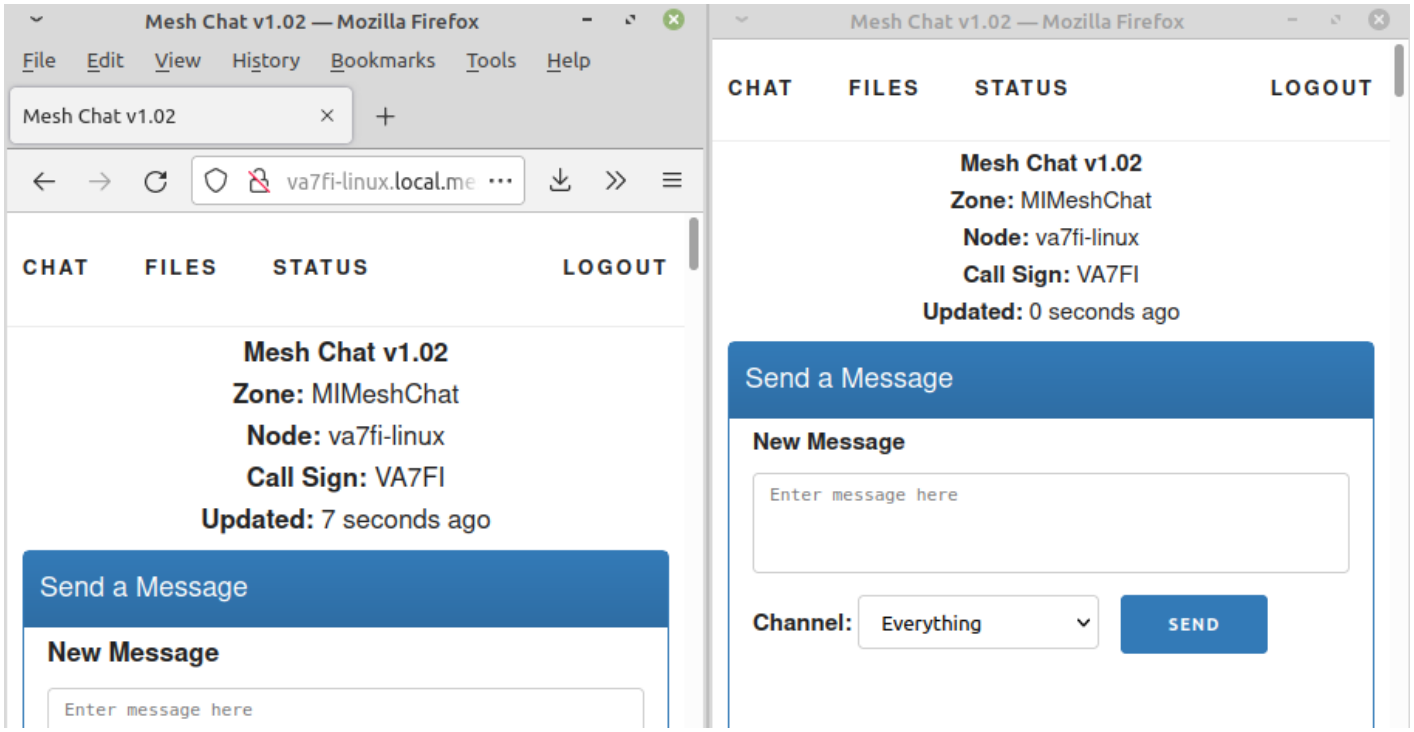
Web App

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:

