

How to minimize Spotify to the system tray in Linux

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Install KDocke

To do this, we will use both the latest version of the Spotify client and KDocke. KDocke is a simple tool that allows you to move any application to the system tray, in most popular desktop environments. Although it hasn't been updated for a long time, KDocke still works well for most desktop environments. This is probably the current best solution for connecting Spotify client.

You can install KDocke in Ubuntu and distributions compatible with:

```
sudo apt install kdocke
```

In Fedora, Red Hat, and others, try:

```
sudo dnf install kdocke
```

Use KDocke to minimize Spotify to the system tray

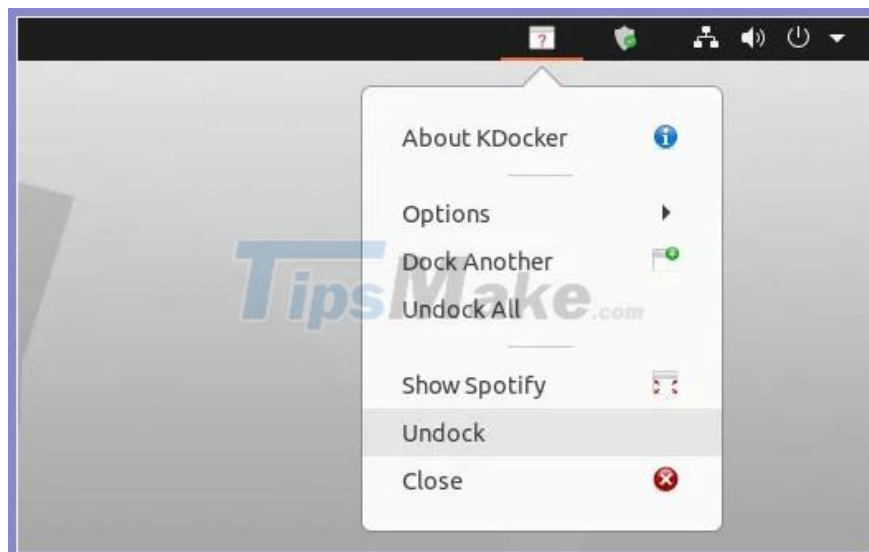
Launch KDocke from the **Applications** menu after installation.



Click the **Spotify** window to minimize it to the system tray.



Everything is done! You will find your application in the system tray instead of the taskbar.



To show Spotify again, click the KDock system tray icon and select **Show Spotify** .

You can also right-click the icon and choose **Dock Another** to repeat the process for other apps.

Integrate KDock with Spotify

As you can see, the above method requires you to run Spotify and KDock at the same time. Another way to do this is to integrate KDock with Spotify so it can be minimized to the system tray at any time.

Note that the following instructions use Ubuntu's default desktop.

Also, keep in mind that these tweaks will only apply to desktop icons. If you launch Spotify in any other way, such as from an app list or Terminal, Spotify will work properly and won't hide in the system tray.

Start by locating the Spotify icons. Enter the command:

```
ls /usr/share/icons/Papirus/64x64/apps/spotify.svg
```

You will see a list of icons related to Spotify. Quickly record the path to a specific icon, such as **/usr/share/icons/Papirus/64x64/apps/spotify.svg**.

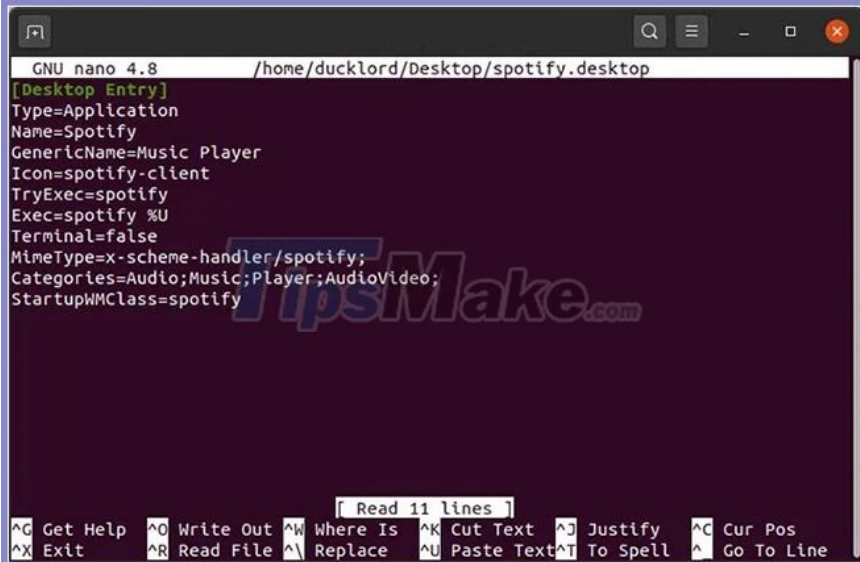
Copy the Spotify client desktop entry to your **Home** folder using the command:

```
cp /usr/share/applications/spotify.desktop ~/.local/share/applications
```

Edit copied files using your favorite text editor. The post uses Nano, so the command would be:

```
nano ~/.local/share/applications/spotify.desktop
```

Find the line **Exec = spotify% U**.



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the GNU nano 4.8 editor open at the file path /home/ducklord/Desktop/spotify.desktop. The file content is as follows:

```
[Desktop Entry]
Type=Application
Name=Spotify
GenericName=Music Player
Icon=spotify-client
TryExec=spotify
Exec=spotify %U
Terminal=false
MimeType=x-scheme-handler/spotify;
Categories=Audio;Music;Player;AudioVideo;
StartupWMClass=spotify
```

The terminal also shows a status bar at the bottom with various keyboard shortcuts like ^G Get Help, ^O Write Out, etc.

Change it to:

```
Exec=kdocker -q -o -l -i /usr/share/icons/Papirus/64x64/apps/spotify.svg -n Spot.
```

What the above command does is let KDock handle opening the Spotify app and make it shrink. The path to the Spotify icon is for KDock to show the Spotify icon in the system tray. Without it, it will just show a generic icon.

Save your changes by **Ctrl + O** and exit the file using **the Ctrl + X**.

Launch Spotify and you will see its icon in the system tray.



Click the icon to minimize Spotify to the system tray.

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