Linux phones are basically just small, low-power Linux computers with touchscreens, and modems. While most mobile Linux distributions designed for phones feature touch-friendly user interfaces and apps, you can also run desktop applications on a Linux phone.

But you may have trouble actually using software that obviously weren’t designed for small screens, because it can be hard to navigate applications designed for keyboard and mouse input when you’re using a fingertip.

So developer CalcProgrammer1 was looking for a way to use the touchscreen on a Linux phone to emulate a mouse or touchpad. And when he didn’t find one, he decided to build one. It’s called TouchPadEmulator and there’s a proof-of-concept version available at GitLab.