

How to make GNOME 3 Desktop icons to work as in GNOME 2 on Debian GNU / Linux

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If you're using **Debian GNU/Linux wheezy/sid**, you have already figured out GNOME3 settings to start GNOME in Classic mode (like in GNOME 2), starts gnome in a mode where the desktop is not showing the usual **Computer, Home, Trash** etc.

Besides that in that strange back-compitability *Classic GNOME mode* its impossible to add any program as a link in desktop like in the good old GNOME 2.

Thanksfully this abusive behaviour of the backwards compitability mode is easily fixable by two simple steps, here they are:

1. Install **gnome-tweak-tool** - (Tool to adjust advanced configuration settings for GNOME

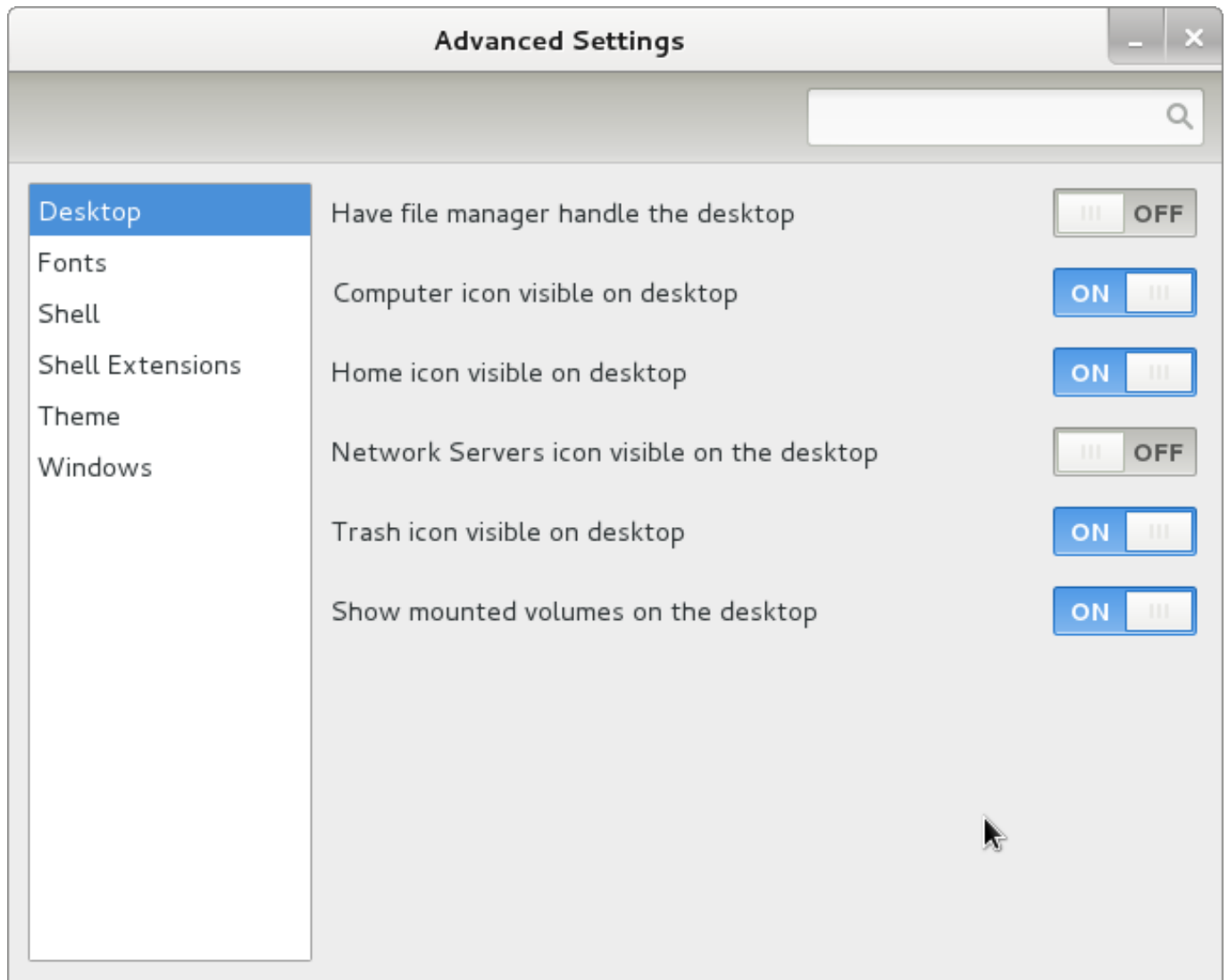
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root@debian:~# apt-get install gnome-tweak-tool
