

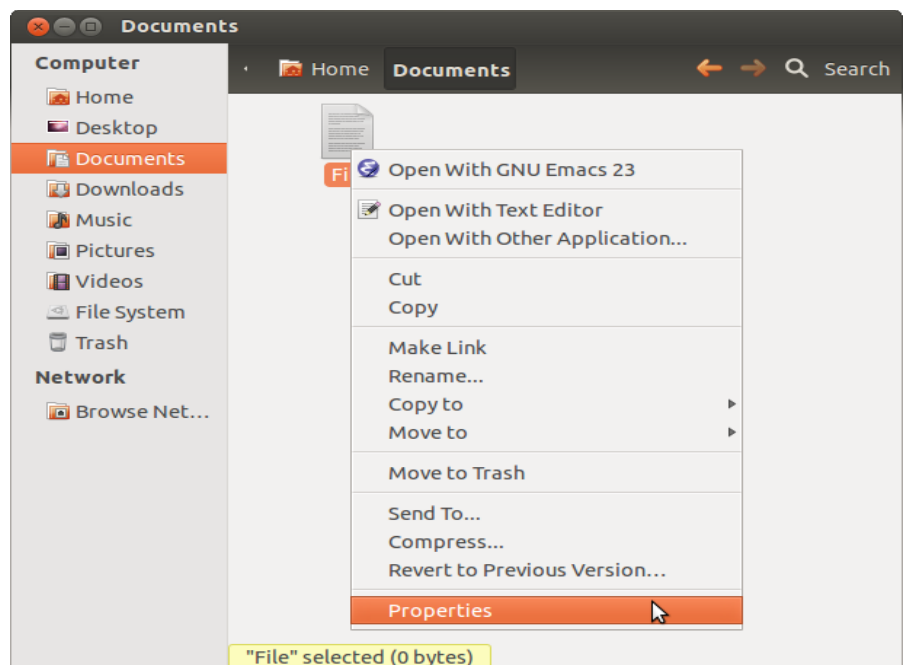
# Changing file associations in Ubuntu

You can change the file associations in Ubuntu and set the default application for a specific file type. Below, we explain two ways to do this:

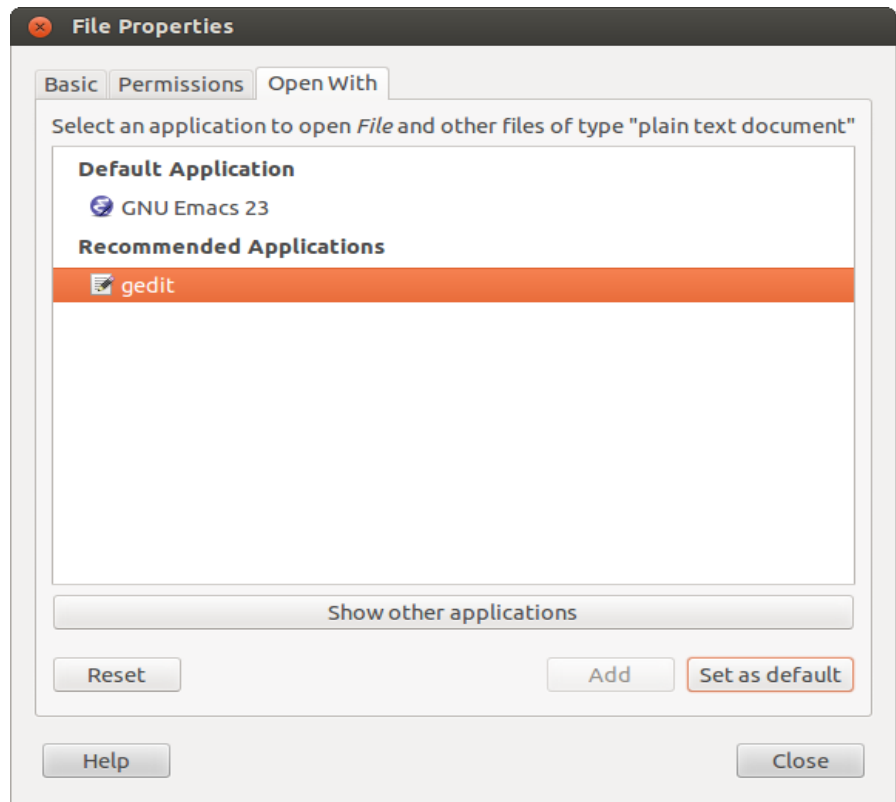
- from the file manager;
- from the terminal window.

## File manager

1. In the file manager, locate a file of the type you want to re-associate.
2. Right click the file and choose **Properties** (not **Open With...**) to open the **File properties** window.



3. In the **File properties** window, click the **Open With** tab and select your new application.



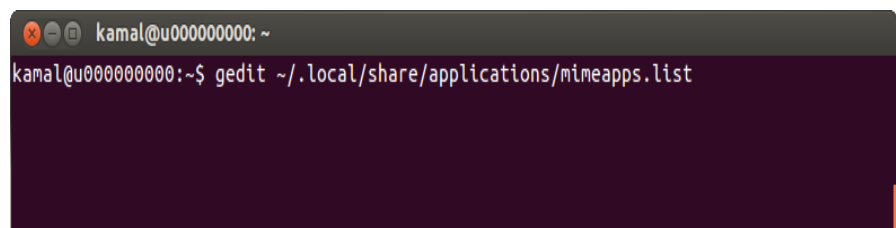
4. Click **Set as default** and then **Close**.

## Terminal

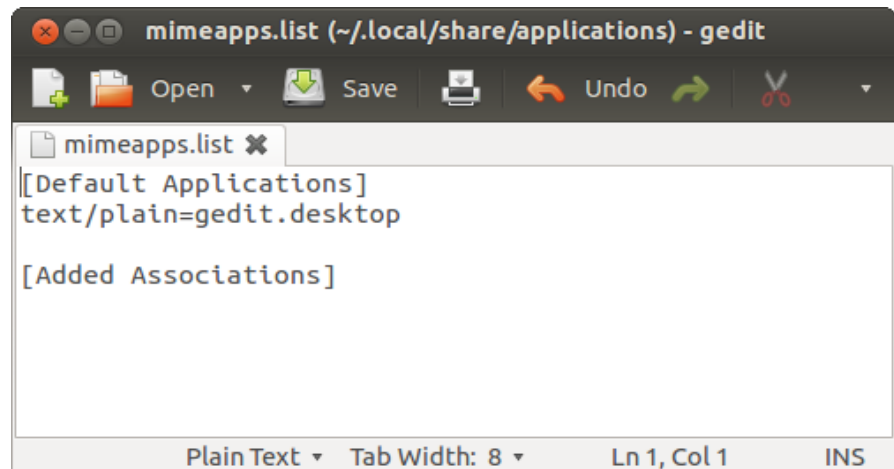
You can also re-associate file types from the terminal window, by editing the file "mimeapps.list" located in "`~/local/share/applications/`"

In our example we will change the default text editor from Emacs to Gedit.

1. Open your terminal and run the command:  
`gedit ~/.local/share/applications/mimeapps.list`



2. Change the line from "text/plain=emacs23.desktop" to "text/plain=gedit.desktop" in the [Default Applications] section and save the file.



Or just run this command instead in your terminal to replace Emacs with Gedit.

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$ sed -i 's/emacs23/gedit/'
 ~/.local/share/applications/mimeapps.list
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