

Edgy update problem(s)

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Hi,

I attempted an update to edgy (from dapper) via

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kdesu "update-manager -c"
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After a few hours of downloads it spewed out the following message:

This upgrade requires that the /usr/X11R6/bin directory be removed and replaced with a symlink. An attempt was made to do so, but it failed, most likely because the directory is not yet empty. You must move the files that are currently in the directory out of the way so that the installation can complete. If you like, you may move them back after the symlink is in place.

This package installation will now fail and exit so that you can do this. Please re-run your upgrade procedure after you have cleaned out the directory.

After making this change, rerunning update-manager halts with:

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Software index is broken
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it is impossible to install or remove any software. Please use  
the package manager "Synaptic" or run "sudo apt-get install -f"  
in a terminal to fix this issue first.
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Running
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```
sudo apt-get install -f
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produces the following:
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Reading package lists... Done  
Building dependency tree... Done  
Correcting dependencies...Done  
The following extra packages will be installed:  
x11-common  
The following packages will be upgraded:
```

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x11-common

1 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 1200 not upgraded.

40 not fully installed or removed.

Need to get 0B/291kB of archives.

After unpacking 418kB of additional disk space will be used.

Do you want to continue [Y/n]? y

DESTROY created new reference to dead object 'Qt::VBoxLayout', <>
line 1 during global destruction.

Preconfiguring packages ...

Use of uninitialized value in join or string at

/usr/share/perl5/Debconf/DbDriver/Stack.pm line 104, <GEN1> line 4.

Use of uninitialized value in join or string at

/usr/share/perl5/Debconf/DbDriver/Stack.pm line 104, <GEN1> line 9.

and a dialogue opens that says:

Debconf on <machine name>

Incorrect nice value

Please enter an integer between -20 and 19

There is no field in which to enter a value and the only options are provided by three buttons:

1. Help: which does nothing when clicked
2. Next >: which redisplay the same dialogue while adding another error message in the terminal

Use of uninitialized value in join or string at

/usr/share/perl5/Debconf/DbDriver/Stack.pm line 104, <GEN1> line 17.

Repeatedly pressing Next > does the same as above, seemingly endlessly, but adding 8 to the line number each time.

3. Cancel: produces the following

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(Reading database ... 169571 files and directories currently installed.)

Preparing to replace x11-common 7.0.0-0ubuntu45 (using .../x11-common_1%3a7.1.1ubuntu6.2_i386.deb) ...

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and the same dialogue as above opens once more.

Cancelling this dialgue produces

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global destruction.

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dpkg: error processing /var/cache/apt/archives/x11-common_1%
3a7.1.1ubuntu6.2_i386.deb (--unpack):
subprocess pre-installation script returned error exit status 255
Use of uninitialized value in join or string at
/usr/share/perl5/Debconf/DbDriver/Stack.pm line 104, <GEN1> line 4.
Use of uninitialized value in join or string at
/usr/share/perl5/Debconf/DbDriver/Stack.pm line 104, <GEN1> line 9.
```

and, once again, open the debconf dialogue. Cancelling this dialogue ends the command with:

```
DESTROY created new reference to dead object 'Qt::VBoxLayout' during
global destruction.
dpkg: error while cleaning up:
subprocess post-installation script returned error exit status 255
Errors were encountered while processing:
/var/cache/apt/archives/x11-common_1%3a7.1.1ubuntu6.2_i386.deb
E: Sub-process /usr/bin/dpkg returned an error code (1)
```

So, that doesn't work – confirmed by rerunning `kdesu "update-manager -c"`

Time to try Synaptic, as suggested.

On loading, Synaptic reports a broken package; this package is "xserver-xorg-core". Removing this isn't an option, so I tried a reinstall. This marks x11-common for upgrade.

Using Synaptic's "Apply", the result is:

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E: /var/cache/apt/archives/x11-common_1%3a7.1.1ubuntu6.2_i386.deb:
trying to overwrite `/usr/X11R6/bin', which is also in package xli
```

So, the problem is with `/usr/X11R6/bin`, but how to fix it?

(Since there seems to be a conflict with the xli package, I looked at removing it, but it would remove ubuntu-desktop, all xserver packages and a more, so that's not an option.)

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Cheers,
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