Subject: Linux "start" equivalent
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I was having problems with functions4u in linux. And I still am, but it seems like this should be pretty simple to fix.

Linux has a 'start.exe' equivalent that will sort out the desktop environment and user-preferences for each user and the mime-linkage to applications for different file types.

It's xdg-open <file>

It discovers the user's DE and if necessary the mime-type and looks up the desktop file and extracts the "Exec=" value.

Functions4U doesn't work in linux, unfortunately, though launching the spreadsheet is quite simple.

xdg-open <name>.xls

You don't need the name of the exact binary executable that ends up being run. Might be OpenOffice -calc. Might be LibreOffice --calc. Might be a wine application. Might even be a upp output file in your home folder.

Just FYI, in case any of you linux guys didn't know that or had forgotten about it.