Tails - Feature #16990

Update our list of "Favorites" applications

08/22/2019 02:38 PM - sajolida

Status: Resolved
Priority: Normal
Assignee: intrigeri
Category:
Target version: Tails_4.6
Feature Branch: feature/16990-update-favorites
Type of work: Code
Blueprint:

Description
The "Applications" GNOME extension has a "Favorites" menu. It's useful as a shortcut to prevent users from diving into submenus most of the time and also as a way of providing an overview of what's possible to do with Tails to new users.

https://extensions.gnome.org/extension/6/applications-menu/

Our list is pretty old and haven't changed a lot over time.

As agreed on https://lists.autistici.org/message/20200311.223700.8c31e65f.en.html:

- Tor Browser
- Configure persistent volume (new)
- Tails documentation (new)
- Report an Error (new)
- Tails Installer (new)
- Thunderbird
- KeePassXC
- Pidgin Internet Messenger
- Files

Related issues:
Related to Tails - Feature #14544: Spend software developer time on smallish UX improvements
Related to Tails - Feature #5521: Remove system tools menu duplicates
Blocks Tails - Feature #17246: Core work 2020Q1 → 2020Q2: User experience

Associated revisions
Revision 8c5b1889 - 04/12/2020 03:00 PM - intrigeri
Merge branch 'feature/16990-update-favorites' into stable (Closes: #16990)

History
#1 - 08/22/2019 02:41 PM - sajolida
- Description updated

#2 - 11/08/2019 12:06 PM - sajolida
- Blocks Feature #16688: Core work 2019Q3 → 2019Q4: User experience added

#3 - 11/08/2019 12:07 PM - sajolida
- Related to Feature #14544: Spend software developer time on smallish UX improvements added

#4 - 11/21/2019 06:39 PM - sajolida
- Assignee set to sajolida
- Target version set to Tails_4.2
Current list:

- Tor Browser
- Thunderbird
- Pidgin Internet Messenger
- KeePassXC
- Files
- Terminal

My proposal is:

- Tor Browser
- Thunderbird
- KeePassXC
- Configure persistent volume
- Tails Installer
- Tails documentation
- Report an Error

Rationale:

- Adding "Tails documentation" and "Report an Error" will make it easier to get rid of the desktop icons (#11717).
- I'm removing GNOME Files because it's already accessible through Places in many ways.
- I'm removing Pidgin because I really don't think that it's more popular than OnionShare or Electrum, for example.
- I'm removing "Terminal" because the people who use it would know how to find it.
- I'm adding "Configure persistent volume" because it's a core feature that we want people to use more. See also #17331 about renaming it to "Persistence".
- I'm adding "Tails Installer" (or better "Tails Cloner") because it's an important custom tool.
- I'm not adding "Additional Software" because it's already also advertised from the Persistence configuration.
Looks good to me, assuming 8 icons (7 + the Show Applications shortcut) nicely fit vertically in the smallest vertical screen sizes we care about.

Process wise, on top of you and I, at least another Tails person will have a chance to chime in: the developer who'll implement this or the reviewer (I could be one of them but I can't be both). For me this is good enough but perhaps you want to seek feedback on tails-ux@ first? Otherwise, please set Type of work = Code and Status = Confirmed.

#8 - 12/13/2019 11:39 AM - hefee
- Assignee set to sajolida

Assigning to sajolida, as this ticket need to move to Code / Confirmed, if it is ready for Foundation team to implement.

#9 - 12/18/2019 10:43 AM - sajolida

Looks good to me, assuming 8 icons (7 + the Show Applications shortcut) nicely fit vertically in the smallest vertical screen sizes we care about.

Yep. We can fit up to 10 (see the current "Utilities" submenu) and 8 will look like our current "Internet" submenu.

For me this is good enough but perhaps you want to seek feedback on tails-ux@ first?

Good idea! Done :)

#10 - 01/06/2020 02:39 PM - sajolida
- Target version changed from Tails_4.2 to Tails_4.3

#11 - 01/08/2020 02:44 PM - sajolida
- Blocks Feature #17246: Core work 2020Q1 → 2020Q2: User experience added

#12 - 01/08/2020 02:46 PM - sajolida
- Blocks deleted (Feature #16688: Core work 2019Q3 → 2019Q4: User experience)

#13 - 02/11/2020 03:26 PM - anonym
- Target version changed from Tails_4.3 to Tails_4.4
#14 - 03/11/2020 10:39 PM - sajolida
- Description updated
- Status changed from Needs Validation to In Progress
- Assignee deleted (sajolida)
- Type of work changed from Discuss to Code

#15 - 03/12/2020 09:55 AM - CyrilBrulebois
- Target version changed from Tails_4.4 to Tails_4.5

#16 - 03/22/2020 06:50 AM - intrigeri
- Target version deleted (Tails_4.5)

(I understand the target version was set for the UX design part of the work.)

#17 - 03/24/2020 06:44 PM - sajolida
- Status changed from In Progress to Needs Validation
- Target version set to Tails_4.5
- Feature Branch set to feature/16990-update-favorites

Here is a branch.

#18 - 03/25/2020 09:50 AM - intrigeri
- Target version changed from Tails_4.5 to Tails_4.6

(We're trying to stabilize & freeze our devel branch at the moment so I'd rather see this wait for our next cycle.)

#19 - 03/25/2020 06:54 PM - sajolida
Of course! I set 4.5 because the RC was not out yet when I pushed ;)

#20 - 04/12/2020 01:17 PM - intrigeri
- Assignee set to intrigeri

#21 - 04/12/2020 03:01 PM - intrigeri
- Status changed from Needs Validation to Resolved
- % Done changed from 0 to 100

Applied in changeset tails/8c5b18899dc02044625cf761d38fdd573b0d33d.