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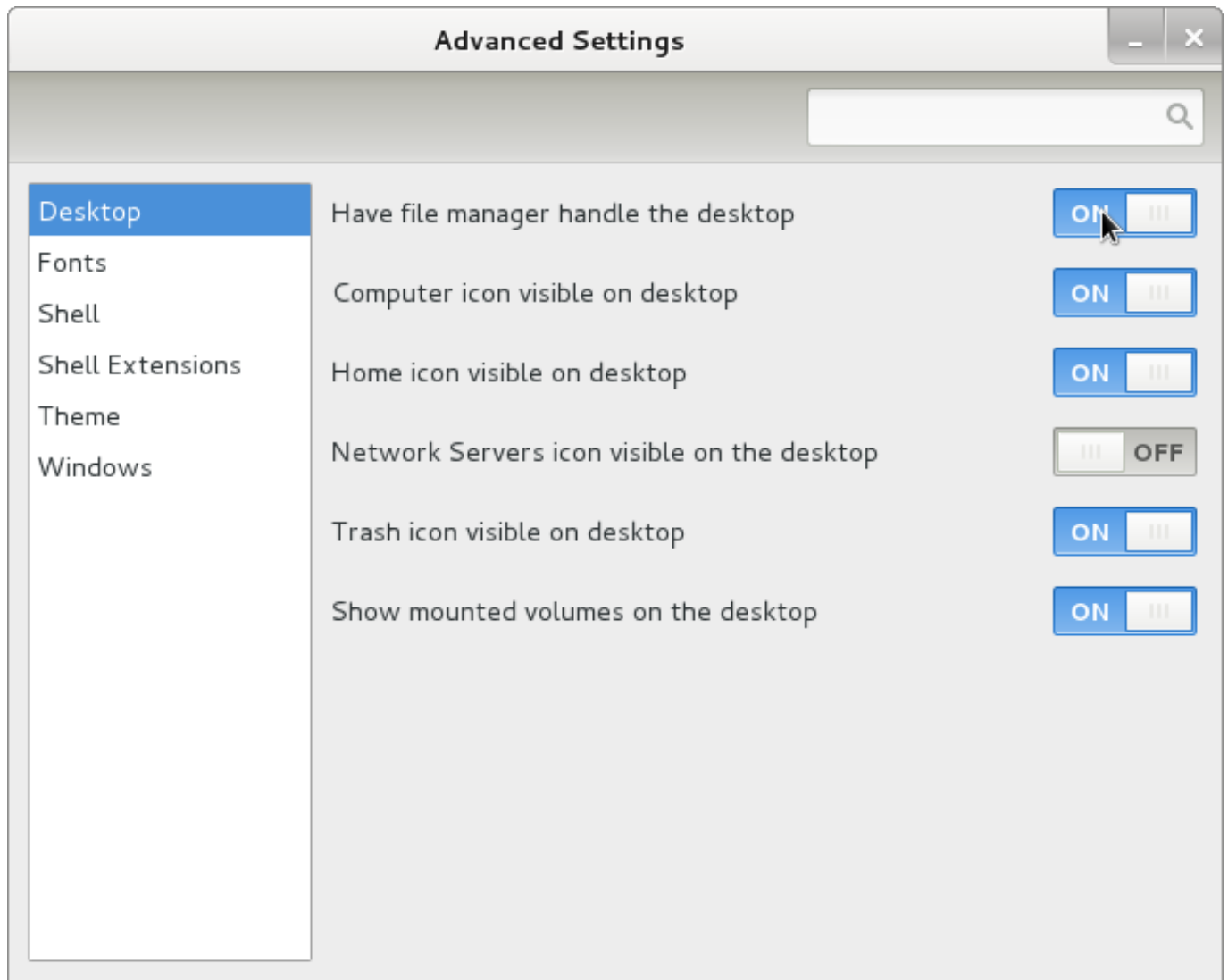
2. Start **gnome-tweak tool**

Press **ALT+F2** and run **gnome-tweak-tool** or run it via *xterm / gnome-terminal*:

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moonman@Moon:~$ gnome-tweak-tool
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Change in Desktop, *Have file manager handle the desktop* the settings to **ON**





Once the *Screenshot Handle Desktop* is set to ON, further drag and dropping any application to the Desktop will be working.

Something really irritating is that launching applications in GNOME 3 does not work properly if you just press ALT+F2 and type in lets say *gnome-terminal* , to work around this weirdity you will have to install **gnome-shell** package.