

# INTERLAB

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## ISSUE: creating links to start program without hasle

OS : Linux

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### Issue:

Under linux to launch a program, you need to know exactly where it is;  
/home/prog/soft\_to\_run

Usually **/usr/local/bin** is a global path, dropping an executable like will make it executable from anywhere as long as you got required rights.

- a. go in it: **cd /usr/local/bin**
- b. **type ln -s /usr/local/prm\_directory/program\_name .**  
**the dot “.”** At the end creates a link have the same name as exe, in this case “program\_name”.

Note:

that If you wish to give an other name replace “.” By an expression, ex:  
type **ln -s /usr/local/prm\_directory/program\_name runforfun**

Note2:

to check that it works or you just type **runforfun** from anywhere, if you wish to check it without running it type under /home **type runforfun**

### Example:

```
[root@vidserver yosemitebackup]# cd /usr/local/bin/  
[root@vidserver bin]# ln -s /usr/local/yosemite/yosemitebackup/ytadmin .  
[root@vidserver bin]# cd /home/  
[root@vidserver home]# type ytadmin  
ytadmin is /usr/local/bin/ytadmin
```

Pls. send us your feel back.

Rev.1.1 – David