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Install Sublime text editor

What is Sublime Text?

Sublime Text is a sophisticated text editor for code, html and prose. The program was originally desighned as a feature-rich extension of Vim. It's the best editor for HTML5 and CSS3 developers *(It doesn't need extra plugins like other text editors)*.

About this tutorial

This tutorial will explain how to install Sublime Text and how to make it a native application.

Installation process

First Method

Open a terminal with **Ctrl+Alt+T** and type:

sudo add-apt-repository ppa:webupd8team/sublime-text-2

sudo apt-get update

Optional: remove any installed Sublime Text packages:

sudo apt-get --purge remove sublime-text*

Now to install Sublime Text, type the following:

sudo apt-get install sublime-text

Second Method

First you need to download Sublime for 32bit or 64bit system.

Once you download the file locate it and extract it. *I assume that the downloaded file is located in /home/Downloads*. Open a terminal with **Ctrl+Alt+T** and type

cd ~/Downloads (With this command we change the default directory "/" to "/Downloads") and then type

For 32bit version

tar -jxvf Sublime\ Text\ 2\ 2.0.1.tar.bz2 to extract the file.

For 64bit version

tar -jxvf Sublime\ Text\ 2\ 2.0.1\ x64.tar.bz2 to extract the file.

Once you extract the file type the following commands invidually:

sudo mv Sublime\ Text\ 2 sublime

sudo mv sublime /opt/

cd /opt

sudo chown -R root:root sublime

sudo chmod -R +r sublime

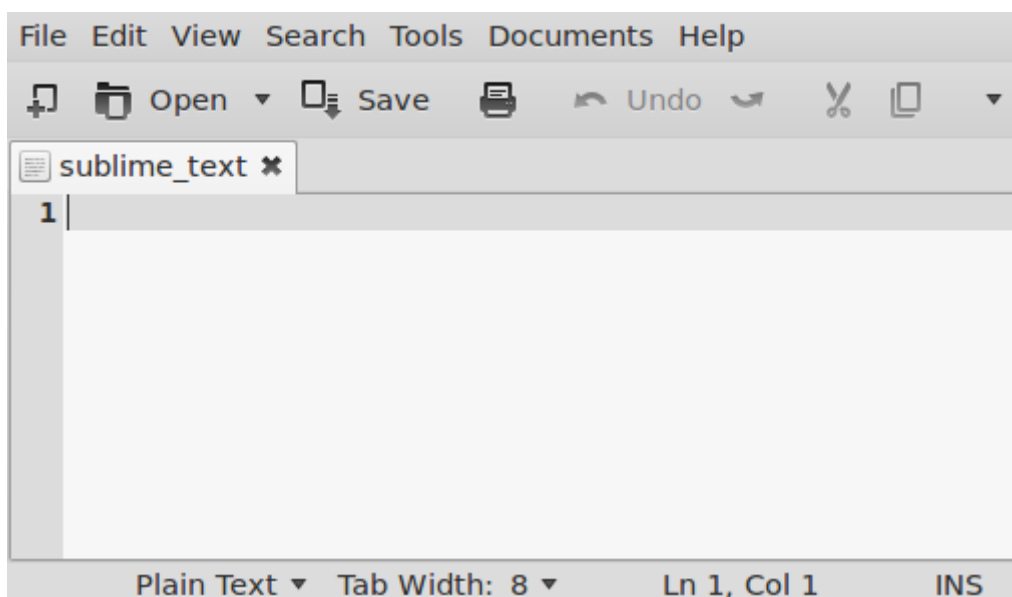Now we need to create a Sublime Text executable in your path. To do this execute the following commands:

sudo touch /usr/bin/sublime_text

sudo chmod 775 /usr/bin/sublime_text

Now press Alt+F2 and type:

