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Thanks for the verry quick reply, 20 minutes!

On 10/29/07, Clayton <smaug42@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

What video card are you using?

A Nvidia Geforce 6200 on AGP and a Nvidia Geforce FX 5200 on PCI

Are you  
using the default of the binary drivers provided by the video card  
manufacturer?

I used the drivers provided by Nvidia succesfully up to yesterday.  
This morning (when gnome failed to start properly) I tried rewriting  
xorg.conf with xorgconfig and the default drivers. This failed (or I  
wouldnt have mailed).

Did this start happening after you played with the video  
settings?

Yesterday I got my wacom up and running, so I edited xorg.conf  
manually. I restarted suse succesfully after that

Or has it been this way from a fresh install? nope

You could try logging in into a terminal and running sax2 and  
reconfiguring your video settings to see if that helps.

These are the general steps I follow when I am chasing down a video problem....

the results of the steps described below (for as far as I could perform them)  
After I typed sax2 it tried to start X. This failed a couple of times,  
so Sax2 gave me this error message:  
ups lost during card probing  
Something went wrong while x was called with --probeonly

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Go to a terminal login (press Ctrl+Alt+F1). Log in as root. Type: init 3. This drops you out of graphical mode... press enter to get your prompt back. Now type: sax2 When it starts you will get a message to accept things as they are or change them. You want to select the option to change the settings. Once you are into the main interface, you can look at the settings and see if any need to be changed. Once you are done there, make sure you Test the settings. If it passes the test, Save and exit.

Now, to test things further, switch to a new terminal (Ctrl+Alt+F2). Log in as your regular user. Type: startx If all is OK, your GUI (KDE/Gnome etc) will start. If it fails, you will be dropped back to the command line with hopefully some information about why X is not starting up. Report back to the list with the error message....

If it all works, exit the GUI, log out. Switch back to the terminal where you logged in as root (Ctrl+Alt+F1) and type: init 5 This should move you back to run level 5, and start GDM/KDM and you will get your usual graphical login screen. You should be able to log in and start X normally now.

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