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Abstract

This document describes how to use GNOME, which is the only desktop environment available in RHEL 9. It explains the basics of using GNOME Shell and certain GNOME applications.

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CHAPTER 1. LAUNCHING APPLICATIONS IN GNOME

You can launch installed applications using several different methods in the GNOME desktop environment.

1.1. LAUNCHING AN APPLICATION IN THE STANDARD GNOME SESSION

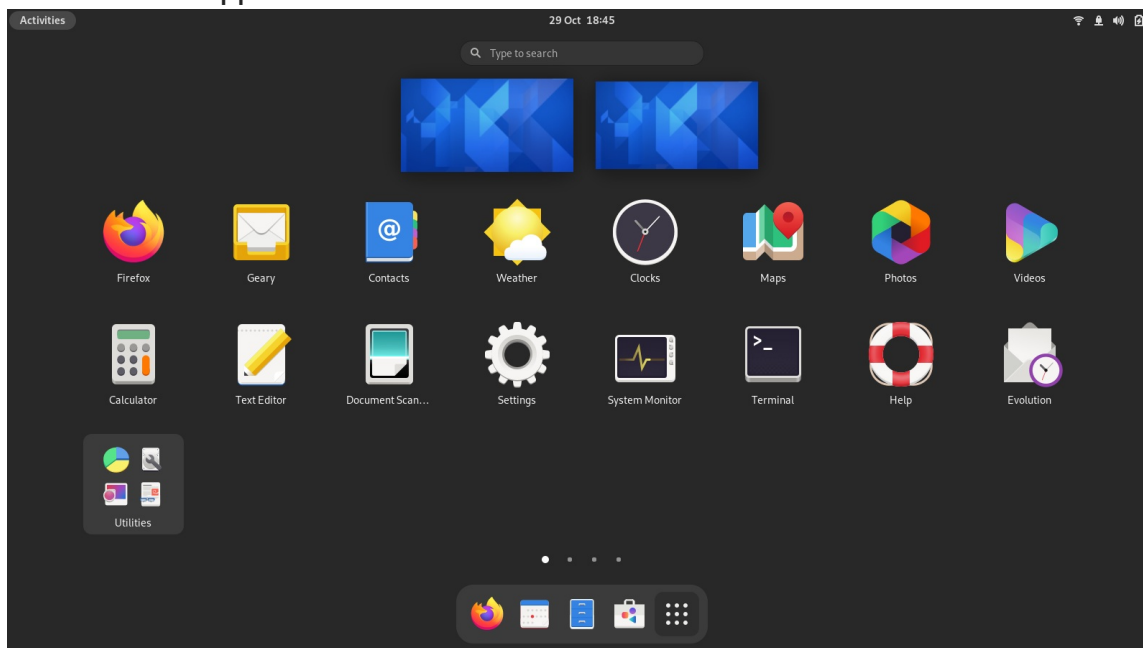
This procedure launches a graphical application in the GNOME desktop environment.

Prerequisites

- You are using the standard GNOME session.

Procedure

1. Open the **Activities Overview** screen using either of the following ways:
 - Click **Activities** in the top panel.
 - Press the **Super** key, which is usually labeled with the Windows logo, **⌘**, or **⌃**.
2. Find the application using either of the following ways:
 - Click the **Show Applications** icon in the bottom horizontal bar.



- Type the name of the required application in the search entry.
3. Click the application in the displayed list.

1.2. LAUNCHING AN APPLICATION IN GNOME CLASSIC

This procedure launches a graphical application in the GNOME Classic desktop environment.

Prerequisites

- You are using the GNOME Classic session.

Procedure

1. Open the **Applications** menu in the top panel.
2. Choose the required application from the available categories, which can include:
 - Favorites
 - Accessories
 - Graphics
 - Internet
 - Office
 - Sound & Video
 - System Tools
 - Utilities

1.3. LAUNCHING AN APPLICATION IN GNOME USING A COMMAND

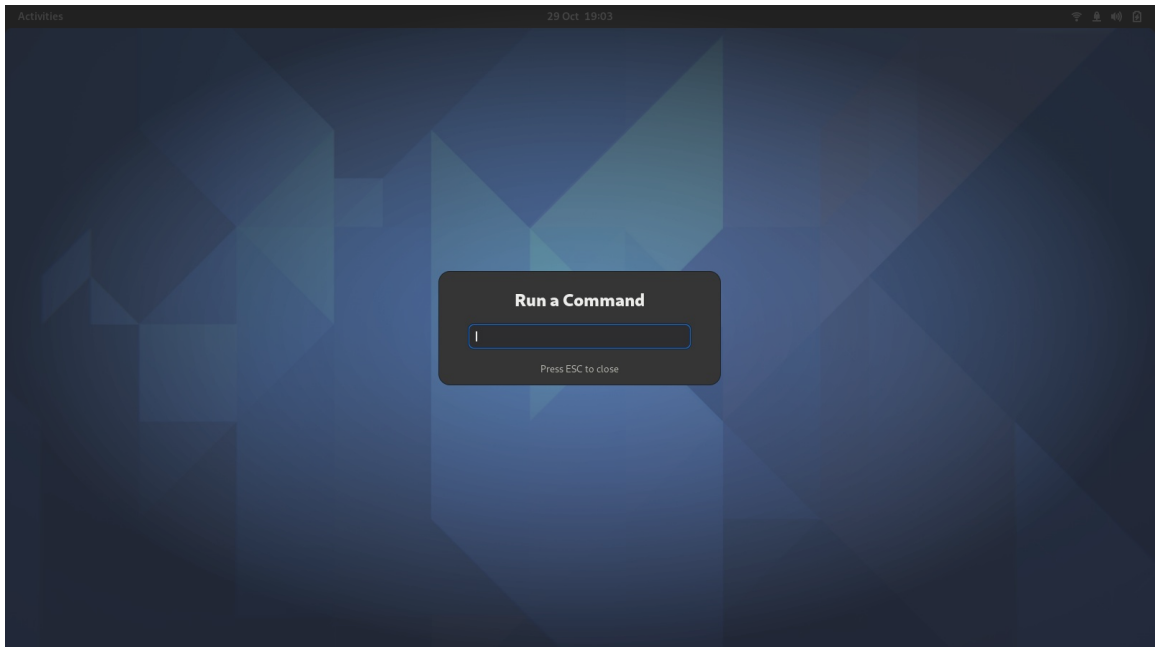
This procedure launches a graphical application in GNOME by entering a command.

Prerequisites

- You know the command that starts the application.

Procedure

1. Open a command prompt using either of the following ways:
 - Open a terminal.
 - Press the **Alt+F2** shortcut to open the **Enter a Command** screen.



2. Type the application command in the command prompt.
3. Confirm the command by pressing **Enter**.