



Open up a terminal window. For GNOME, you can do this by one of three methods:

- Find the terminal application in the *Application* menu system, either under *Accessories* or *System Tools*.
- Hit *Alt-F2* to bring up the *Run Command* window and type in **gnome-terminal**.
- If right-clicking anywhere on the desktop does not offer an option for bringing up a new terminal, you may have to install **nautilus-open-terminal** by doing one of the following commands depending on your Linux distribution and then right click anywhere on the desktop and select *Open Terminal*:

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1 $ sudo yum install nautilus-open-terminal
2 $ sudo apt-get install Nautilus-open-terminal
3 $ sudo zypper install Nautilus-open-terminal
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Right-clicking anywhere in the terminal window will open either a new terminal or a new tab. On older versions, you can select either. On newer GNOME versions, you have to select which one you want to be offered by clicking on *Edit > Preferences* and then choose either *Window* or *Tab* under the dialog for *Open new terminals in*. Why this is considered an improvement is not clear.

Or you can hit *Shift > Ctl-T*.

If you open multiple tabs, you can switch between them either with the mouse or by hitting *Alt-1*, *Alt-2*, etc.

While you are at it, it would be a good time to learn how to configure the profile or create a new one, changing fonts, colors, etc.

For KDE, the **konsole** program can be used in much the same way, with new windows being launched with *Ctl-Shift-M* and new tabs with *Ctl-Shift-N*.

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