

GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment Troubleshooting Guide

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Preface

The GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment Troubleshooting Guide describes known problems with the GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris™ 8 operating environment and the Solaris 9 operating environment. The guide provides workarounds for many of the known problems.

Who Should Use This Book

Different chapters in this manual provide information for the following users:

- Accessibility engineers and users with accessibility needs
- Developers
- End users
- Localization teams
- System Administrators

How This Book Is Organized

This guide is structured in the following way:

- Chapter 1 discusses problems and workarounds that system administrators and users might encounter when installing the desktop environment.
- Chapter 2 discusses problems that system administrators and users might encounter when they start up the desktop environment for the first time.
- Chapter 3 provides information for users about how to deal with window and session management problems in the desktop environment.

- Chapter 4 provides information about general problems that users might have with the desktop environment.
- Chapter 5 provides information about problems that users might have with GNOME applications.
- Chapter 6 provides information about hardware problems that might affect your desktop environment.
- Chapter 7 provides some tips for users about improving the performance of the desktop environment.
- Chapter 8 provides information about how to deal with accessibility-related problems in the desktop environment.
- Chapter 9 provides information for localization teams about how to deal with localization-related problems in the desktop environment.

Related Books

The following manuals are related to this guide.

- GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment Accessibility Guide
- GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment Installation Guide
- GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment Release Notes
- GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment System Administration Guide
- GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment User Guide

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Typographic Conventions

The following table describes the typographic changes that are used in this book.

TABLE P-1 Typographic Conventions

Typeface or Symbol	Meaning	Example
AaBbCc123	The names of commands, files, and directories, and onscreen computer output	Edit your .login file. Use ls -a to list all files. machine_name% you have mail.
AaBbCc123	What you type, contrasted with onscreen computer output	machine_name% su Password:
AaBbCc123	Command-line placeholder: replace with a real name or value	To delete a file, type rm <i>filename</i> .
AaBbCc123	Book titles, new terms, or terms to be emphasized	Read Chapter 6 in <i>User's Guide</i> . These are called <i>class</i> options. You must be <i>root</i> to do this.

Shell Prompts in Command Examples

The following table shows the default system prompt and superuser prompt for the C shell, Bourne shell, and Korn shell.

TABLE P-2 Shell Prompts

Shell	Prompt
C shell prompt	machine_name%
C shell superuser prompt	machine_name#
Bourne shell and Korn shell prompt	\$
Bourne shell and Korn shell superuser prompt	#

CHAPTER 1

Installation Problems

This section provides tips about dealing with problems that arise when you install the GNOME 2.0 Desktop on the Solaris[™] 8 operating environment or Solaris 9 operating environment.

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- "1.6 ScrollKeeper Fails After Installation" on page 13

1.1 Installation Log

Problem

Where do I look for installation errors?

Solution

The most recent GNOME 2.0 Desktop installation log is in the following location: /var/sadm/install/logs $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Salm}}$

1.2 Installation Failed Error Message

Problem	The installation fails with the following error message: pkgadd: ERROR: cppath(): unable to start
Solution	You are either using the wrong version of tar or the tar file is corrupt. You must use Solaris tar or GNU tar version 1.13 or greater. If the tar file is corrupt, you must download the tar file again.

1.3 Uninstalling the GNOME 1.4 Desktop

Problem	I already have the GNOME 1.4 Desktop on system. How do I uninstall the GNOME 1.4 Desktop?
Solution	 Perform the following steps: 1. Log into CDE as root. 2. Open a terminal window. 3. Type cd /var/sadm/prod 4. Type java uninstall_gnome_1_4
	If you have already installed the GNOME 2.0 Desktop, you can remove the GNOME 1.4 Desktop by logging in as root and runr the following command: /usr/sbin/remove-gnome-versi

l ning the following command: /usr/sbin/remove-gnome -version 1.4

1.4 Uninstalling the GNOME 2.0 Desktop

Problem

How do I uninstall the GNOME 2.0 Desktop?

