

Customization Guide

elementary OS 0.1: Jupiter

With elementary, we've simplified things to better suit the average user. A trade-off we made for simplicity was customizability. However, we really just hid some of the customization options by default; you can change everything as much as you'd like, and we're going to show you how to do each thing in only five steps!

Panel

We set the panel up in a way that makes sense, but what if you want to tweak it? Right-clicking doesn't get you very far by default. That's not hard to change, I promise!

1. Hit **Alt+F2** to open the "Run Application" window.
2. Type *gconf-editor* and hit **Enter** to open the "Configuration Editor" app.
3. In the folders on the left, navigate to */Apps/panel/global/*.
4. Find the key titled "locked_down" and uncheck its check box.
5. Right-click the panel to customize away!

Applications menu

Every graphical application installed in elementary will put itself in the right category in the Applications menu. What about putting a shortcut in there manually? We got you covered.

1. Open the "Software Center" from the "Applications" menu or the dock.
2. Type *alacarte*, then install the single "Main Menu" app that shows up.
3. Hit **Alt+F2** to open the "Run Application" window.
4. Type *alacarte* and hit **Enter** to open the menu editor.
5. Customize away!

The Desktop

We don't encourage you to store every random file that you recently played with in a cluttered mess underneath your open applications, but who are we to stop you? Here's how to get desktop icons on elementary:

1. Hit **Alt+F2** to open the "Run Application" window.
2. Type *gconf-editor* and hit **Enter** to open the "Configuration Editor" app.
3. In the folders on the left, navigate to */Apps/nautilus/preferences/*.
4. Find the key titled "show_desktop" and check its check box.

5. Look! Icons under your open windows!

The Dock

We set the dock up to be as simple as possible, but want to change how it looks or behaves?

1. Hit **Alt+F2** to open the "Run Application" window.
2. Type *gconf-editor* and hit **Enter** to open the "Configuration Editor" app.
3. In the folders on the left, navigate to */Apps/docky-2/Docky/Items/DockyItem/*.
4. Find the key titled "ShowDockyItem" and check its check box, then close the window.
5. Look! A Docky icon on your dock! Right-click it to configure the dock.