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. For example, proposals for addition by Mickael Gerstacker in tails-testers:

- OnionShare, it was remarkably popular in the VeraCrypt survey: https://tails.boum.org/blueprint/veracrypt/.
- "Configure persistent volume", important for discoverability by first time users
- "Additional Software" and "Unlock VeraCrypt Volumes" as a great way of advertising our recent work.

If we had to remove something from there, my guess is that Pidgin would be less popular than any of these.

We could add items in the menu for which we get some easy agreement and using our personas. If we need more discussion we might get some help from data gathered in a survey (#14545).

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**Related issues:**

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

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**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

**#5 - 12/11/2019 06:50 PM - sajolida**
- Related to Feature #5521: Remove system tools menu duplicates added

**#6 - 12/11/2019 07:54 PM - sajolida**
- Status changed from Confirmed to Needs Validation
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.

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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.
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