

Re: changing window managers

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Larry Fletcher on 06/09/05 21:19, wrote:

> In article <20050905201439.GA26723@alcopop.org> you wrote:

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>> On Mon, Sep 05, 2005 at 11:10:11AM -0700, Larry Fletcher wrote:

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>>> After looking around some more I found out the x-session-manager works
>>> for startx, but it's not updated when new window managers are
>>> installed. The x-session-manager updates:

>>> /etc/alternatives/@x-session-manager

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>> Why should the session manager symlink be changed by a window manager?

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>>> The x-window-manager is updated when new window managers are
>>> installed, so maybe @x-session-manager should link to

>>> @x-window-manager?

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>> No - x-session-manager should point to a session manager, and
>> x-window-manager to a window manager, respectively.

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>> If you have a ~/.xsession file, you may have specified a window manager
>> in it.

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> I didn't have a ~/.xsession or ~/.xinitrc file.

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>> Otherwise, odds are the symlink from /usr/bin/x-window-manager is
>> being used.

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> Okay. Now I see there is a difference between a session
> manager and a window manager. Apparently some window managers
> have session managers and need them to run properly and some

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> *window managers don't use them. The problem was I installed*
> *a window manager that didn't install a session manager and*
> *since the old session manager was still installed the new*
> *window manager wouldn't run.*
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> *I also found it interesting that ~/.xinitrc takes precedence*
> *over ~/.xsession, and x-session-manager takes precedence over*
> *x-window-manager. So it doesn't work to use both ~/.xsession*
> *and ~/.xinitrc. The best option seems to be to put the session*
> *manager in ~/.xsession and not use ~/.xinitrc. And if there is*
> *no session manager, to put the window manager in ~/.xsession.*
> *Either that or learn how to configure x-session-manager and*
> *x-window-manager.*

larry,

are you still using startx to launch the desktop? If so, how long does it take?

I used to use metacity (default with sarge) and it took 10 seconds maybe, and then I tried using others and it now takes 5 minutes.

It's the window manager which causes it to hang for so long, but I can't work out what the problem is.

Adam

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There are places I'll remember, all my life, though some have changed, like Debian Linux 2.6.12.3

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