

Re: GNOME won't boot

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dragontale wrote:

I have a major problem. I can't seem to logon to GNOME. After I type in my password and hit enter, a message pops up saying:

"There was an error starting the GNOME Setting Daemon. Some thing, such as themes, sounds, or background settings may not work correctly. The setting Daemon restarted too many times. The last error message was: Child process did not give an error message, unknown failure occured. GNOME will still try to restart the Settings Daemon next tiime you log in"

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The last thing that I did to the computer was uninstalling "Glade Interface Designer" I'm positive that I didn't uninstall anything that was related to GNOME. Anyway, after uninstalling Glade Interface Designer, I tried to go into terminal but it failed. So that's when I restarted the computer. Then that's when I received the above error message when trying to log in, as you can see.

As of now, I have no idea what to do to fix this. I will take any suggestions. Am I toast?

It is possible that something that was used in gnome-sessions was not removed when the interface designer package was removed.

Something that I would try is to remove the files under ~/.metacity/sessions and see if things work again. You also might renaming the ~/.gnome* directories and the ~/.metacity directory to see if gnome will come up with the default settings.

Probably the safest thing to try is to create a new user and see if the new user account works to launch gnome.

Someone else might have a better idea. I doubt gnome is toast.

Also, SELinux might have some influence on you having the problem. You might switch to a virtual terminal,

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logged in as root and run
setenforce 0

Then switch back to the login GUI and try to launch gnome again. What setenforce 0 does is to log but not prevent actions not allowed in the security policy. Having a mislabeled filesystem (security content) might cause such an error.

I hope this gives you some ideas to try.

Jim

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