Solution

Perform the following steps:

- 1. Log in as root.
- 2. Run the following command: /usr/sbin/remove-gnome

1.5 Installing the GNOME Desktop Without the Installer

system architecture:

ProblemHow do I install the GNOME 2.0 Desktop without the GUI
installer?SolutionRun the alternative text-based install script. To do this you must
first unpack the tar file to create a GNOME directory in your
current directory. Then run the script which corresponds to your

SPARC Architecture Edition: ./GNOME/sparc/pkgs/install

x86: Architecture Edition: ./GNOME/i386/pkgs/install

1.6 ScrollKeeper Fails After Installation

Problem

ScrollKeeper fails after Jumpstarts, upgrades and live upgrades.

Solution	ScrollKeeper fails due to software dependencies not being available. The workaround is as follows:
	For all installations, upgrades and live upgrades that install directly into the root filesystem, the ScrollKeeper database is propagated during the installation, using a postinstall script provided with each package as required.
	For all other installations that do not install into the root filesystem directory, the postinstall script does not propagate the ScrollKeeper database.
	You must propagate the ScrollKeeper database manually when you log in for the first time. You need root access to perform this action. Execute the following commands in the C locale: 1. su <i>password</i> 2. /usr/bin/scrollkeeper-rebuilddb
	In some cases, the location of /usr/bin/scrollkeeper-

rebuilddb might be similar to the following:

{INSTALL_ROOT}/usr/bin/scrollkeeper-rebuilddb

CHAPTER 2

Startup Problems

This section describes issues that might occur when you start up the GNOME 2.0 Desktop.

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- "2.2 Startup Error Messages" on page 16
- "2.3 General Startup Problems" on page 16

2.1 GNOME Desktop Menu Item Missing From Login Screen

Problem	A menu item for the GNOME 2.0 Desktop does not appear in the login screen.
Solution	GNOME dtlogin resource files are currently only installed for the C locale. To make the GNOME login option appear in other locales, you must copy this resource file to the correct directory for your locale. Use the following command to copy the dtlogin file:
	cp /usr/dt/config/C/Xresources.d/Xresources.Sun- gnome-2.0* /usr/dt/config/{your locale}/Xresources.dFuture releases will include localized versions of this file.

2.2 Startup Error Messages

Problem

Solution

Where do I look for error messages if startup fails?

The following files contain messages that might be helpful in diagnosing incorrect permissions, missing files and other problems.

~/.dt/startlog

~/.dt/startlog.old

~/.dt/startlog.older

To enable logging of more detailed information, edit ~/.dtprofile and remove the dtstart_sessionlogfile=/dev/null line.

The session logs are placed in the following location:

~/.dt/sessionlogs/*

An alternative solution is to run gnome-session from a failsafe session, and read any error messages that appear.

2.3 General Startup Problems

Problem

How do I fix general startup problems such as the following:

- The login process never gets past the black screen.
- Panels do not respond to my input.
- Icons do not display correctly.
- Panels do not appear.
- Error messages appear referring to missing files in /opt/gnome-2.0/share.
- The GNOME Menu icon appears in place of the correct icon.
- The desktop background image is an empty white space.

Solution

Perform the following steps:

- 1. Run the following cleanup script: /usr/bin/gnome-cleanup
- 2. Remove your session files from ~/.dt/sessions/gnome
- 3. Make sure you do not have anything in your .xinitrc file that conflicts with the GNOME 2.0 Desktop. If you are not sure, rename your ~/.xinitrc file to /.xinitrc.orig and try to login again.
- 4. Make sure your LD_LIBRARY_PATH does not point to a directory which contains incompatible versions of the GNOME libraries. The GNOME 2.0 Desktop does not require LD_LIBRARY_PATH to be set at all. If you must define this for other applications, try adding /usr/lib and /usr/sfw to the beginning of your LD_LIBRARY_PATH.
- 5. Kill the gconfd-2 process.
- 6. Run the following command: bonobo-slay Try to log in again.

