

My Favorite Linux Mint Programs
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Linux Mint programs are all free and may be accessed and installed two or more ways. I use either the Software Manager (Menu, Software Manager) or from a terminal prompt.

Software Manager

Start Software Manager, then type your Mint password and press enter. You may then select relevant software from icon groups, or just do a search for the program that you are interested in. When you find the program that you wish to install, click on it, then select Install.

Terminal

Go to the Terminal window from Menu, Terminal. At the prompt type su and press enter, then type your Mint password and press enter. Note that no characters appear when typing your password. At the new su prompt the command to download and install a new program is:

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apt-get install program name
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An example is:

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apt-get install chromium-browser
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The above command will find Chrome from the Mint software center, download it and install it.

To install another program at that point, press the up arrow then back space to remove the name and type in the next name and press enter.

My most used programs in Mint are listed below. Note the name that would be used in Terminal mode is in parenthesis.

Chrome (chromium-browser)

Disk Burning (k3B)

Document Viewer (atril) View PDF files and and many others quickly.

PDF-Shuffler (pdf-shuffler) Move PDF pages and reorder them as desired.

Brasero (brasero) Burn, copy, CD and DVD.

Banshee (banshee) Play media files

Pulse Audio Volume Control (pavucontrol) Advanced volume control which is required for Skype.

Skype (skype) Internet vidio calling.

VLC Player (vlc) Media player

Gedit (gedit) Edit configuration text based files.

Shutter (shutter) Capture screen shots and export to PDF file.

Solitaire (ailesriot)

Mahjongg (mahjongg)

Libre Office – instaalled by default when Mint is installed.