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On Monday 31 January 2005 13:18, Dan wrote:

> *Ken Schneider wrote:*

> > *Instead of issuing init5 use startx instead.*

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> *Thanks. I will try that in the future.*

> *When I am in KDE and want to shut that down to free up memory, what*

> *should issue, telinit 3 ?*

This should do it.

init 3 (or telinit 3) sets the system to run level 3. All the GUI processes should be stopped.

Alternatively you can specify run level 3 when booting the system. This will boot into run level 3. You can use YaST/Hardware/Graphics Card and Monitor to set your system to boot in text mode, or simply edit /etc/inittab:

The default runlevel is defined here

id:5:inittdefault:

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+-----> default run level

Change the default run level to 3.

While in run level 3, you can easily run startx to bring up kde (or gnome).

One caveat with any GUI, is that the GUI likes to own the keyboard and mouse. If it somehow hangs, you might have difficulty killing it, even using ctrl-alt-backspace. Sometimes, I simply log in through my network and kill the GUI.

If KDE always hangs on you, the problem could be your graphics card configuration. Try to run sax2 (or YaST/Hardware/Graphics Card and Monitor) to rewrite your XF86Config file. Then test it via the startx command. You can use startx to try GNOME also.

Also, if you are upgrading from an old version of KDE, your local configuration may be messed up. I had that happen when I had a dual boot KDE2 and KDE3 system. I just blew away my .kde directory and .kderc file..

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