

Re: Shutdown, No Login/Logout Window

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On Sun, 2008-03-09 at 19:52 -0400, Jim wrote:

Mike Chambers wrote:

On Sun, 2008-03-09 at 17:52 -0400, Jim wrote:

FC8, X86_64, i386 boxes
I have problems Log Out > End Session, takes me straight to
the 'shell'
, no login/logout Window.

At the 'Shell' prompt, login as user and 'startx' , it bypasses
user
login window and goes right back to Desktop of last user.
I have got two x86_64 and one i386 FC 8 boxes that is doing
this.
Please Help !!!!
All three boxes have been fully updated, no more updates
avail.

At shell and as root, try /usr/sbin/gdm-restart and if not in front of
you, try the F7 vt to see if you see it.

Mike I should have told you that I'm running KDE in FC 8,
I'm totally confused, I have a perfect working FC 8 (KDE)box here that
doesn't have 'gdm' installed, no /usr/sbin/gdm-restart.

The box I'm having problem with doesn't have 'gdm' installed either.

If I reboot computer I get the "Login Window"
But when I Logout (From Desktop) > End Session that is when it goes
straight to the Shell.
From there I have to login and 'startx' that's where it bypasses
'Login' Window and straight to Desktop.

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You probably have kdm (the KDE Display Manager) instead of gdm (the Gnome Display Manager). This is normal though you can actually have both installed.

See if you have the line

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x:5:respawn:/etc/X11/prefdm -nodaemon
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in /etc/inittab. If not, add it (as root). Also check /etc/sysconfig/desktop and make sure it looks like this:

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#!/bin/sh
DESKTOP="KDE"
DISPLAYMANAGER="KDE"
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Now from the shell window, as root, type

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init 3
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init 5
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You should get the KDE login manager.

I did a F7 in the 'shell' and all I get is a ~ .

You misunderstood. He said "use the F7 vt", meaning "use virtual terminal number 7". You can switch virtual terminals by holding down Control, Alt and Fn at the same time, where 'n' typically can be from 1 to 7. Old hands often switch to vt1 to do stuff without disturbing the desktop (though it will be command-line only). The graphical desktop runs on vt7 by default. You can also start several others on vt8, vt9 etc., each running an independant copy of the X11 windows server, possibly running as different users. This is called Fast User Switching, and is very cool :-)

What would KDE be using for a "Login Window" ?

It can use either of the login managers, kdm or gdm. It's a matter of taste which one you like.

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