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[Google Gadgets on Your Linux Desktop](#)

With the Google Gadgets for Linux software!

The team behind the [Google Desktop for Linux](#) project is proud to present the first open source implementation of the Google Gadgets on the Linux desktop. The Google Gadgets for Linux project will provide a platform that will allow the use of the popular and wonderful Google gadgets (widgets) on any Linux desktop. The project is compatible with gadgets written for the Google Desktop for Windows application and the Universal Gadgets from iGoogle. We, here at the Softpedia Labs, compiled and installed this first release of the Google Gadgets for Linux package on an Ubuntu 8.04 LTS machine and we were really impressed with them. The installation will provide a client for both GTK and QT platforms or, in other words, both GNOME and KDE users can enjoy the Google Gadgets on their desktops. OK, OK, I get it! I want them on my desktop, right now! Well... look no further, here's our quick and simple **How to install** guide: Installing necessary requirements: Open a terminal (*Applications -> Accessories -> Terminal*) and paste the following command:
[CODE=0]sudo apt-get -y install libtool automake autoconf libxul-dev libghc6-mozembed-dev libcurl4-gnutls-dev libxml2-dev zlib1g-dev xulrunner libgtk2.0-dev libcairo2-dev libdbus-1-dev libdbus-glib-1-dev libgstreamer0.10-dev libgstreamer-plugins-base0.10-dev libqt4-dev build-essential spidermonkey-bin libmozjs-dev libqtwebkit-dev[CODE=1]Configure, compile and install Google Gadgets Download Google Gadgets for Linux right now from [Softpedia](#). Extract the archive, open a terminal (*Applications -> Accessories -> Terminal*) and execute the following commands, one by one:
[CODE=0]cd /path/to/the/google-gadgets-archive (e.g. cd /home/softpedia/Desktop/google-gadgets-for-linux-0.9.1)./configure --prefix=/usr makesudo make install[CODE=1]That's it! Now you can hit ALT+F2 and type *ggl-gtk* (for GNOME users) or *ggl-qt* (for KDE users) to start the Google Gadgets application. You will see a nice icon on the system tray area, right click on it to access the gadgets browser. Have fun and enjoy the finest Google gadgets on your Linux desktop! Note: We've noticed that the GTK interface (*ggl-gtk*) of Google Gadgets will not load the gadgets. As a workaround, run the Qt interface (*ggl-qt*) first and let it load all the gadgets, close it and run the GTK interface again. It will load all the gadgets now.