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Install BitTorrent Sync GUI In Ubuntu Or Debian [PPA Repository]

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An **unofficial BitTorrent Sync GUI** for Linux was released today, providing almost all the features available in the official Windows and Mac BTSync GUI.

[BitTorrent Sync](#) is a tool that can be used to automatically synchronize files between computers using the BitTorrent protocol, available for Linux, Windows, Mac OS X and NAS devices.

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Because it synchronizes the files directly between computers (so without using cloud servers) and the connection is encrypted with a AES cypher and a 256-bit key created on the base of your Secret, BTSync is advertised as a highly secure way of synchronizing your data. However, because the application is not open source, many will argue with this statement.

More about BitTorrent Sync: [Technology](#) | [Desktop Manual](#)

Now back to the GUI: BitTorrent Sync comes with a GUI for Windows and Mac, but on Linux there's only a WebUI you can use to control BitTorrent Sync. For this reason, Leo Moll has [created](#) an **unofficial BitTorrent Sync GUI for Linux**. **Ubuntu users will also get an AppIndicator** (was available for some time) which displays the sync status, can pause the sync, etc.

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BitTorrent Sync GUI features:

- add / remove local and remote folders, generate folder (including QR code for mobile devices);
- displays a list of connected devices and their status;
- displays the upload / download speed;
- change the device name ;
- option to limit the upload / download speed;
- option to use NAT UPnP port mapping;
- option to set listening port;
- advanced preferences: folder rescan interval, limit local peers, encrypt lan data and more.

In my test, I didn't find any bugs, but there are a few things that couldn't be implemented in the BTSync GUI, due to missing API: you can only see the active transfers speed, but not what's being transferred and also there's no transfer history yet.

Install BitTorrent Sync with an unofficial GUI in Ubuntu / Debian

1. Add the unofficial BitTorrent Sync PPA

To **add the unofficial BitTorrent Sync PPA in Ubuntu and derivatives (Linux Mint, elementary OS, etc.)**, use the following commands:
`sudo add-apt-repository ppa:tuxpoldo/btsync`
`sudo apt-get update`

To add the unofficial BitTorrent Sync repository in Debian, use the commands below:

```
CODENAME=$(lsb_release
-cs | sed -n '/lucid|precise|quantal|raring|saucy|trusty|squeeze|wheezy|jessie|sid/p')
echo "deb http://debian.yeasoft.net/btsync ${CODENAME:-sid} main" | sudo tee
/etc/apt/sources.list.d/btsync.list
echo "deb-src http://debian.yeasoft.net/btsync ${CODENAME:-sid} main" | sudo tee -a
/etc/apt/sources.list.d/btsync.list
sudo apt-key adv --keyserver keys.gnupg.net --recv-keys 6BF18B15
sudo apt-get update
```

2. Then, install BitTorrent Sync along with the GUI:

- with Ubuntu AppIndicator (the difference is that this package installs the AppIndicator dependencies):`sudo apt-get install btsync-gui`- without AppIndicator:`sudo apt-get install btsync-gui-gtk`

Update: Arch Linux users can now install BitTorrent Sync GUI via [AUR](#).

Report any bugs you may find @ [GitHub](#).

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