

## Re: Window focus behavior

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Thank you Robert and Calum for your input!

Robert, your suggestion does modify the raise/focus behavior in Metacity, but it does not achieve quite what I want. The raised window still covers up any part of all windows that were in front of it.

Calum, it's too bad that the metacity maintainers closed your item as not a bug – however, I suppose if their intention is to not allow the feature then that is their choice. I think my only solution is to try a different window manager. For example, I know that IceWM can do what I want, and I believe it is GNOME/Ubuntu friendly.

Thanks!  
Drake

On Nov 20, 2007 9:38 AM, Calum Benson <[Calum.Benson@xxxxxxx](mailto:Calum.Benson@xxxxxxx)> wrote:

On Mon, 2007-11-19 at 10:47 -0700, Drake Emko wrote:

I don't like it when you click on a window, and it raises to obscure everything that was overlapping it. This is normal behavior for most people (that is how it works in Windows), but I would like to know if, in GNOME/Metacity, I can configure the behavior so that windows don't raise when you click on them for focus. I would like to raise the window if I click on the titlebar, but if I click somewhere else in the window, I would like any overlapping windows to continue being visible even while I have focus in the partially obscured window.

We have a patch for something similar in the Solaris version of GNOME—a gconf key which, if set, causes windows only to raise if you click the frame rather than the contents.

Ours only applies in focus-follows-mouse mode though— i.e. it fixes bug [http://bugzilla.gnome.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=86108](http://bugzilla.gnome.org/show_bug.cgi?id=86108). However the metacity maintainers closed this as NOTABUG, so I guess you won't be seeing it

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upstream anytime soon...

Cheeri,  
Calum.

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