



macos 15 create desktop shortcuts for cli commands

In macOS 15, you can create desktop shortcuts for command-line (CLI) commands using several built-in methods.

1. Using the Apple Shortcuts App (Recommended)

This method integrates best with macOS and allows you to customize the icon and appearance.

1. Open the **Shortcuts** app from your Applications folder or Launchpad.
2. Click the **+** (**plus**) icon to create a new shortcut.
3. In the search bar on the right, type **"Run Shell Script"** and double-click the action to add it.
4. Type your CLI command into the script box. (e.g., `top` or `brew update`).
5. **(Optional)** Click the icon next to the shortcut name to change its color or glyph.
6. To put it on the desktop: Go to the **File** menu > **Add to Dock**, then drag it from your Dock to your desktop. Alternatively, you can use the **Shortcuts** menu > **Settings** > **Services** to make it a Quick Action.

2. Creating a .command Executable File

This is the "classic" macOS method that creates a file you can double-click directly on your desktop to launch Terminal and run a script.

1. Open **TextEdit** and ensure it is in **Plain Text** mode (**Format > Make Plain Text**).
2. Type your script, starting with a shebang line:

bash

```
#!/bin/bash
your_command_here
```

Use code with caution.



3. Save the file to your desktop with the extension **.command** (e.g., `myscript.command`).
4. Open **Terminal** and make the file executable by running:
`chmod +x ~/Desktop/myscript.command` .
5. Double-clicking this file on your desktop will now run your command in a new Terminal window.

3. Using Automator (Application)

Automator can wrap a script into a standalone "Application" that lives on your desktop.

1. Open **Automator** and select **New Document > Application**.
2. Search for the **"Run Shell Script"** action and drag it into the workflow.
3. Enter your command in the text area.
4. Save the file to your **Desktop**. It will appear as an app icon that runs your command when opened.

4. Creating a Desktop Alias (Shortcut) to Terminal

If you simply want a shortcut to the Terminal app itself:

1. Open **Finder** and go to **Applications > Utilities**.
2. Right-click on **Terminal** and select **Make Alias**.
3. Drag the new alias to your **Desktop**.



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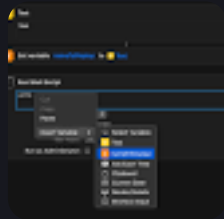
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