

Re: X-Windows Problems

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On Mon, May 22, 2006 at 16:41:09 -0400, Thomas H. George wrote:

I am stumbling through the move from Sarge to testing. I have managed to get gdm to start but if I switch to a console I lose the window and must restart gdm. Equally frustrating, my Wacom tablet mouse is not recognized though it worked perfectly in Sarge and the wacom module is installed.

This may be because I have not yet installed x-window-system-core. Apt-get reports that this package and 457 other packages are not installed as they cannot be verified. Should I go ahead and install them anyway?

Which archive signing keys are known to your apt-key? Post the output of "apt-key list" and the contents of your /etc/apt/sources.list file, then we can tell you which ones are missing (and how to install them). I would first try to complete the upgrade and install all packages before addressing the X problem.

[...]

Next I ran apt-get dist-upgrade. After this the ethernet connection failed, gdm tried to start repeatedly and failed and there was a message that udev required kernel 2.6.12 or higher. I had 2.6.11.

Next I booted from a bbc-2.1 cd and used lynx to find and download the linux-2.6.15 kernel source from the Debian website. I compiled this kernel using the .config from the 2.6.11 kernel directory, updated lilo.conf, and booted from the new kernel. The ethernet connection was restored but gdm still would not start. I tried dpkg-reconfigure xserver-xfree86 without success.

Next I recalled that previously I had solved this problem by running xf86config from /usr/X11R6/bin. The upgrade had deleted this program but I recovered it from another computer and ran it. This created an XF86Config file in /etc/X11 and then gdm could start.

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Testing is using Xorg instead of Xfree86. Once you have downloaded the archive keys and completed the upgrade, you can try "dpkg-reconfigure xserver-xorg". (This should happen automatically during the upgrade anyway.)

If you still have problems with Xorg after that, post the output of the following three commands:

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lspci | grep -i vga
awk '/Section "(Device|Monitor|Screen)"/,/EndSection/' /etc/X11/xorg.conf
egrep '^((EE|WW))' /var/log/Xorg.0.log
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Regards,
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