

## Using gdm at boot

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I've got FreeBSD 5.3 setup on my desktop and wanted to use gdm to login. Per instructions I found at [marcuscom.com](http://marcuscom.com):

Do NOT use `/etc/ttys` to start gdm at boot time. This will result in gdm hanging or restarting constantly. Instead, copy the included `gdm.sh.sample` script to `gdm.sh`, and restart. This script is found in `/usr/X11R6/etc/rc.d`.

Silly question, but I'm not sure I understand where to copy this file to. Same directory (`/usr/X11R6/etc/rc.d`)? Does doing this alone enable gdm without any changes to `/etc.ttys`? I have only a text login now, no `xm/kdm/gdm` at all, but want to have gdm enabled with sessions available for `gnome`, `kde`, `icewm`, and `xfce4`.

Thanks for any clarification.

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