

Setup for Linux

Getting set up on Linux is quite easy as well. On Ubuntu 24.04, the default desktop manager is Gnome. To search for applications, similar to Apple's Spotlight function, press the **Super** key next to the **Alt** key on your keyboard.



If you are on a Windows-branded machine, the **Super** key may have the Windows logo on it. It's also called the **System** key. If you have Linux installed on Mac hardware, this is the **Command** key.

In the search box, type "terminal" (without the quotes), and the default Terminal application icon should be in view. Click on that icon to open the application. You're all set! Once open, you may want to right click on the icon in the *Dash* (i.e. the Application Dock), and choose the *Pin to Dash* menu item so that you have quick access to the Terminal application. See *Figure 4* showing how to search for applications on the Ubuntu Linux Desktop.

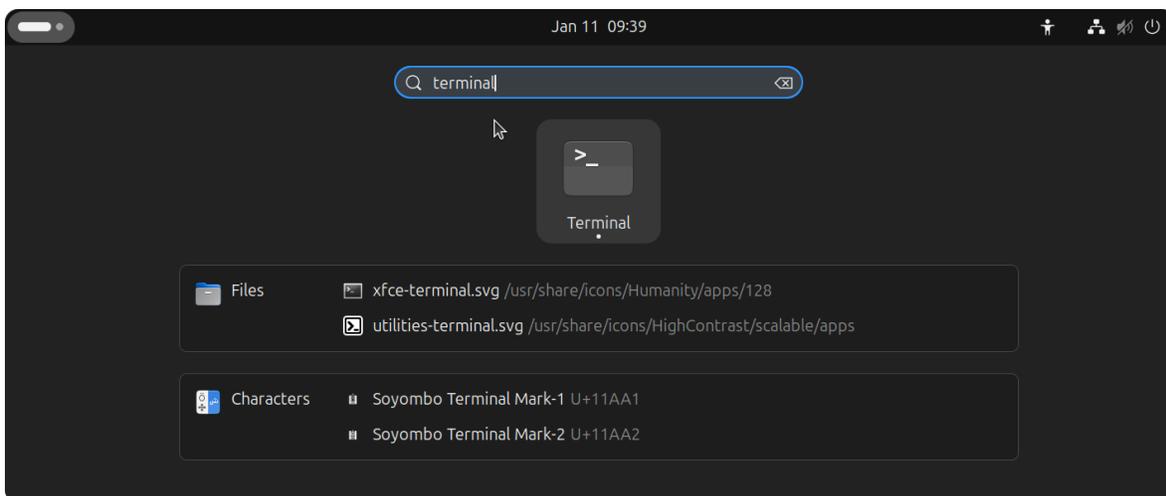


Figure 4. Search for the Terminal application on Ubuntu Linux.

Great! Now that you have the Terminal application running, you should see a window similar to *Figure 5*. Your colors may be different depending on your Appearance settings, but you will either see a Light Mode or Dark Mode window.



Figure 5. A terminal window example on Ubuntu Linux.

Adjust the font size

To finalize your setup, adjust the font size in your terminal so that you can comfortably see the text. You can also change the font family, but be sure to use a *fixed width* font since the terminal expects it for layout purposes. In order to change the font size, select the menu button in the top window bar and choose the *Preferences* item. In the Terminal Preferences window, select the *Unnamed* (Default) Profile, and the *Text* tab in the window panel. Use the *Custom font* checkbox and then the font button to change the font size, as shown in *Figure 6*.

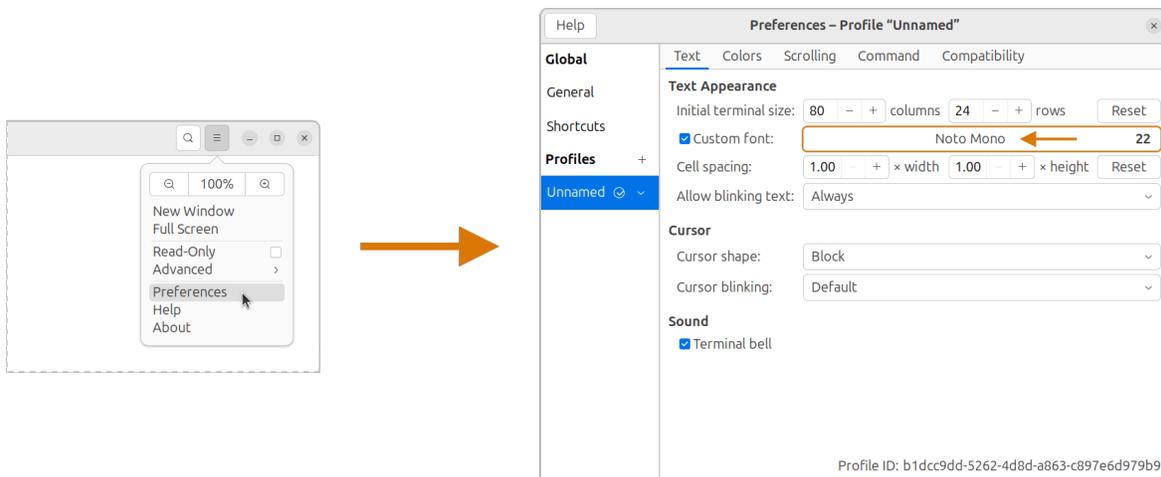


Figure 6. Change the font size as needed in the Terminal preferences.

That's it! It's that simple to get set up to use the command line on Ubuntu Linux. You can continue on to the section entitled *The Shell* onto become more acquainted with the command line. Thank you for taking the next step as a command line magician!