

## GNU/Linux Administration - Feature #545

### Using Obkey To Add Screenshot Hot Key To LXDE on Arch

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#### Description

Taking screenshots is one of the functions every desktop computer must have; for troubleshooting, taking game screenshots, or even taking a snapshot of a web blog post before a moderator pulls it. I use Arch with LXDE for my main work desktop, and it lacks a print screen hot key function natively. This is how I added it to my desktop.

- Ensure ImageMagick is installed

```
sudo pacman -S ImageMagick
```

- Install [yaourt](#)
- Install obkey from the AUR using yaourt:

```
yaourt obkey
```

- Open the LXDE config with obkey:

```
obkey ~/.config/openbox/lxde-rc.xml
```

- Then **Insert a New Sibling Keybind**
- Select the newly created key, it will prompt **New Accelerator...**
- Press the key combination to the screenshot, in my case it was **Fn + F11**
- Associate the new key combo with an action, by going to the action pane and clicking **Insert Action -> Execute**
- In the command text box add the following:

```
sh -c "import -window root ~/Pictures/$(date '+%Y%m%d-%H%M%S').png"
```

- Click on the **Save** icon and exit.

Now when the screenshot icon is pressed a timestamped PNG of the current active windows will be saved in the Pictures directory in the home folder.

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