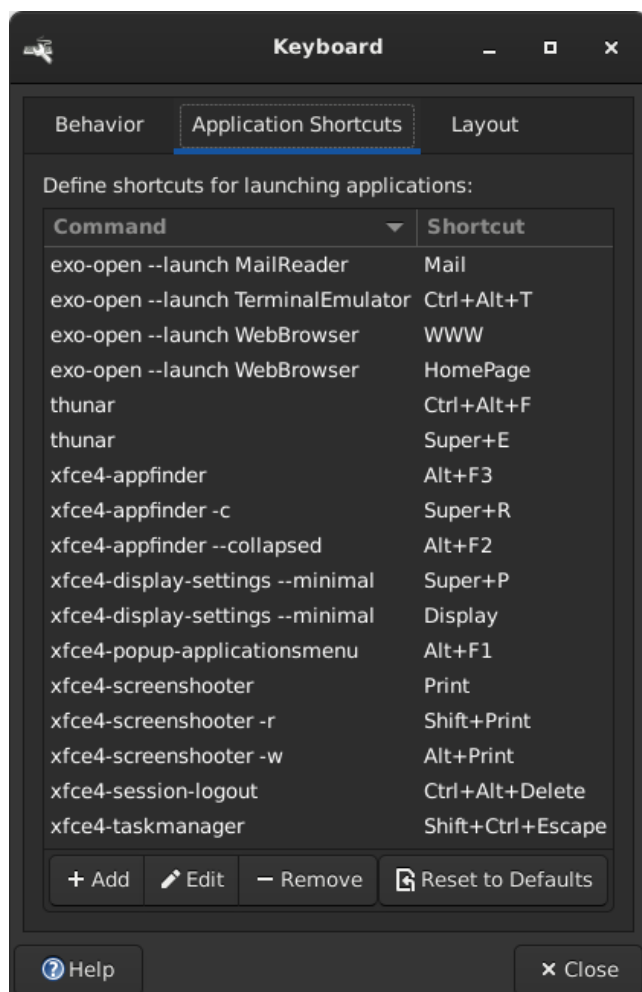


# Open Whisker menu with Windows key

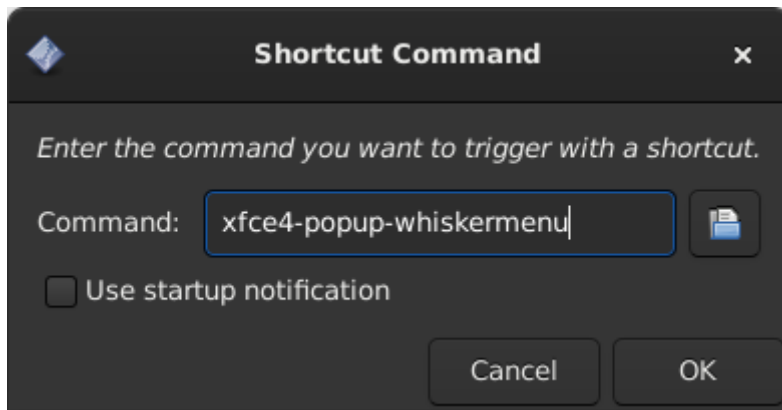
EDIT: There's bug in Xfce (or maybe a feature) that makes it impossible to use shortcuts with only one modifier key, in this case the Windows key. Basically, if you have a keyboard shortcut that uses the Windows/Super key, e.g `Super + Up` and then you make `Super` alone open the Whisker menu (or something else), `Super + Up` shortcut **stops working! To fix this, check the bottom of the article.**

If you come from Windows, you are very likely used to pressing the Windows button and typing a name of an application to launch it. You can achieve the same with Xfce's Whisker menu. Unfortunately it isn't called with the `Windows` (`Super` on non-Windows OSs) key by default. You can change it of course, it's Linux!

1. Go to `Settings Manager` --> `Keyboard` --> `Application Shortcuts`



2. Click the **Add** button and point it to `xfce4-popup-whiskermenu`



3. Click **OK** and press your desired key combination (only the `Super` key in my case).

Done! Pressing the Super/Windows key will now bring up Whisker menu and you can start typing immediately to launch an app you want.

As mentioned at the beginning of this article, there's a problem with using only one modifier key alone as a shortcut, which makes (most) other shortcuts using this modifier key stop working. You will have to download this utility to fix it: <https://github.com/hanschen/ksuperkey>

**Unfortunately I haven't made this working yet and decided dropping this shortcut for now.**

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