# Desktop

## XDG

- open a file with associated application: `xdg-open image.png`

XDG (Cross-Desktop Group) Configuration:

- freedesktop.org: XDG Specifications
- ArchWiki: Desktop entries

## Gnome

- show GNOME configuration (registry) entries, starting from root: `gconftool-2 -R /`
- restart of GNOME panel: `killall gnome-panel`
- publish user dir templates: `xdg-user-dirs-update`

### Files

- `/etc/xdg/user-dirs.default`: adoption of users home directory templates
- `~/.config/user-dirs.dirs`: users (current) home directory templates
- `.hidden`: hide all files listed in `.hidden` from file manager (*Nautilus*, *Thunar*) view
- `~/.local/share/applications`: private desktop files
- `/usr/share/applications`: global desktop files

## Xfce

- ArchWiki: Xfce - Session
- `exo-open <url>`: frontend to the *Xfce Preferred Applications* framework, which can either be used to open a list of urls with the default URL handler or launch the preferred application for a certain category.[1)]

### Files

- `~/.config/mimeapps.list`: users (changed) MIME associations

1)
Typically `exo-open` is called from desktop-independent tool `xdg-open`.

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