CHAPTER 3

Window and Session Management Problems

This section provides information about how to deal with window and session management problems in the GNOME 2.0 Desktop.

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- "3.4 Unexpected Window Behavior" on page 20
- "3.5 Unexpected Swing Behavior" on page 21

3.1 Window Manager Crashes

Problem	The Metacity window manager crashes, and the frames disappear from all windows.
Solution	Session manager automatically restarts the window manager. If this does not happen, log out and then log back in.

3.2 Logging Out Without a Panel

Problem

How do I log out if all my panels have disappeared?

Solution

- 1. Right-click on the desktop background to open the desktop background menu.
- 2. Select the menu item New Terminal.
- 3. Enter the following command in the new terminal: gnome-session-save --kill
- If you still cannot log out, then run the following command: pkill gnome-session

3.3 Applications Do Not Restore Properly

Problem	When I logged out, I selected Save current setup , but some applications did not restore properly the next time I logged in.
Solution	The following applications have the following known problems:Terminal does not restore.Gedit restores to the upper left corner of the screen.
	There are plans to fix these problems in a future release.

3.4 Unexpected Window Behavior

Problem	Some of my application windows appear above all desktop environment windows and do not restore properly or appear in the GNOME window list.
Solution	By default, many applications which are based on MainSoft libraries ignore the window manager and attempt to manage their own windows. Rational Rose and XML Professional Publisher are known to have this problem. To tell MainSoft-based applications to behave correctly, you must set the MWWM environment variable as follows:
	MWWM=allwm

3.5 Unexpected Swing Behavior

Problem

Swing components prior to those included in JavaTM 2 Platform Standard Edition V1.4 do not position, resize, or refresh consistently

Solution

Perform the following steps:

- 1. Upgrade to Java 2 Platform Standard Edition V1.4 or later.
- 2. Ensure that your application is configured to use the Java 1.4 JVM.

CHAPTER 4

General GNOME Desktop Problems

This section provides information about how to deal with general problems in the GNOME 2.0 Desktop.

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4.1 Finding Out More

Problem

I am having a problem with the GNOME 2.0 Desktop. Where can I find more information?

Solution

You can find more information about the GNOME Desktop in the following places:

- Open the Applications menu, then select Help.
- Browse the GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment User Guide. You can find the most recent version of this manual on the following website: http://docs.sun.com
- The following websites also have useful information about the GNOME project:
 - http://www.gnome.org
 - http://mail.gnome.org
 - http://bugzilla.gnome.org

4.2 Which Version of the GNOME Desktop?

Problem	How do I find which version of the GNOME Desktop is running?
Solution	Right click on a panel and select About GNOME.

4.3 Displaying Developer Documentation in Netscape 4.x

Problem

Developer documentation located in /usr/share/gnome/develdoc does not display correctly in Netscape 4.x

Solution

gtk-doc makes use of cascading stylesheets (CSS) which are not completely supported in Netscape 4.x. The following browsers support CSS fully:

- Netscape 6.x, and higher versions of Netscape
- Opera
- Galeon
- Mozilla
- Internet Explorer 5, and higher versions of Internet Explorer
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4.4 General Error Messages

Problem

Where do I look for error messages when an application crashes or fails to run correctly?

Solution

- Look in the following files:
- ~/.dt/errorlog
- ~/.dt/errorlog.old
- ~/.dt/errorlog.older
- ~/.dt/sessionlogs

You can also try running the application from a command line to see if any error message appear.

You can capture a core file from a GNOME-compliant application by running the application with the --disable-crash-dialog option or by setting the GNOME_DISABLE_CRASH_DIALOG environment variable to 1 before running the application.

4.5 No Nautilus Viewer for File Type

Problem	When I double-click on some file types in Nautilus, a dialog indicates that Nautilus has no installed viewer capable of displaying the file.
Solution	Perform the following steps:
	1. Open the Applications menu.
	2. Choose Desktop Preferences -> Advanced -> File Types and
	Programs.
	3. Make sure the MIME type or extension for the file is associated
	with an application in the File Types and Programs dialog.
	4. Make sure that the associated application is in your \$PATH.

