

# Replacing Nautilus with quicker and faster PCMan File Manager in Ubuntu 8.04

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In this article i discuss PCMan File Manger which is a lightweight alternative to nautilus and how to set various menus in Ubuntu to using PCMan File manager instead of using nautilus.

PCMan File Manager is extremely small and fast file manager that supports Tabbed Browsing. It is not as feature rich as Nautilus which probably helps it by making it much faster compared to nautilus which take a significant amount of time to load , however it does the job of file manager well . It uses multi threading to load large directories quickly and even shows thumbnails of images. It has been created using GTK2 Libraries and it's website claims it can start in one second .

Here is the list of features (Taken from it's website ) :-

- \* Extremely fast and lightweight
- \* Can be started in one second on normal machine
- \* Tabbed browsing (Similiar to Firefox)
- \* Drag & Drop support
- \* Files can be dragged among tabs
- \* Load large directories in reasonable time
- \* File association support (Default application)
- \* Basic thumbnail support
- \* Bookmarks support
- \* Handles non-UTF-8 encoded filenames correctly
- \* Provide icon view and detailed list view
- \* Standard compliant (Follows FreeDesktop.org)
- \* Clean and user-friendly interface (GTK+ 2)

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**Links:**

[1] <http://www.tuxmachines.org/taxonomy/term/38>

[2] <http://linuxondesktop.blogspot.com/2008/05/replacing-nautilus-with-quicker-and.html>