

Re: startx fails

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 - *Date:* Tue, 25 Dec 2007 16:45:38 -0500
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Actually, I gave you all the exact things I would do myself to start diagnosing that problem if I had ever had it.

I went through the bother of consulting a couple 5.0.5 and 5.0.6 boxes and seeing what files are there and what exactly the man page says just so that my response would be accurate and reasonable. For instance, maybe it would have turned out that the man page was no help, then I would not have expected you to have gotten any clues from it. I didn't expect anything out of you that wasn't utterly reasonable to expect, not just in general, but actually given your exact situation.

I'm such a jerk for spending a half hour of my time looking into your problem for free.

Why couldn't I be nice and actually drive to your machine and fix the problem myself instead of requiring you to do anything at all? Of course I have no clue how to fix that problem, that's why I never posted a question about that problem before. Of course I magically already know the answer and am just withholding it because that is such a rewarding way to spend the day doing that to strangers on usenet. Oh, BTW which of those two mutually exclusive character flaws did you mean to assign to me? You said both, which is ... ah, yeah so anyways...

Read what I said and not whatever emotional "he's being mean" crap you laid over top of it. I was and am annoyed and so I sound it, big whup, but only and exactly annoyed as what I said, and only and exactly for the reason I stated. Any other thoughts or motivations are purely your own invention.

If you had ANSWERED ANY of the questions I posed, this laughable attempt at a rebuke would have at least a shred of substance, and, based on those answers I'd know what to suggest next, and would have done so, spending yet more of my time looking at working boxes just out of curiosity. But, you didn't. You just said "wahhhh meanie!"

Lastly, so, you somehow have it fixed now? Great!

Could you be bothered to drop a note here saying "fixed: it was this..." ?

That IS common courtesy towards all the people who took an interest in the question. (which includes all the admittedly dwindling number of future searchers with the same problem remember) As long as we're chastizing people for not being considerate.

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----- Original Message -----

From: "willjay" <jim.highsmith@xxxxxxxxx>
Newsgroups: comp.unix.sco.misc
To: <distro@xxxxxxxx>
Sent: Tuesday, December 25, 2007 10:07 AM
Subject: Re: startx fails

On Dec 23, 4:24 pm, "Brian K. White" <br...@xxxxxxxxx> wrote:

How can you say "everything was working fine"
and "I think I don't have the right video driver installed" in the same
paragraph?

I any event, your error message doesn't even slightly hint at a
misconfigured video driver.

There are so many obvious questions which you haven't answered, which you
could certainly have asked and answered for yourself had you tried the
teeniest bit. If you have at least made a reasonable try at solving this
yourself, then where is the description of what you tried, and what you
saw?

Lacking those I have to assume you are guilty of asking everyone in the
world to tie your shoes for you.

For example:

Have you looked in the paths shown in the error message?

Are there files there?

Do they look the same as on other, working OSR5 boxes. (names, sizes,
dates,
perms)

Did you tell the customer to take the tape from the nightly backup the
previous night and the oldest backup tape they have, and put them to the
side and not let them get overwritten with new backups?

Have you consulted those tapes for differences in the /usr/lib/X11 tree on
the tape vs on the disk?

Have you even run "man startx" ?

"man startx" on a osr5 box points to "man Xsco" which says "Errors are
logged in the file /usr/adm/X*msgs" which btw, you could also find without
man's help, because on a sco osr5 box /var/adm is where many things are
logged, and looking in that dir, X0msgs is certainly a file that looks
like

it has to do with X. So, have you looked to see what is in
/usr/adm/X0msgs?

Is there any X1msgs X2msgs ? generally there should only be one X0msgs, if

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there are others, then you are starting up multiple x servers on multiple consoles, which generally you don't want.

The rest of those man pages suggest other ways to diagnose it further too, like running the X binary or the xinit program manually with extra options to show you in more detail why it's failing.

If you have actually done any of that, then why didn't you say so, and say what you found?

I think the real question is, who cares that X doesn't work on a SCO OSR5 box?

OSR5's X is terrible and I can't imagine too many people used it.

I always disabled it on all my (customers) boxes.

Back before apache, there was one reason to use X at the console, to configure the netscape http server. That hasn't been relevant in years.

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----- Original Message -----

From: "willjay" <jim.highsm...@xxxxxxxxxx>

Newsgroups: comp.unix.sco.misc

To: <dis...@xxxxxxxx>

Sent: Sunday, December 23, 2007 2:48 PM

Subject: Re: startx fails

On Dec 21, 3:52 am, Nico Kadel-Garcia <nka...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On 20 Dec, 19:34, willjay <jim.highsm...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote

Will someone please take a look at this and help me fix the fix font?

OSR 5.06

I get this message after trying startx at the # from the console"

failed to set default font path

'/usr/lib/X11/fonts/misc/,usr/lib/X11/

fonts/Speedo/,usr/lib/X11/fonts/Type1/,usr/lib/X11/fonts/75dpi/,usr/lib/X11/fonts/100dpi/'

Fatal server error:

could not open default font 'fixed'

giving up.

xinit: I/O error (errno 5): unable to connect to X server

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waiting for X server to shut down

xinit: X server slow to shut down, sending KILL signal.

Help appreciated.

wj

You're a bit short of data here. Did X **ever** work? Is this a clean install, or one on which people have done lots of patches? I'm seeing the results right now of a machine that's had patches and local modifications randomly installed on it. If possible, you should be able to rlogin or slogin into it (if you've installed OpenSSH!) and be able to look at the system.– Hide quoted text –

– Show quoted text –

This server has been up and working for many years, it has a commercial version of ssh installed and everything was working fine, then all of a sudden startx fails to start. You can ssh into it and console text is working as well as everything else. I may not have the proper video drive installed.– Hide quoted text –

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Brian,

I have found over the years, that you and quite a few others on this group when you don't have the slightest clue as to the answer to a question instead of just shutting up you spew garbage at the question. I gave you the EXACT error message which is all I have to give you. As usual instead of contributing you just bla bla bla.

Quite frankly if you see from my question that I have patched the machine alot, and you are correct, I suspect that you have the answer to my question at hand, but you choose instead just to be a jerk.

Some people just get old and NASTY away. So just shut up, and don't

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respond because someone with a little more manners has already answered my question, thank you very much.

Disgustingly
wj

I suspect all the other jerks on this group will come and respond to take up for you but you know, all of you can just STFU

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