4.6 Nautilus Crashes Or Freezes

Problem	Nautilus crashes or freezes when an open browser window points to a bad NFS mount.
Solution	Run the following command: pkill nautilus
	When Nautilus restarts, the bad NFS directory is not available. If you saved a session while Nautilus was pointing to a bad mount, remove your session files in ~/.dt/sessions/gnome.

4.7 Nautilus Slows the System

Problem	Nautilus slows my system or freezes when searching for Trash on an NFS mounted volume.
Solution	<pre>Perform the following actions to prevent Nautilus from searching for trash on a NFS file systems: 1. Edit the following file: /usr/share/gnome/nautilus/filesystem- attributes.xml</pre>
	 Set the following entry: filesystem name="nfs" _default_volume_name="NFS Network Volume" trash="no" Run the following command to restart Nautilus: pkill nautilus

4.8 TIF Files Crash Panels

Problem

My panels crash when I select a TIF image file in the panel properties background dialog.

4.9 Finding Out About GConf

Problem	How do I find out about the GNOME 2.0 Configuration System (GConf)?
Solution	You can find more information about GCconf at the following website: http://www.gnome.org/projects/gconf
	The GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment System Administration Guide also has a chapter that describes GConf functionality.

4.10 Conflicts With Screensavers

Problem	 My screen lock preferences contain the following screensaver displays that can conflict with some frame buffer drivers: Insecure screen distortion screensaver displays Screensaver displays such as julia and penrose
	These screensaver displays occasionally run when I select random screensaver.
Solution	You have an old ~/.xscreensaver file. Perform the following steps: 1. Remove the ~/.xscreensaver file. 2. Log out, then log in.
	You can deselect screensaver displays that you do not need in the Display Modes tab of the screensaver properties dialog.

4.11 Selected Screen Does Not Display

Problem	I can configure the screensaver displays in the configuration panel, but when I preview the screensaver display, or specify a blank screen, my chosen screensaver display does not appear.
Solution	XScreenSaver only enables graphical screensaver displays on machines that are running DPMS (Display Power Management System). You can enable DPMS with the following command: xset +dpms
	Sun Ray™ clients do not run DPMS.

4.12 Solaris Removable Media Manager

Problem	Which operating environment do I need to install the Solaris Removable Media Manager?
Solution	Nautilus provides functionality similar to the Solaris Removable Media Manager. To avail of the Removable Media feature in the GNOME Desktop, the version of the operating environment must be Solaris 8 Update 1 or higher. Do not attempt to install this feature by installing a set of ad hoc patches.

CHAPTER 5

Problems With Specific Applications

This section provides information about problems and associated workarounds for specific applications.

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- "5.2 ScrollKeeper Options Not Fully Documented" on page 31
- "5.3 Table of Contents is Empty in Help Page" on page 32

5.1 Dynamically-Set Title Does Not Work

Problem

Bug ID 4855527, Terminal.

In the **Editing profile** window, **Title and Command** tab, the menu options for the drop-down menu **Dynamically-set title** do not work. Terminal uses the following bash shell environment variable to set the dynamically-set title and the shell prompt:

PROMPT_COMMAND=\$'echo -ne
"\\033]0;\${USER}@\${HOSTNAME}: \${PWD}\\007"'
PS1=\$'[\\u@\\h \\W]\\\$ ' USER=`id -un`

On Linux /etc/bashrc sets the required environment variables, but does not set these variables for the Solaris operating environment. Hence, the dynamically-set title and the shell prompt do not work in the Solaris operating environment. Solution

As a workaround you can set the required environment variable by executing scripts for the various shells.

bash shell:

Set the following in bashrc:

```
case $TERM in

xterm*)

PS1="\[\033]0;\u@\h: \w\007\]bash\\$ "

;;

*)

PS1="bash\\$ "

;;

esac
```

(or)

USER='/usr/xpg4/bin/id -un' export USER

PROMPT_COMMAND='echo -ne "\033]0;\${USER}@\${HOSTNAME}: \${PWD}\007"'

ksh shell:

