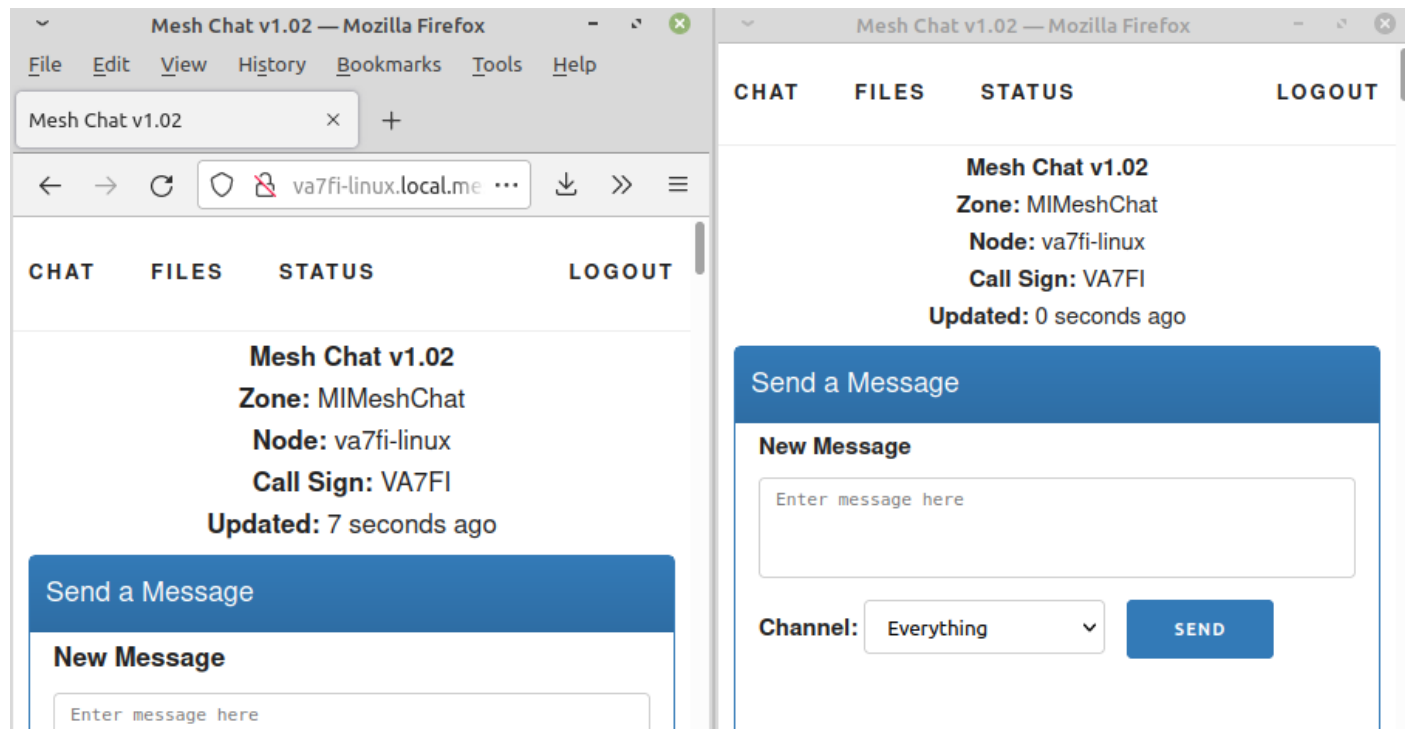


Web App

On Linux Mint

Those using [LinuxMint](#) can use a neat little trick to “convert” [Mesh Chat](#) into a Web App that can be loaded from the start menu or the panel with one or two clicks. Also, the “browser” window doesn't have any of the clutter that regular browsers have:




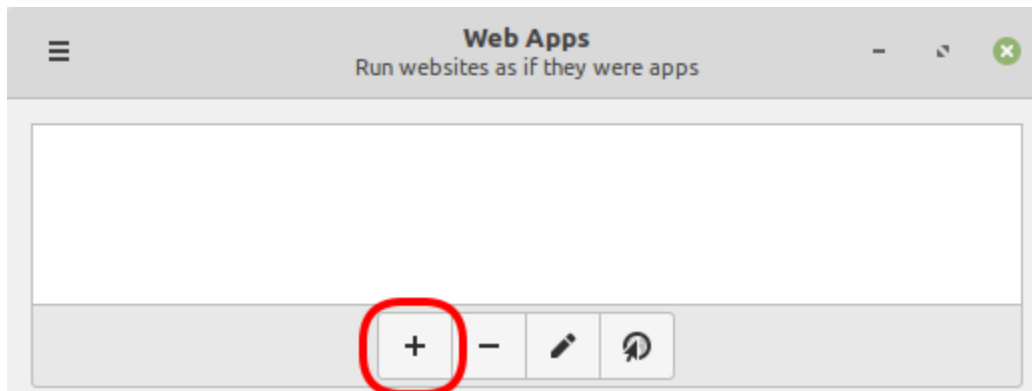
On the left is a regular Firefox window, on the right is the Web App.

