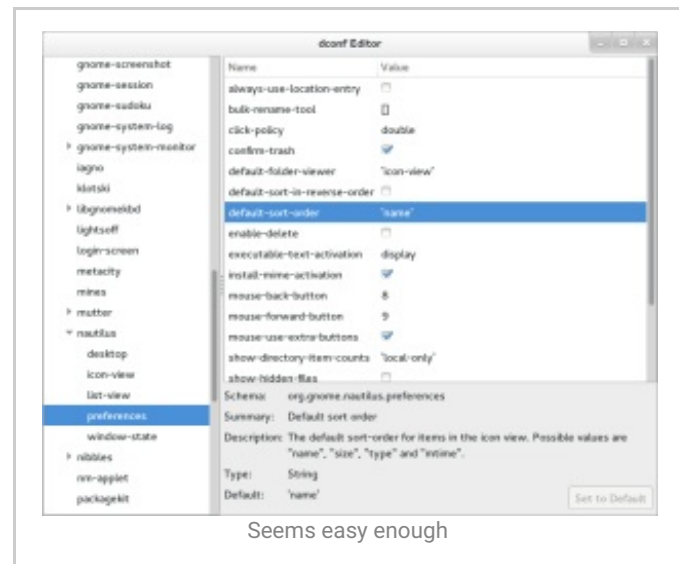
The default sort order in Nautilus has been changed to sorting alphabetically by name and the option to change this seems to be broken. For example I prefer my files to be sorted by type so I ran

```
dconf-editor
```

and browsed to **org/gnome/nautilus/preferences**. From there you *should* be able to change the value by using the drop down:

Unfortunately the only option available is **modification time**. Once you change it to that you can't even go back to **name**. This also appears to be a problem when trying to set the value using the command line interface like this:

```
dconf write
```



```
/org/gnome/nautilus/preferences/default-sort-order type
```

I received an "error: 0-4:unknown keyword" message when I tried to run that.

Thanks to the folks over on the [Ask Ubuntu](#) forum I was finally able to get it to change by issuing this command instead:

```
gsettings set org.gnome.nautilus.preferences default-sort-order type
```

where **type** could be swapped out for whatever you prefer it to be ordered by.

This post originally appeared over on The Linux Experiment [here](#).