Add the following in the ~.profile file:

```
mycd () {
cd "${@}"; echo "\033]0;${USER}@${HOSTNAME}: ${PWD}\007\c"
}
alias cd=mycd
csh shell:
Set the following in cshrc:
```

```
switch ($TERM)
    case "xterm*":
        set host='hostname'
        alias cd 'cd \!*; echo -n "^[]0;${user}@${host}:
    ${cwd}^Gcsh% "'
        breaksw
        default:
            set prompt='csh% '
            breaksw
        endsw
```

The '^[' and '^G' characters in the prompt string are single characters for ESC and BEL. You can enter these characters using Ctrl+v+ESC and Ctrl+v+g.

5.2 ScrollKeeper Options Not Fully Documented

Problem	ScrollKeeper.
	In the scrollkeeper-rebuilddb man page, the -o and -p options are not fully documented.
Solution	 You do not need to use the -o and -p options to perform a standard setup of the ScrollKeeper database. These options are required only in the following situations: The ScrollKeeper database must be installed in a location other than the standard location. For example, setting up diskless clients. Use the -p <i>path</i> option to specify the location of the ScrollKeeper database, where <i>path</i> is an empty directory. The scrollkeeper-rebuilddb command will not proceed if you specify a populated path for this option. The OMF files must be read from a location other than the standard location. The standard location for OMF files is specified in the /etc/scrollkeeper.conf file. Use the -o <i>path</i> option to specify the location of the OMF files. Specify the complete pathname, for example, /usr/share/omf. If you specify a partial pathname, for example, /usr/share, the scrollkeeper-rebuilddb command will take a long time, produce many warnings, and may crash.
	The following example shows how to use the -o and -p options to set up the ScrollKeeper database for diskless clients:
	<pre># scrollkeeper-rebuilddb \ -p /export/root/clone/Solaris_9/\ sun4u/var/gnome/lib/scrollkeeper \ -o /export/exec/Solaris_9_sparc.all/\ usr/share/omf</pre>

5.3 Table of Contents is Empty in Help Page

Problem	Bug id 4875223.
	The Table of Contents is missing from the first page in the GNOME Help browser.
Solution	This is a ScrollKeeperissue. See "1.6 ScrollKeeper Fails After Installation" on page 13 for the workaround.

CHAPTER 6

Hardware Problems

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6.1 Multihead Display

Problem	My machine has more than one head. How do I display GNOME applications on the second head?
Solution	The GNOME Desktop installation process can detect machines with more than one head. Multihead displays should start automatically. You can also manually bring up an application on an alternate head by setting your <i>\$DISPLAY</i> variable or launching the application with thedisplay=:0.n flag, where n is the display number.
	If you use two identical frame buffers set for the same video depth, you can also modify /etc/dt/config/Xservers or /usr/dt/config/Xservers to run XSun in Xinerama mode. The GNOME Desktop then treats both video heads as a single logical display.

6.2 Sound Events Do Not Work

Problem

Sound events do not work in Nautilus.

Solution

Perform the following steps:

- 1. Open the Applications menu.
- 2. Choose Desktop Preferences -> Sound.
- 3. Select the following options:
 - Enable sound server startup
 - Sounds for events
- 4. Hover the mouse pointer over file icons to listen to certain types of sound event in Nautilus.

All events are not yet enabled.

6.3 Configuring Your Mouse for x86 Systems

Problem

Neither a two-button mouse, nor a three-button mouse work correctly when the GNOME Desktop is running on the x86 architecture edition.

