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Subject: Re: Opening SDF file with Datawarrior from command line  
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Facing a similar situation to call DataWarrior either from the terminal of Linux, or within a Python script within a loop, I created an alias for the bash.

There are at least two options to provide the necessary information to the operating system. Either a) create / edit file '.bashrc' in your home directory which typically includes many more instructions how bash shall work. If however this file contains a block

```
if [ -f ~/.bash_aliases ]; then  
    . ~/.bash_aliases  
fi
```

then you may b) create and edit file '.bash\_aliases' in your home directory which then is only about these user-defined shorthands. In either case, add

```
alias datawarrior="/opt/datawarrior/datawarrior"
```

as new instruction. Omit the "%F" you may see in the program launcher. More importantly though, do not use spaces prior, nor after the equal sign. Save the edit and restart the terminal. Now all you have to enter is 'datawarrior' as keyword. This is working fine on an installation of Xubuntu LTS 18.04.2.