gksu gedit /usr/bin/sublime_text

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sublime_text ✖

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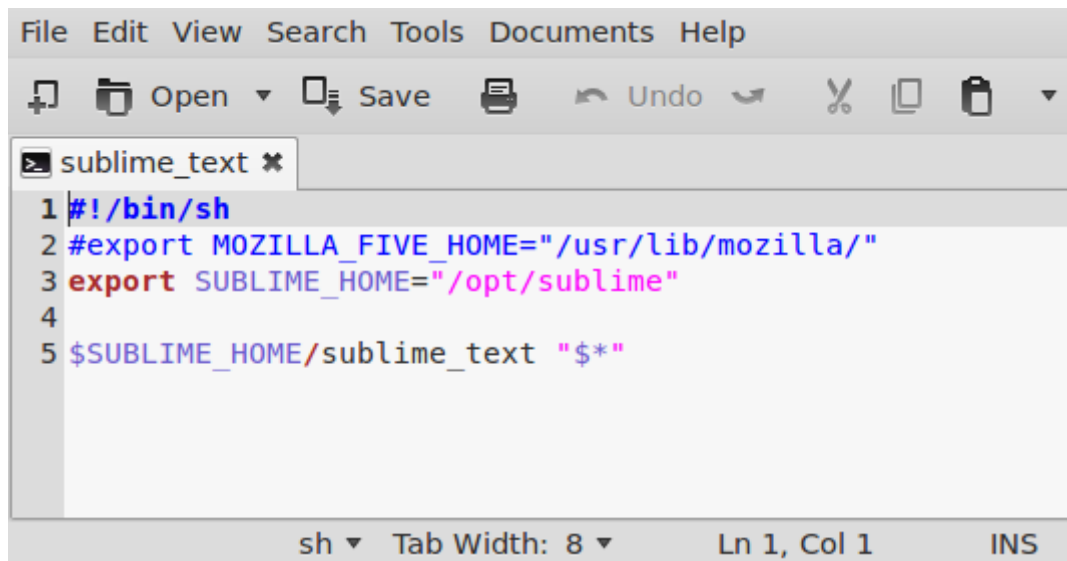Plain Text ▼   Tab Width: 8 ▼   Ln 1, Col 1   INS

and copy paste the below code:

```
#!/bin/sh
#export MOZILLA_FIVE_HOME="/usr/lib/mozilla/"
export SUBLIME_HOME="/opt/sublime"

$SUBLIME_HOME/sublime_text "$*"
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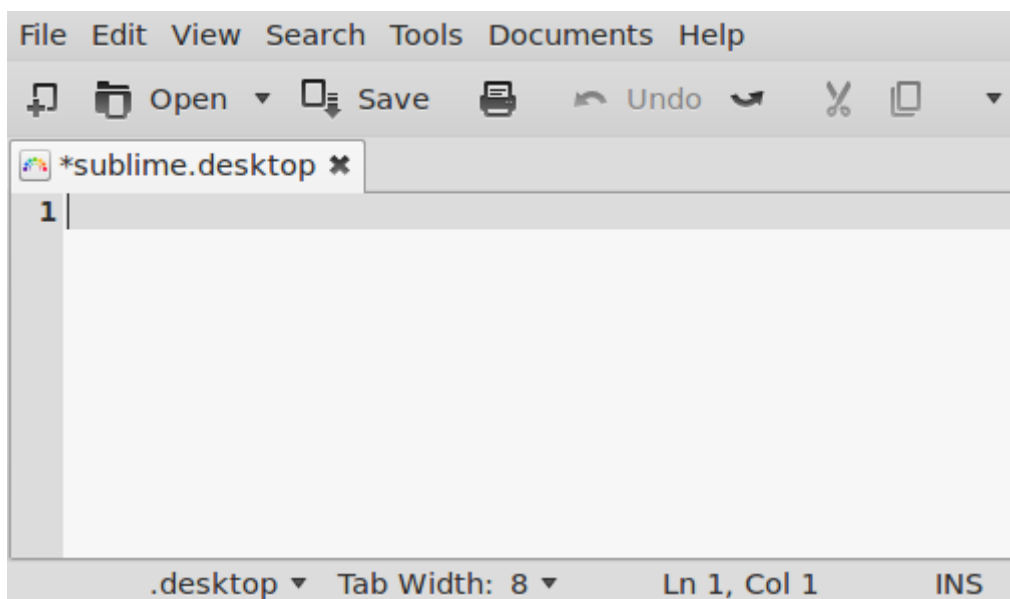
and save the file.

Next , to create a menu icon press **Alt+F2** and type:

gksu gedit /usr/share/applications/sublime.desktop

and copy paste the below code:

