

# XFCE

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## Menus

On Debian XFCE the most common locations for storing .desktop entries are:

- /usr/share/applications/
- ~/.local/share/applications
- /usr/local/share/applications

## Themes

In Debian with XFCE, theme files for the graphical interface are stored in system-wide locations.

### System-Wide Themes

```
GTK Themes: /usr/share/themes  
Icon Themes: /usr/share/icons  
Window Manager (xfwm4) Themes: /usr/share/themes
```

### Per-User Themes

```
GTK Themes: ~/.local/share/themes/ or ~/.themes  
Icon Themes: ~/.local/share/icons or ~/.icons  
Window Manager (xfwm4) Themes: ~/.local/share/themes/
```

## How to Install a New Theme

Download: the theme file from a source like xfce-look.org. Extract: the theme's downloaded archive. Copy: the extracted theme folder (which contains folders like gtk-3.0 for GTK themes or xfwm4 for window manager themes) into one of the user-specific directories mentioned above, such as ~/.local/share/themes/ for GTK/window themes or ~/.local/share/icons/ for icon themes. Select: the new theme by opening Menu > Settings > Appearance and choosing your theme from the Style or Icons tabs.

## Theme per application

Select an explicit theme for an application:

```
env GTK_THEME=Adwaita:dark simple-scan
```

```
env GTK_THEME=Nordic-darker simple-scan
env GTK_THEME=Shades-of-gray-Orange simple-scan
```

```
env GTK2_RC_FILES="/usr/share/themes/Ambiance/gtk-2.0/gtkrc" firefox
```

Newer versions of firefox use GTK3. Another way to overrule default thema from within Firefox:

In Firefox URL bar enter about:config.

1. Create new String value with name `widget.content.gtk-theme-override` (Right click > new > String)
2. Set value to `Adwaita:light` (if your distribution does not use GNOME desktop, you should use a name of light GTK theme which is installed on your PC)
3. Restart browser

## Links

- <http://wiki.xfce.org/howto/customize-menu>
- <https://wiki.debian.org/Xfce>

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