To install and create a Web App:

- Install the Web Apps manager:

```
sudo aptitude install webapp-manager
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- Open “Web Apps” from the start menu and click the  button to add an app.



- Enter a name (like “Mesh Chat”) and the address of your Mesh Chat instance (like `http://va7fi-linux.local.mesh/meshchat/`), and click OK

A screenshot of a dialog box titled 'Web Apps' with the subtitle 'Add a New Web App'. It contains several input fields and options: 'Name:' with the text 'Mesh Chat'; 'Address:' with the text 'http://va7fi-linux.local.mesh/meshchat/' and a small icon button to its right; 'Icon:' with a square icon showing a cloud and a sun; 'Category:' with a dropdown menu set to 'Internet'; 'Browser:' with a dropdown menu set to 'Firefox'; 'Navigation bar:' with a toggle switch that is turned off; and 'Private/-Incognito Window:' with a toggle switch that is turned off. At the bottom are 'Cancel' and 'OK' buttons.

- Click on the start menu and search for “Mesh Chat” (or whatever name you chose to call it).
- Right click on it and click on “Add to Panel”

Mesh Chat can now be accessed from the start menu or the panel with one or two clicks.

On Firefox with Windows

Installation

1. Download and install the latest [firefoxpwa-2._._-x86_64.msi](#) file. This might require a Windows reboot, which you should do before proceeding to the next step.
2. Download and install the latest [vc_redist.x64.exe](#) file.
3. Install the [Progressive Web Apps for Firefox](#) extension. You should see this page with three steps:

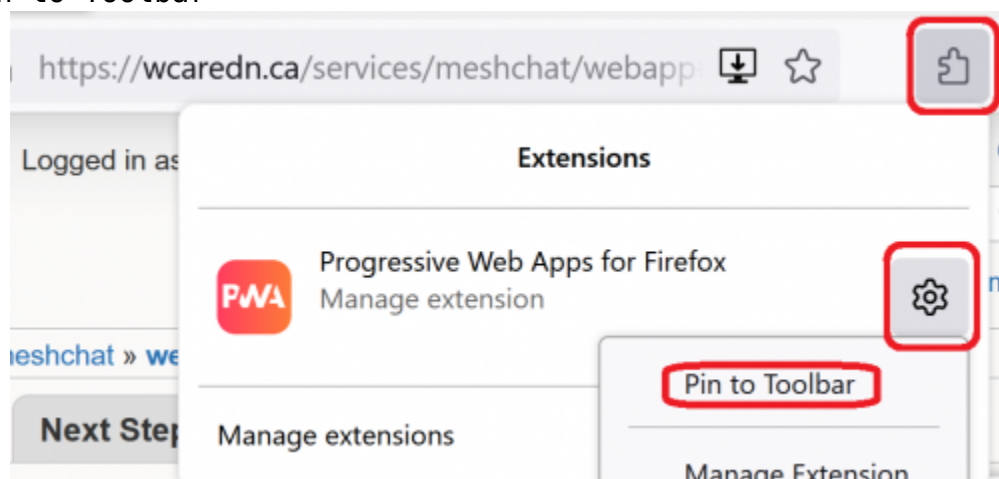
Setup Progressive Web Apps for Firefox



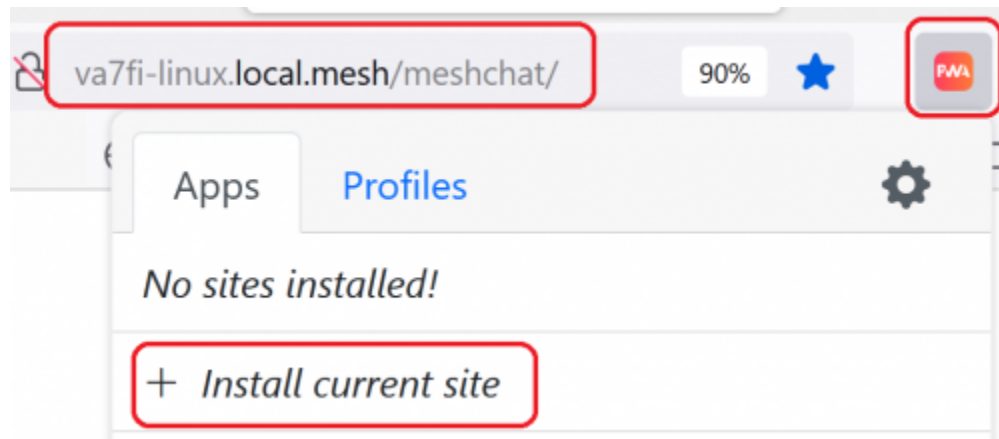
1. Accept the license agreement
2. Install the connector
3. Install the runtime
4. Close and reopen Firefox to activate the plugin.

Configuration

1. Click on the puzzle piece on the right of the address bar
2. Click on the gear next to Progressive Web Apps for Firefox
3. Click on Pin to Toolbar

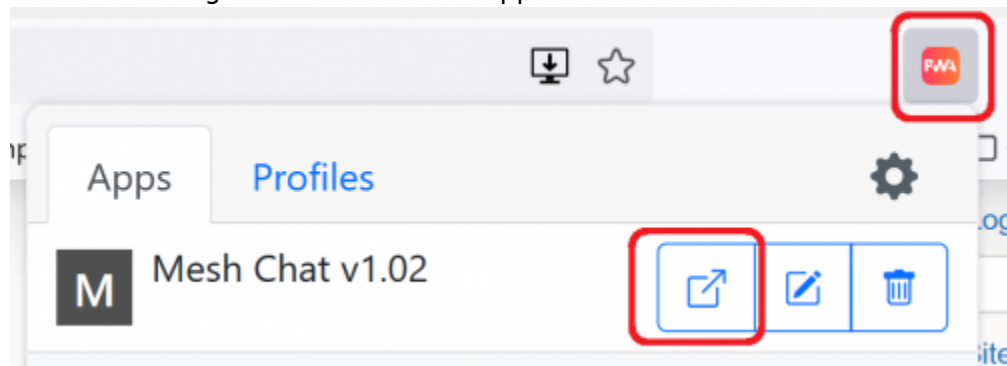


4. Navigate to your favourite instance of Mesh Chat
5. Click on the red PWA icon
6. Click on Install current site

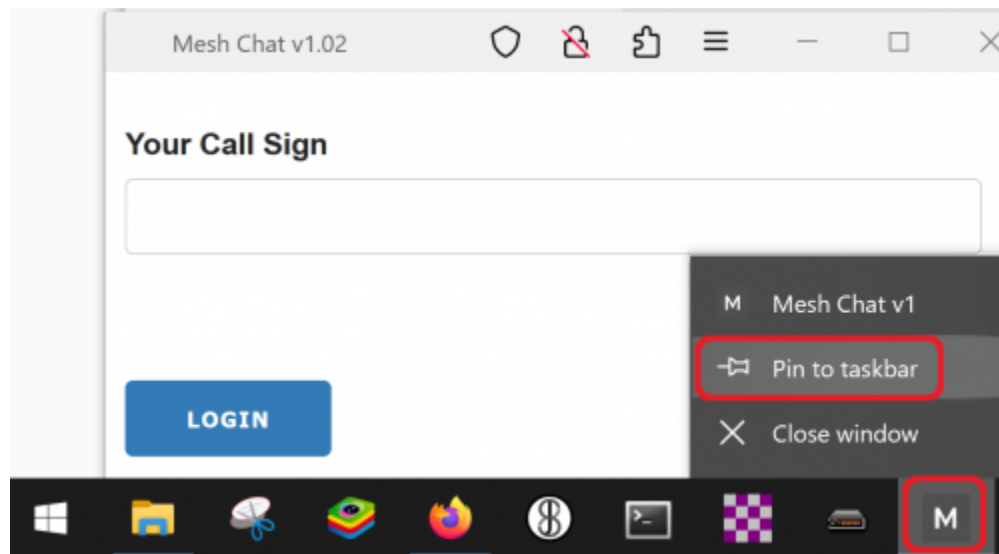


7. Click on Install Web App

8. Click on the red PWA icon again and Launch the app for the first time.



9. Right click on the M icon in the taskbar and select Pin to taskbar



Mesh Chat can now be launched directly from the task bar like any other program.

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