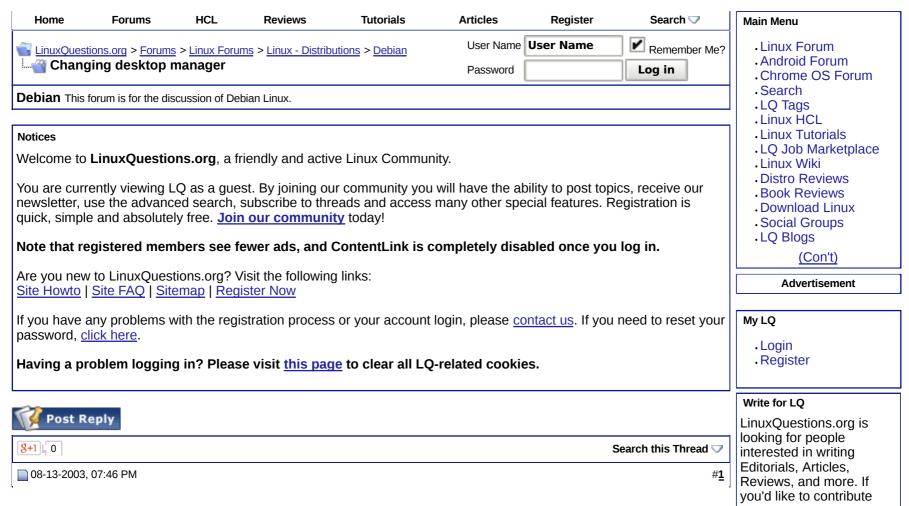


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Changing desktop manager

I am running debian 3 on a crappy p1 75mhz...i foolishly chose kde during config, now it grinds my machine to a halt...i want to designate gnome or something lighter, how do I do this?

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pe2338 Member

if your machine starts up the X on boot (and u don't have to run startx or xinit or Xsession ... and so on) you must reconfigure the rcinit files manually or with rcconf not to allow x to start on boot.

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if you do need a desktop manager or just a window manager you can edit the .xsession file in your home dir and put in there "gome-session" if u want to run gnome or any window manager.

I just discovered enlightment (a) (wm) and I love it.

it has good integration with gnome, but I don't think that it uses very few mem resources.

run dselect(I kinda' like it) from console(if gnome-apt is running slow) and search window manager ("/window manager") to look for a lightweight wm

after that u can reinsert the xdm daemon again if u like/want to run the X on boot.

hope I've been helpful

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apt-get install icewm

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Though, I don't know how to make it the default upon startup. Maybe 'dpkg-reconfigure icewm'? Let us know what ends up working for you.

Also note, that upon booting, if the console seems to get "bypassed" and you end up at a graphical login screen, you can always use alt-f 2 (hmm... maybe ctrl-alt-f 2) to get to virtual console #2 (and the other f-keys to get to the other virtual consoles). Then from there, startx icewm might do the trick.

content, let us know.

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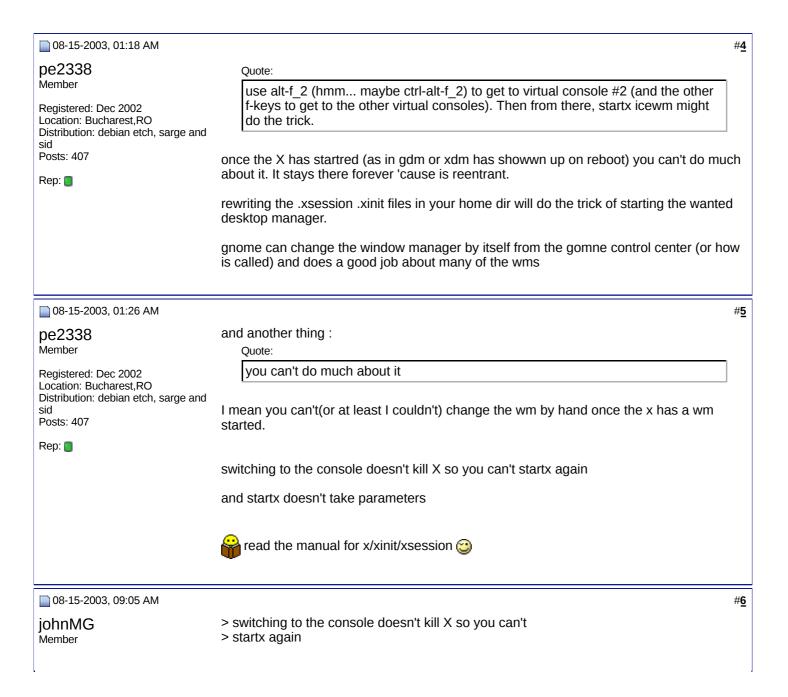
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Oh, I see what you mean. Interesting. I'm not in front of my box at the moment, but I was under the impression that you could start as many instances of X as you want...

Well, anyhow -- X is a complicated beast. There are many startup files/init scripts associated with it and they all seem to source eachother (hehehe ... ahem). I'm just happy to not have installed either GNOME *or* KDE upon initial installation. icewm isn't the greatest (I'm thinking of documentation here), but it works pretty well on my little G3 Powerbook.





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