

## console frozen, can't switch vt

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hello redhatters,

i would guess i need to reboot, but i just thought i'd ask first..

i killed X with `ctl-alt-bsp`, the console still shows a signature pattern of my windows dying away, `ctl-alt-Fn` doesn't work, i can get in via ssh from elsewhere, X is gone, `getty` is still running on the VT's, `chvt` doesn't help.

it's not happened to me before, i've exhausted my tricks for how to nudge it. are there any other tricks to try?

also fwiw, the reason i killed X is because, using `gimp`, X quickly gets mired in `pageswap` to the tune of 280mb total. and, page swap is surprisingly slow on this rh9 box, while other disk activity is as speedy as you'd expect. meanwhile running `gimp` on the same box with X on a different rh7.2 box, X there (4.1.0-50) doesn't grab anywhere near as much memory, so i'm guessing the newer `xfree86` (4.3.0-2.90.55) is a pig..

tia,

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