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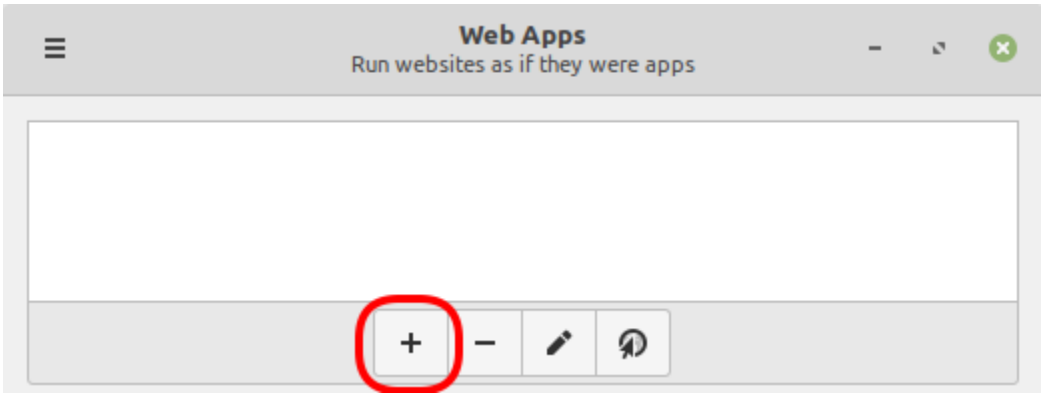
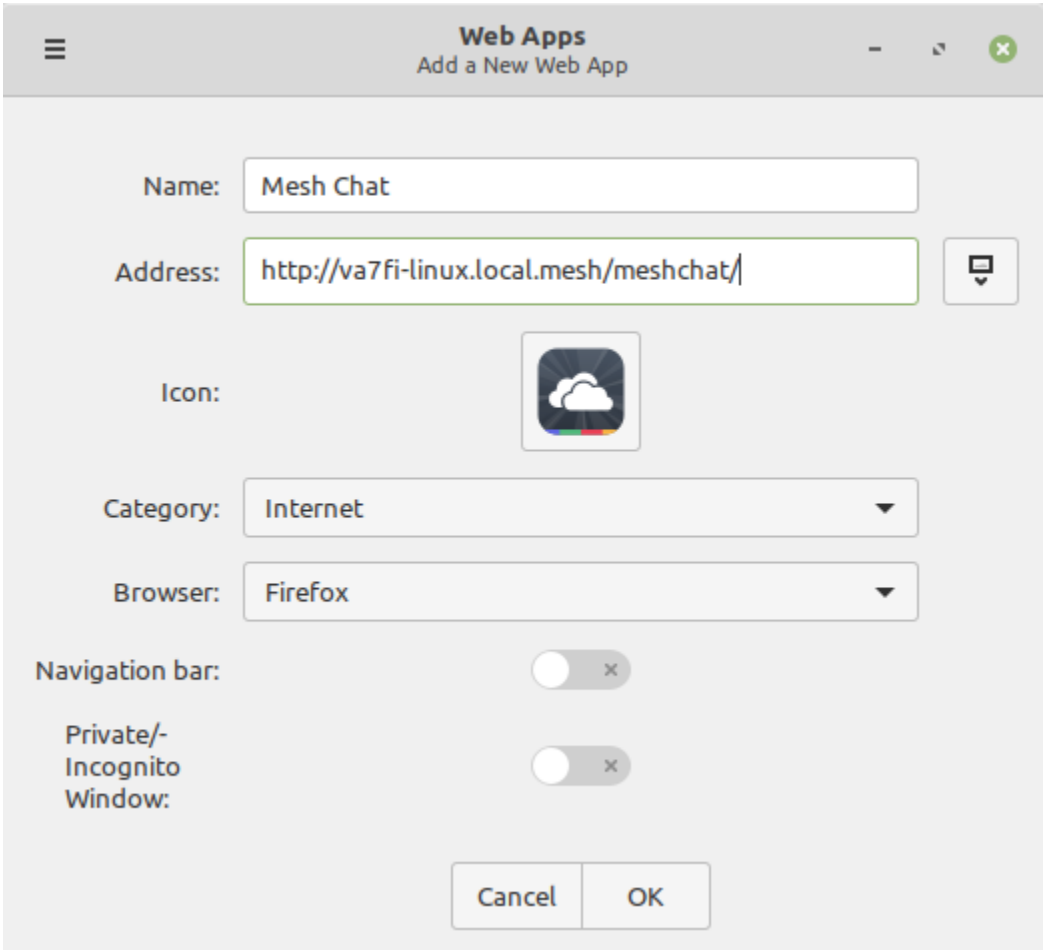
- Open “Web Apps” from the start menu and click the + button to add an app.



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



- 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 form the start menu or the panel with one or two clicks.

On Firefox with Windows

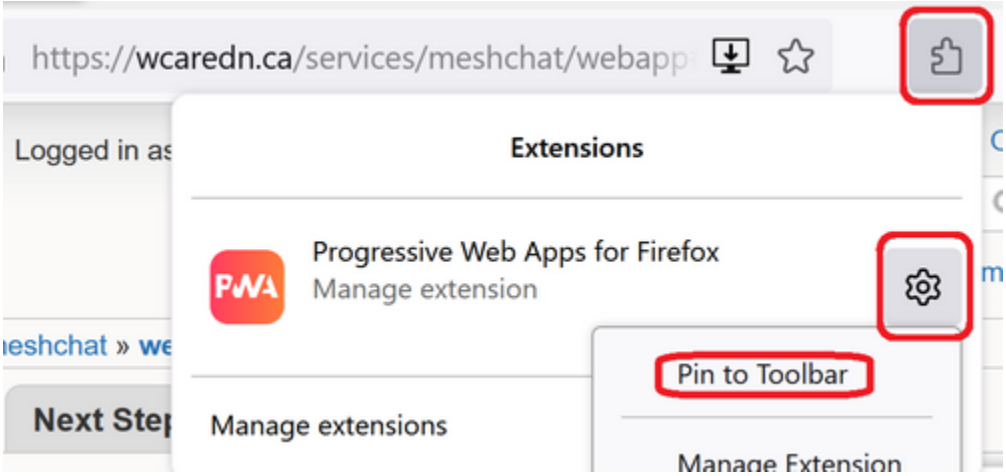
Installation

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:

