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Quick Tips

Search Box

The windows key will bring up a search box. This will allow you to type a partial name and find what you are looking for.

Favorites

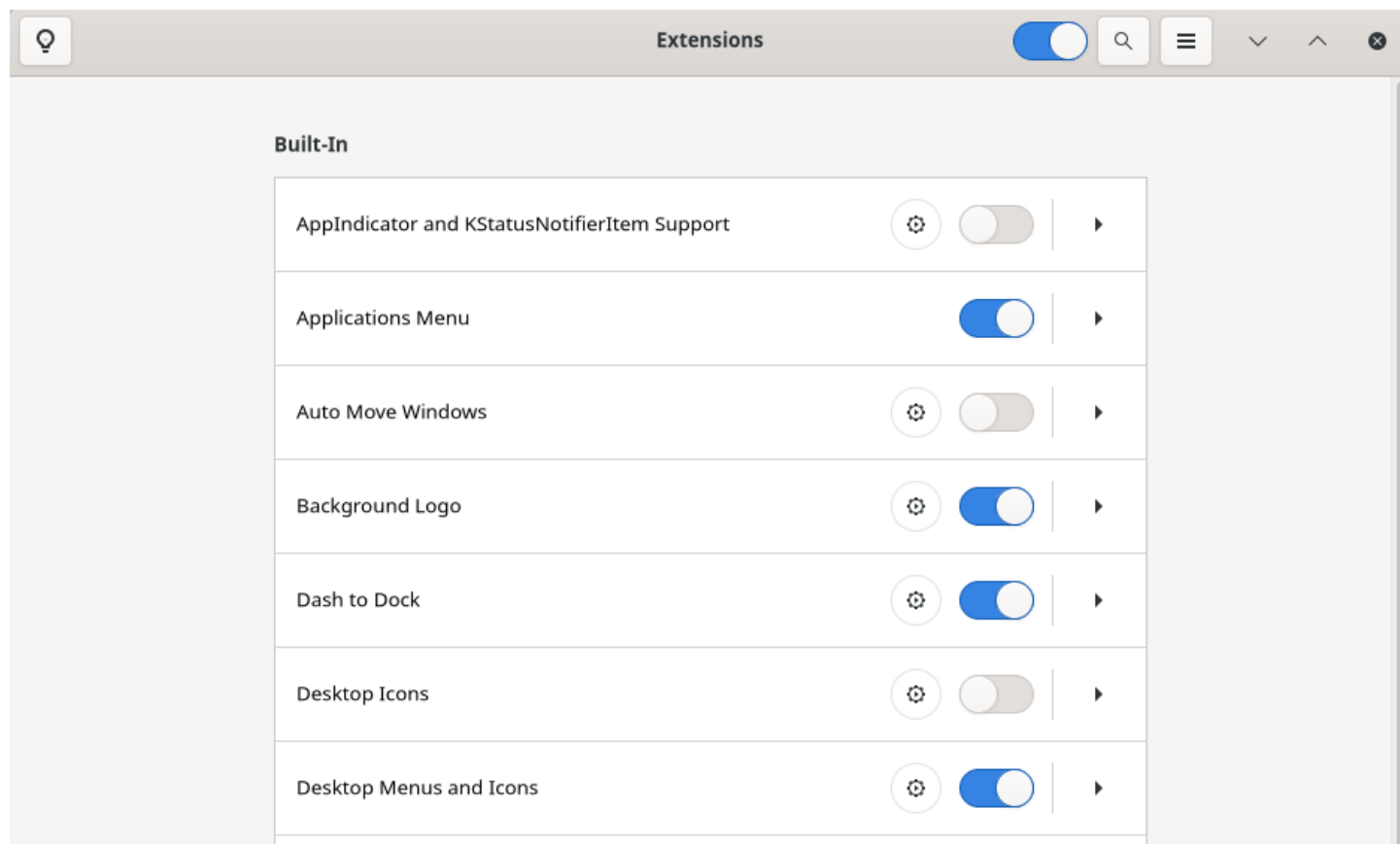
If you right click on an item and add it to favorites, it will appear in the applications menu and the dock making it easier to find in the future.

Tweak Tool

The Tweak Tool is where you will customize almost the appearance of the desktop. To launch it, you Press the "Windows Key" and type "Tweaks"

Extensions and Tweak Tool

The "Extensions" and "Tweak Tool" are where you will customize almost everything about your desktop. To launch either of them, you Press the "Windows Key" and type "Tweaks" or "Extensions."



The following are very useful Extensions you will want to Enable or at least Investigate:

- Applications Menu
- Dash to Dock
- Window List
- Desktop Menus and Icons

Note that [Desktop Menus](#) and Icons is an extension created by Brian Bevins to allow a customized right-click menu. He has a [wiki](#) that describes how to configure it with some examples.

Accel Tools Menu

This menu is for locally provided tools like Jmenu and the Archiver.

Annoyances

Dash to Dock - default click behavior

Dash to Dock is great but it has an annoying default. When you click on an item multiple times, it does not launch multiple windows, it cycles through the open windows. This is kinda confusing. You can make it launch a new instance by:

```
Tweaks >> Extensions >> Dash to Dock >> Behavior >> Click action >> Launch New Instance
```

Terminal Bell - Disable

Pressing backspace at a prompt causes an annoying audible beep.

In the Gnome Terminal menu:

```
Edit >> Profile Preferences>> un-check "Terminal Bell"
```

File Browser

If you don't like the default file browser (Files/Nautilus), there are several other options which can be found in the "System Tools" menu or by using the windows-key search.

- Thunar
- Dolphin

The default file browser mixes directories and files in the sort order. This did not bother me but Paul hated it and shared this tweak:

In a Terminal window, execute:

```
dconf write /org/gtk/settings/file-chooser/sort-directories-first true
```

The file browser does not show the address bar by default and there is no way in the menus to get it to appear from preferences. You can do Ctrl-L but this is temporary. To get it to stick, modify dconf:


In a Terminal window, execute:

```
dconf write /org/gnome/nautilus/preferences/always-use-location-entry true
```

Progressive Web Apps - Outlook, Teams and OneDrive

You can install Outlook, Teams and One Drive as progressive web apps in Chrome and Edge. This will give you menu items in the main menu from which you can add to your favorites and have a one button launch for them.

Install a PWA in Chrome

1. On your computer, open Chrome.
2. Go to a website you want to install.
3. At the top right of the address bar, click Install .
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to install the PWA.

Install PWA in Edge


- 1 On your computer, open Edge.
 1. Go to a website you want to install.
 2. At the top right of the address bar, click Install on the three dots "..."
 3. Select Apps
 4. Choose install this site as an App

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