

Re: Changing the "default" web-browser

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David A. Cobb wrote:

- > Debian 'sarge', 2.4.26 kernel, Gnome-desktop 2.8
- > e-mail client: Thunderbird version 1.0 (20050116)
- > web browser: Preferred=Mozilla Firefox Mozilla/5.0 (X11; U; Linux i686;
- > en-US; rv:1.7.5) Gecko/20050110 Firefox/1.0 (Debian package 1.0+dfsg.1-2)
- >
- > I _have_ set my "Preferences->Advanced->Preferred Applications" for
- > web-browser to "firefox."
- > However, everytime I click an http link in Thunderbird, Mozilla (the
- > total platform) launches. I would uninstall it -- I have before;
- > however, there are a few dependencies I'm loathe to break.
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- > *OBTW*, those dependencies could probably be changed to some virtual
- > package like "gekko-browser" provided be either Mozilla or Firefox.
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- > However, my immediate question is: how do I convince Gnome to launch
- > firefox when I ask for an 'http' link?
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Try this:

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update-alternatives --config x-www-browser
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But this is for X I don't know if it functions for Gnome, too.

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