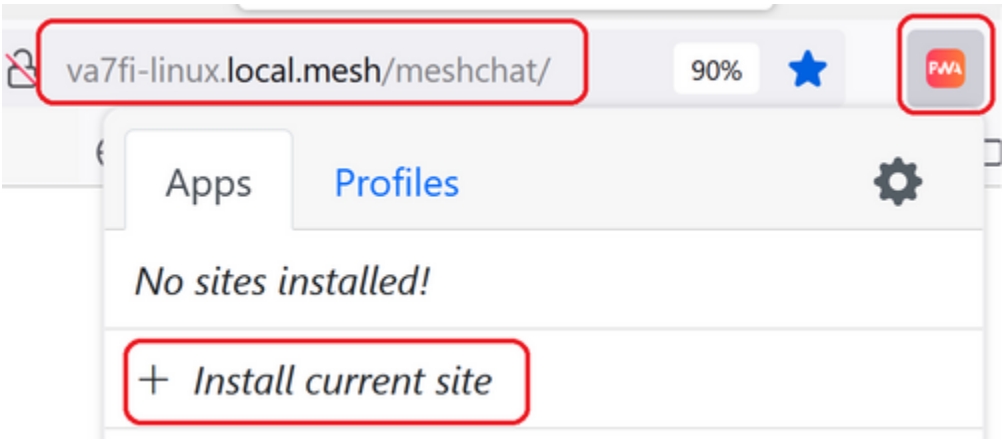
    1. Accept the license agreement
    2. Install the connector
    3. Install the runtime
4. Close and reopen Firefox to activate the plugin.

Configuration

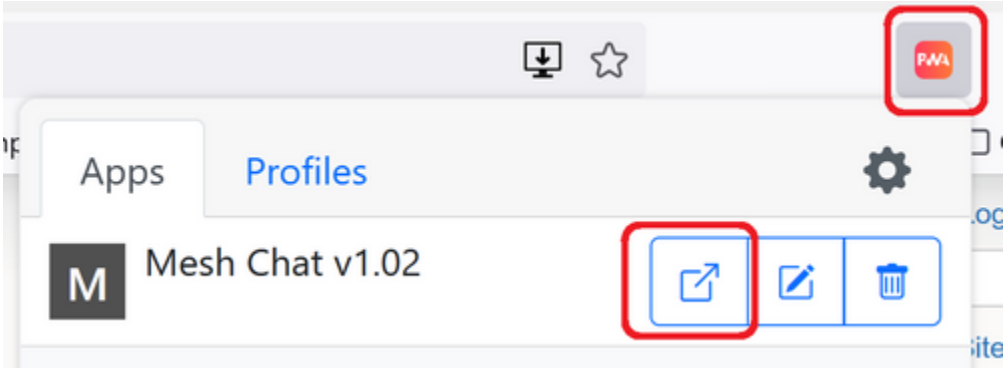
1. Click on the puzzle piece on the right of the address bar
2. Click on the gear next to `Progressive Web Apps for Firefox`
3. Click on `Pin to Toolbar`



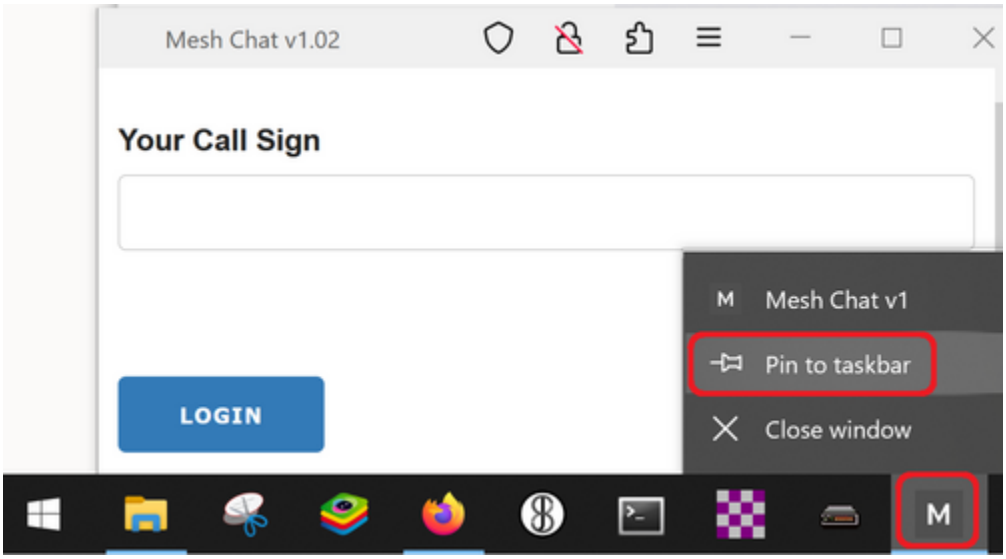
4. Navigate to your favourite instance of Mesh Chat
5. Click on the red PWA icon
6. Click on `Install current site`



7. Click on `Install Web App`
8. Click on the red PWA icon again and Launch the app for the firs 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.