```
[Desktop Entry]
Encoding=UTF-8
Name=Sublime Text
Comment=Sublime Text 2
Exec=sublime_text
Icon=/opt/sublime/Icon/256x256/sublime_text.png
Terminal=false
Type=Application
Categories=GNOME;GTK;Utility;TextEditor;
StartupNotify=true
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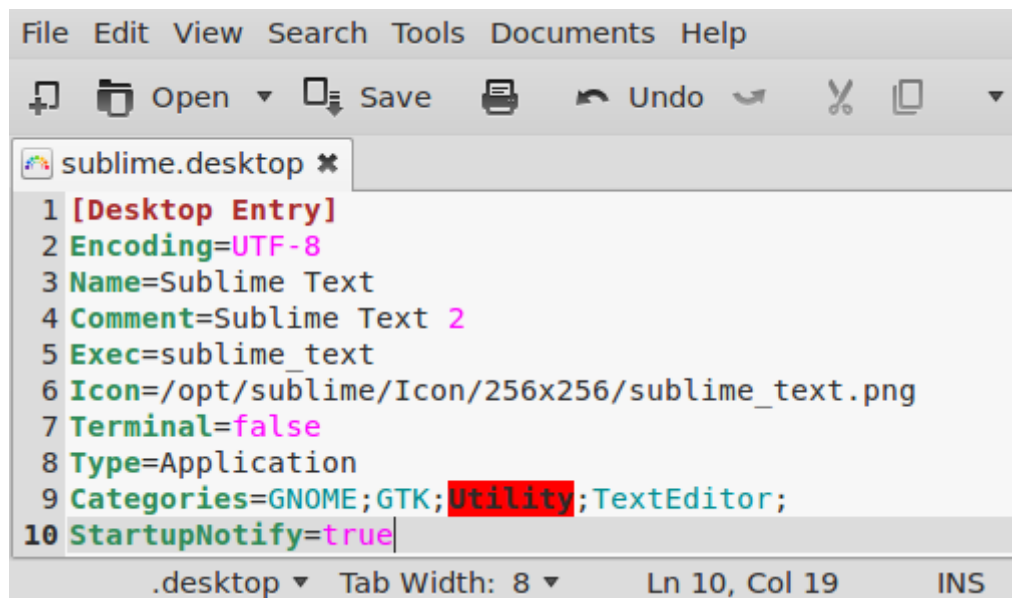
and finally save the file.

