

NAME

xdg-open - opens a file or URL in the user's preferred application

SYNOPSIS

xdg-open *file* | *URL*

xdg-open --help | **--manual** | **--version**

DESCRIPTION

xdg-open opens a file or URL in the user's preferred application. If a URL is provided the URL will be opened in the user's preferred web browser. If a file is provided the file will be opened in the preferred application for files of that type. xdg-open supports file, ftp, http and https URLs.

xdg-open is for use inside a desktop session only. It is not recommended to use xdg-open as root.

OPTIONS

--help Show command synopsis.

--manual
Show this manual page.

--version
Show the xdg-utils version information.

EXIT CODES

An exit code of 0 indicates success while a non-zero exit code indicates failure. The following failure codes can be returned:

- 1** Error in command line syntax.
- 2** One of the files passed on the command line did not exist.
- 3** A required tool could not be found.
- 4** The action failed.

SEE ALSO

xdg-mime(1), xdg-settings(1), *MIME applications associations specification*:
<http://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/Specifications/mime-apps-spec/>

EXAMPLES

```
xdg-open 'http://www.freedesktop.org/'
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Opens the freedesktop.org website in the user's default browser.

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xdg-open /tmp/foobar.png
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Opens the PNG image file /tmp/foobar.png in the user's default image viewing application.

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