Solution	Many GNOME applications require a three-button mouse. You need to do the following:
	Three-button mouse: enable the third button.
	 Two-button mouse: emulate a third button when you click on the two buttons simultaneously.
	To enable a third mouse button, or emulate a three-button mouse, perform the following steps:
	1. Choose Options -> Command Line Login from the login screen.
	2. Press Return, then log in as root.
	3. Type the following command: kdmconfig
	The kdmconfig command launches the Solaris Device
	Configuration Assistant, which displays the current system
	configurations. The program only accepts keyboard input. Use
	the keys shown in Table 6–1 to navigate through the menus.
	4. From the main window, select Change Pointing Device/Mouse .
	5. Press F2 to open the next screen.
	6. Select the appropriate mouse type or emulation.
	 Press F2 to return to the main screen. The Pointer Device should have visibly changed.
	8. Press F2 to display a test screen.
	9. Click Yes if the screen display is correct.
	10. Type the following command to quit the console session: Exit
	The system should now be properly configured to use a three-button mouse.

TABLE 6-1 Navigation Keys for the Solaris Device Configuration Assistant

Кеу	Function
Down arrow	Moves the cursor down a menu.
Up arrow	Moves the cursor up a menu.
F2	Opens the next screen.
F3	Exits the program without saving.
Return	Selects an option.

6.4 Running the GNOME Desktop on a Sun Ray Server

Problem	How do I run the GNOME 2.0 Desktop on a Sun Ray thin client server?
Solution	 Perform the following steps: Install the GNOME Desktop in the normal way. If the GNOME 2.0 option does not appear on the login screen of the Sun Ray client, choose Options -> Reset Login Screen.

6.5 No Sound From Audio CD

Problem

Solution

I do not hear any sound from my audio CD.

Perform the following steps:

- 1. Open the Applications menu.
- 2. Choose CDE Menu -> Applications -> Audio Control.
- 3. Select the **Playback** tab, then turn on one of the following devices that you want to listen to:
 - Built-in Speaker
 - Headphone
 - Line Out
- 4. Select the Record tab, then select Internal CD for the Master Input.
- 5. Adjust the monitor volume to a non-zero value.

You can now listen to CDs with the CD Player application.

Note – This procedure might not work on all Sun hardware and CD configurations.

CHAPTER 7

Performance Enhancement

This section provides some tips on improving the performance of the GNOME 2.0 Desktop. You can find more detailed information about improving performance in the *GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment System Administration Guide*.

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7.1 Adjust Nautilus Settings

Tip

You can improve the performance of the GNOME Desktop by optimizing the settings of the Nautilus window manager.

Action

- 1. Open a Nautilus window.
- 2. Choose Edit -> Preferences.
- 3. Select Performance.
- 4. Make sure all options are set to Local File Only or Never.

7.2 Adjust Background Settings

Tip	If you run the GNOME Desktop remotely over a slow network, you can adjust the desktop background settings to improve performance.
Action	 Open the Applications menu. Choose Desktop Preferences -> Background. Click on the No Picture button. Select Solid color in the Background Style drop-down list.

7.3 Change Window Frame Theme

Tip	You can change your window frame theme to a more basic selection to improve performance.
Action	 Open the Applications menu. Choose Desktop Preferences -> Theme. Click the Window Frames tab. Select a basic theme, for example Atlanta.

7.4 Reduce Applets

Tip	Reducing the number of applets in your panels can improve performance.
Action	Remove applets from your panels that you are not using.

7.5 Transparent Terminals

Tip

Tip

Using terminals with transparent backgrounds can affect the performance of the GNOME Desktop.

Action

If your terminals have transparent backgrounds, then perform the following actions in a terminal:

- 1. Open the Edit menu.
- 2. Select Profiles.
- 3. Open the Effects tab.
- 4. Select the None (use solid color) option.

7.6 Enable Wireframe Window Moves

Tip	You can improve performance by enabling windows to move in wireframe mode.
Action	Run the following command:
	gconftool-2 -s /apps/metacity/sun_extensions/wireframe_move_resize -t bool true

7.7 Install mediaLib Libraries

The GNOME 2.0 Desktop includes support for the mediaLib™ libraries. Installing these libraries can noticeably improve the performance of the GNOME Desktop. Action See the mediaLib website for information on installation of this

package: http://www.sun.com/processors/vis/mlib.html

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7.8 Improving CDE Application Performance

Tip	How do I improve the performance of CDE applications in the GNOME 2.0 Desktop?
Action	 By default the following CDE programs are turned off when you log in to a GNOME Desktop session: dtdbcache dtdbcache sets up a cache to speed up CDE programs that use actions such as dtfile. If this cache is not set up, CDE applications that use actions run more slowly. To turn this feature back on, you can start this program manually or by launching the program from a startup script. Perform the following actions: Log in as root, then open the following file:

CHAPTER 8

Accessibility Problems

This section provides information about how to deal with accessibility-related problems in the GNOME 2.0 Desktop.

