

Fix File Associations in xfce4

Had a problem with file associations in [xfce4](#) (my favorite desktop). Basically, [MX Linux](#) installs [leafpad](#) editor by default, but I like [Geany](#) (a programming editor). Nothing wrong with Leafpad; it is small, lightweight, and does what a basic editor should do. But, I edit code and like syntax highlighting (and search/replace on regex).

So, I wanted to move all the associations over. These are done via mime types.

To fix this, I installed Geany, then created the file `/usr/share/applications/mimeapps.list`. This allows you to set up default apps and override what is listed.

I don't know if it is an xfce4 thing, or for all desktops, but `/usr/share/applications` contains a bunch of `.desktop` files which appear to set up each application for use by the window manager, and Geany is no exception. There is a `geany.desktop` file, which contains a list of all mime types geany supposedly supports (it does NOT contain everything I use it for, however). So, I just grabbed those and created the new file.

This will destroy your non-default mime associations. Do not do it if you already have the file

[geanydefault.sh](#)

```
apt-get -y install geany
echo '[Default Applications]' /usr/share/applications/mimeapps.list
grep MimeType geany.desktop | cut -d '=' -f2 | sed
's/;/=geany.desktop\n/g' >> /usr/share/applications/mimeapps.list
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References

- <https://superuser.com/questions/720754/xfce-set-up-global-file-associations>
- <http://www.geany.org/>
- <http://tarot.freeshell.org/leafpad/>
- <https://xfce.org/>
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