How to Start Thunderbird and Other Programs at Startup in Ubuntu 14.04

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This is a slight modification of my previous tutorial on the same topic for 13.10 since a couple of small things changed that mucked it up. Hope this helps! ------------- I always open my email when I turn on my computer so I figured I could save a few steps and have it open automatically. It's easier than I thought and you could apply this to other programs/applications as well (like Firefox, etc). It is reported this tutorial also works as far back as Ubuntu 12.04 as well. So put on your seatbelt, kids! Here we go! 1. Press the Super Key and open your Dash and type 'start' and wait. It should bring up the 'Startup Applications' thingy below. Click it.

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2.Click the 'add' button on the first window that pops open and then the 'browse' button to go on the hunt for The Bird that is Most Thunderous...

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3.Click the word 'computer' in the left pane. Then double click the 'usr' folder in the right pane.

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*The rest of the following bits in the tutorial should be the same as 13.10 so I'll keep the same images. Don't be confused if it looks slightly different.

4. Navigate down to find the 'bin' folder, open it

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5. Navigate down (you might want to use your 'page down' button to speed this up) until you find 'Thunderbird' and click 'open' button

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6. Fill in your favourite deets as I did in the most creative way below and click 'add':

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7. In order for this to actually work you have to log out or restart your computer. You can do that with the 'log out' option at the cogwheel on the top right side of your screen

You are done, son. It's that fun and easy. Next time invite your friends and Gramma.

*Note: for some reason I had trouble finding Firefox but eventually it was there and I found it.

Now when you turn on your computer Thunderbird and whatever other program you want will be ready and waiting.

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