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8.1 Keyboard Is Unresponsive

Problem

The keyboard stops responding when I do the following:

- 1. Select the **Enable Mouse Keys** option in AccessX.
- 2. Select either Enable Bounce Keys or Enable Slow Keys.
- 3. Use the numeric keypad to move focus to the **Testing Area** text box.
- 4. Press 5 on the numeric keypad to click in the **Testing Area** text box.

The keyboard does not work in any application, such as Terminal, gedit, and so on.

Solution

Perform the following actions:

- 1. Select the Enable Mouse Keys option in AccessX.
- 2. Use Mouse Keys to enable the Bounce Keys feature.
- 3. Use the numeric keypad to move focus to the **Testing Area** text box.
- 4. Press 5 on the numeric keypad to click in the **Testing Area** text box.
- 5. Press 5 a second time in the **Testing Area** text box.
- 6. Type as normal using keyboard.

Perform the same sequence of actions for Slow Keys.

8.2 Numeric Keypad Is Unresponsive

Problem	The numeric keypad stops responding when I enable XKB on a Solaris 8 or a Solaris 9 system.
Solution	Use the numeric keys in the main part of the keyboard.

8.3 System Beeps Continuously

Problem	This problem is displayed on Sun Ray systems only.
	 The system beeps continuously when I do the following: Select the Enable keyboard accessibility option in the AccessX dialog. Select either of the following accessibility options: Enable Toggle Keys Enable Sticky Keys and Beep when modifier is pressed Press a modifier key or press a toggle key.
Solution	 Tress a mounter key of press a toggle key. To stop the beeps, you must log out and log in again. Then, perform the following actions in the AccessX dialog: Deselect the Enable Toggle Keys option. Deselect the Beep when modifier is pressed option for sticky keys.

8.4 System Beeps Incorrectly for Slow Keys

Problem	 The Beep when key is rejected option for Slow Keys is not working correctly when I do the following: Select the Enable Slow Keys option in the AccessX dialog. Select the Beep when key is rejected option. Deselect the Beep when key is accepted option. Press-and-hold a key for the time specified in the Only accept keypress after spin box. Release the key. The system accepts the keypress but the system beeps when you release the key.
	In this situation, the system should not beep when you release the key after a successful keypress.
Solution	Perform the following actions:1. Deselect the Beep when key is rejected option.2. Select the Beep when key is accepted option.

8.5 Mouse Keys Functionality

Problem	This problem is displayed on Sun Ray systems only.
	When you enable the Mouse Keys feature, the 9 key on the numeric keypad should move the mouse pointer upwards and diagonally to the right. However, the 9 key moves the pointer straight upwards.
Solution	Press the 8 key to move the pointer upwards and press the 6 key to move the pointer to the right.

CHAPTER 9

Localization and Internationalization Problems

This section provides information about how to deal with localization- and internationalization-related problems in the GNOME 2.0 Desktop.

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- "9.3 Problems That Affect European Locales" on page 50
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- "9.5 Problems That Affect Complex-Text Locales" on page 61

9.1 Localized Locales

Note - Arabic and Hebrew are not fully supported locales.

The GNOME 2.0 Desktop supports the locales listed in the following table.