Finally to launch Sublime Text for the first time

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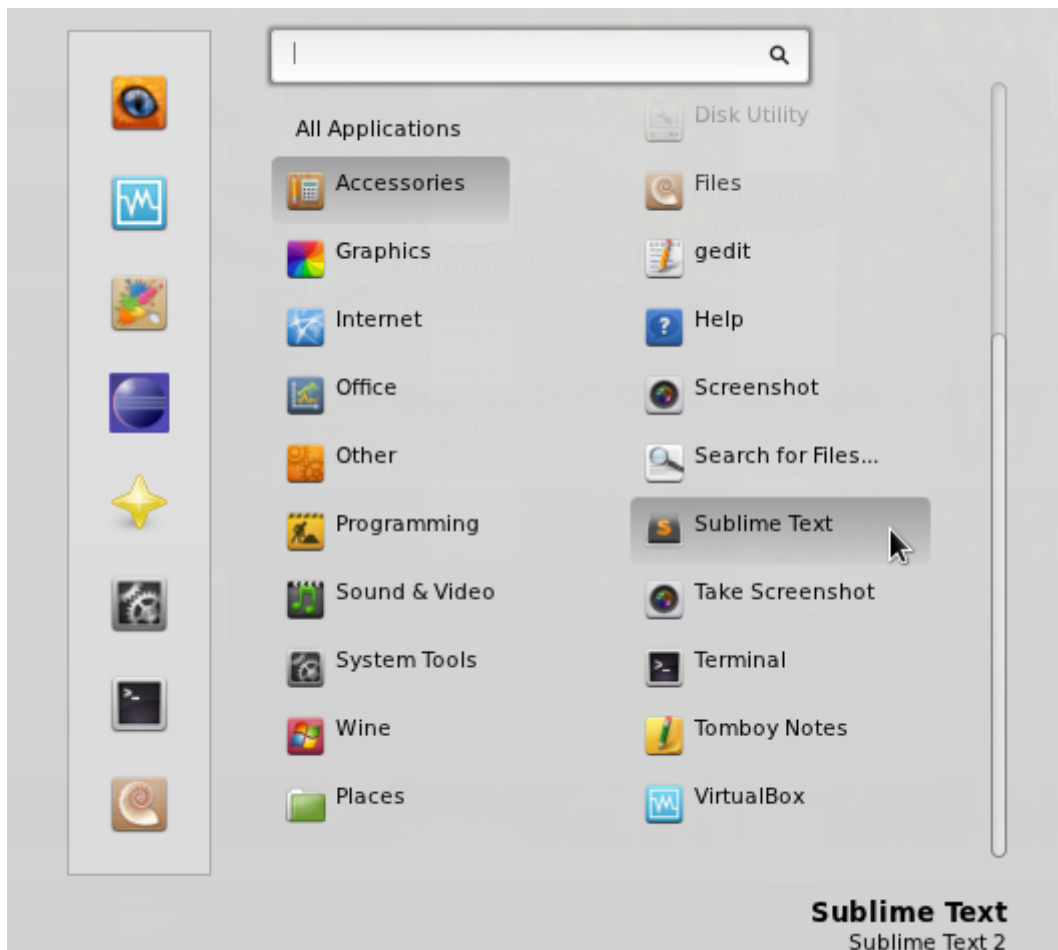Created: 4 years ago.

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semiramida

greatinstruction, very indication for any newbie , tnx guys..... i like to after i learn more to be usefull like u... to make something for comunity but i have a lot to learn for me ..and is hard , nobody explain u need to base on tutorials video and sites like urs,tnx again

1 year ago

nguyenminhnhan91

Great instruction ever seen.
Note that you should choose icon of 48x48 size. I have tried larger size but the icon is not shown.

3 years ago

Ryuunosuke

Great tutorial! Works fine.

3 years ago

rodrigo_uruguay

Works like a charm!!! Thanks!!

3 years ago

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@daveman1010220

No, it won't update automatically.
@p0rsche

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Thanks for the hint!
I fixed the artcle.

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p0rsche

There is some nice bug in command-line argument in file /usr/bin/sublime_text
If you'll try to open file with spaces like the default 'Untitled Document' sublime will open 2 tabs - one for 'Untitled' and another one for 'Document'.
To fix this, just place $* in quotes:
$SUBLIME_HOME/sublime_text "$*"
Now it will work as proper.

4 years ago

lynze

Works in Linux Mint 14 Cinnamon... Thanks!

4 years ago

lorena

hi! i'm new here! i tried every steps above but when i clicked the sublime on my linuxmint 13 menu, it doesn't work. nothing happened. please help me. i really want this sublime for my project. thanks!!

4 years ago

3xOSC

Here is the sequel that no one asked for if you want to learn how to set a default syntax for Sublime Text 2:

http://community.linuxmint.com/tutorial/view/1144

(shameless self promotion)

4 years ago

frank_iv

thanks for this!
Now I can use my portable programs in more comfortable way.

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ivy_s

Great tutorial!

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avgerinos

Nice tutorial! Sublime is very helpful for HTML5 and CSS development.

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