

# Various startup problems

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Hi,

After a couple of unclean system shutdowns, I'm unable to start gdm except in "failsafe mode." I get a dialog saying "your session lasted less than 10 seconds" and advising me to examine my .xsession-errors, which reads:

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/etc/gdm/PreSession/Default: Registering your session with wtmp and utmp
/etc/gdm/PreSession/Default: running: /usr/bin/sessreg -a -w /var/log/wtmp -u /var/run/utmp -x
"/var/lib/gdm/:0.Xservers" -h "" -l ":0" "dave"
write wtmp entry: No such process
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I've attached a compressed Xorg.0.log, which ends with a string of

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drmOpenByBusid: Searching for BusID PCI:1:0:0
drmOpenDevice: node name is /dev/dri/card0
drmOpenDevice: open result is 6, (OK)
drmOpenByBusid: drmOpenMinor returns 6
drmOpenByBusid: drmGetBusid reports
drmOpenDevice: node name is /dev/dri/card1
drmOpenDevice: open result is -1, (No such device)
drmOpenDevice: open result is -1, (No such device)
drmOpenDevice: Open failed
drmOpenByBusid: drmOpenMinor returns -1023
drmOpenDevice: node name is /dev/dri/card2
drmOpenDevice: open result is -1, (No such device)
drmOpenDevice: open result is -1, (No such device)
drmOpenDevice: Open failed
...
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etc., culminated in this truncated entry:

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drmOpenByBusid: drmOpenMinor returns -1023
drmOpenDevice: node name is /dev/dri/card165
drmOpenDevice: ope
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I can't tell whether this issue needs to be fixed at the gdm, xorg, or fglrx level (or somewhere else) so I'd appreciate any useful

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information you have.

Thanks,  
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***Attachment: xorg.0.log.bz2***

*Description:* Binary data

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