

## How to use Firefox from external applications

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*As for Windows, Mac OS X and some desktop environments on GNU/Linux you would simply set a default browser for the system. However there is also a manual way of setting this option.  
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## The actual script is as follows

```
#!/bin/bash  
  
export MOZILLA_FIVE_HOME="/home/kristianf/Applications/firefox/current"  
  
url="$1"  
if [ "x$url" = "x" ]; then  
url="about:blank"  
else  
url=http://${url##http://};  
url=${url/http:\V\https:\V/https:\V}  
fi  
  
if $MOZILLA_FIVE_HOME/mozilla-xremote-client -a openURL("${url}"); then  
exit 0  
fi  
exec $MOZILLA_FIVE_HOME/firefox "$url"
```

## How to use it

### Mozilla Thunderbird

```
user_pref("network.protocol-handler.app.http", "/home/kristianf/Applications/firefox_remote.sh");  
user_pref("network.protocol-handler.app.https", "/home/kristianf/Applications/firefox_remote.sh");
```

If you don't have this file in your profile directory, then create it. it isn't there by default. As you see this file set a new protocol handler, in this case to a shell-script making use of Mozilla's xremote procedure. The shell-script in my case look like:



## X-Chat

To use it from X-Chat you would add the following to urlhandlers.conf

NAME Browser

CMD !/home/kristianf/Applications/firefox\_remote.sh "%s"

As always, comments and how to do it in other applications as well are welcome.

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