

X menus won't run xterm pgms (Solved)

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Wayne Topa(*brittman@capital.net*) is reported to have said:

> *Bill Marcum(bmarcum@iglou.com) is reported to have said:*

> > *On Sun, Feb 27, 2005 at 12:51:09PM -0500, Wayne Topa wrote:*

> > > *Afternoon all.*

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> > > *I have just discovered a problem with my X menus. It seems that any*

> > > *program that requires an xterm, won't run. I searched the archives*

> > > *but could not find any other reference to this.*

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> > > *A search on google only brought up something called*

> > > *'sensisable-xtermumu' which seems to deal with different locales but*

> > > *doesn't seem like what I am seeing. The BTS was also of no help.*

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> > > *I 'thought' the old /usr/lib/menu system used something like 'needs*

> > > *xterm' but that seems to have changed. I see no references to that in*

> > > *any of the files that require xterm. Instead I see*

> > > *'x-terminal-emulator' called out in the makers menus, but it doesn't*

> > > *bring up the programs (mutt, telnet, mc, iptraf, etc).*

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> > > *I can, from an xterm, execute /etc/alternatives/x-terminal-emulator*

> > > *and it does bring up an xterm (uxterm) but clicking on the menu does not.*

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> > *Is /usr/bin/x-terminal-emulator a symbolic link to /etc/alternatives/x-terminal-emulator?*

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> *Yes*

> *ls -l /usr/bin/x-terminal-emulator*

> *lrwxrwxrwx /usr/bin/x-terminal-emulator -> /etc/alternatives/x-terminal-emulator*

> *and*

> *ls -l /etc/alternatives/x-terminal-emulator*

> *lrwxr-xr-x /etc/alternatives/x-terminal-emulator -> /usr/X11R6/bin/uxterm*

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> *But note the permission change. Humm.... More to try.*

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It seems that, /etc/alternatives/x-terminal-emulator ->

/usr/X11R6/bin/uxterm, was not working through the menu system.

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I ran update-alternatives and tried various combinations. I don't know what created the previous link but, as of right now (after update-alternatives), xterm and uxterm both work when calling mutt from the wmaker menu, as do aptitude and mc.

Guess I will have to keep a better eye on what is updated, and use X more often!

Long story short, run update-alternatives when in doubt, after reading the man page that is.

Thanks for the shove Bill, it helped a lot!

Regards
Wayne

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