

Re: Display Manager Problems -- CRY FOR HELP

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To: "Debian Users' Discussion" <debian-user@lists.debian.org>

On Wed, Feb 16, 2005 at 09:56:30PM -0500, David A. Cobb wrote:

> *That leaves me with all the reasons it is a bad thing to log into X as
> root. Especially, I can't run X applications successfully under
> other usernames. That has made a real mess of my email archive!!!*

If you can't run X as a mortal, you've probably done something to the X configuration, or to the permissions of one of the sockets it depends on. I'd try the following things:

1. `dpkg-reconfigure --plow xserver-xfree86` # Maybe X is hosed?
2. `dpkg-reconfigure --plow gdm` # Or GDM?
3. As a normal user, run "`startx 2> error.log`" and check the output if X still bombs.

Maybe after that, with some actual debugging output, someone else can offer greater assistance.

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