Language	Locale	
Arabic	ar	
	ar_EG.UTF-8	
Brazilian Portuguese	pt_BR.ISO8859-1	
	pt_BR.UTF-8	

Language	Locale
Chinese, Simplified	zh
	zh.GBK
	zh.UTF-8
	zh_CN.EUC
	zh_CN.GB18030
	zh_CN.GBK
	zh_CN.UTF-8
Chinese, Traditional	zh_HK.BIG5HK
	zh_HK.UTF-8
	zh_TW
	zh_TW.BIG5
	zh_TW.EUC
	zh_TW.UTF-8
English	Posix (C)
	en_AU.ISO8859-1
	en_CA.ISO8859-1
	en_GB.ISO8859-1
	en_GB.ISO8859-15
	en_IE.ISO8859-1
	en_IE.ISO8859-15
	en_NZ.ISO8859-1
	en_US.ISO8859-1
	en_US.ISO8859-15
	en_US.UTF-8
French	fr_FR.ISO8859-1
	fr_FR.ISO8859-15
	fr_FR.UTF-8
German	de_DE.ISO8859-1
	de_DE.ISO8859-15
	de_DE.UTF-8

Language	Locale
Hebrew	he
	he_IL.UTF-8
Italian	it_IT.ISO8859-1
	it_IT.ISO8859-15
	it_IT.UTF-8
Japanese	ja
	ja_JP.eucJP
	ja_JP.PCK
	ja_JP.UTF-8
Korean	ko
	ko_KR.EUC
	ko.UTF-8
	ko_KR.UTF-8
Polish	pl_PL.ISO8859-2
	pl_PL.UTF-8
Russian	ru_RU.ANSI1251
	ru_RU.ISO8859-5
	ru_RU.KOI8-R
	ru_RU.UTF-8
Spanish	es_ES.ISO8859-1
	es_ES.ISO8859-15
	es_ES.UTF-8
Swedish	sv_SE.ISO8859-1
	sv_SE.ISO8859-15
	sv_SE.UTF-8

Note - Some locales provide limited support, as follows:

- ar, ar_EG.UTF-8: GNOME Desktop is not localized. Basic internationalization support only, with known problem. See "9.5.1 Incomplete Support for Right-to-Left Languages" on page 61.
- he, he_IL.UTF-8: GNOME Desktop is not localized. Basic internationalization support only, with known problem. See "9.5.1 Incomplete Support for Right-to-Left Languages" on page 61.
- ru_RU.ANSI1251: GNOME session is available, but GNOME Desktop is not supported.

9.2 Problems That Affect All Locales

The following problems affect all locales:

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- "9.2.7 Launching gmines Causes a Segmentation Fault" on page 50

9.2.1 Unlocalized Menu Items

Problem

Affects all locales.

The following menu items are unlocalized across all locales:

- Audio Control
- Media Player

Solution

This problem will be fixed in a future release.

9.2.2 Warning Messages to Console

Problem	Bug ID 4818711, affects all locales.
	When you launch GNOME applications from a terminal, you might occasionally see warning messages in the terminal window.
Solution	These warnings do not appear if you launch applications from the desktop environment menus. These warnings do not affect the functionality of the application.
	This bug will be fixed in a future release of the GNOME Desktop.

9.2.3 Obsolete Topics In Online Help

Problem	Affects all locales.
	Obsolete applications such as gweather and Stock Ticker are included in online Help.
Solution	Ignore Help for obsolete applications.

9.2.4 Multiple Trash Icons

Problem	Affects all locales.
	When you switch languages using dtlogin, and you log in remotely, multiple Trash icons are shown on the desktop.
Solution	 Perform the following steps: Open a terminal. Change to the .gnome-desktop directory: cd .gnome-desktop Remove unnecessary Trash files.

9.2.5 Dialogs and Panels Are Not Localized

Problem	Affects all locales.
	A number of applications display unlocalized dialogs and panels.

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Solution This problem will be fixed in a future release of the GNOME Desktop.
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9.2.6 Cannot Open a File Created in a Different Locale

Problem	Bug ID 4824884, affects all locales.
	Nautilus may not open a file that was created in a different locale.
Solution	Log in to the locale in which the file was created, then open the file.

9.2.7 Launching gmines Causes a Segmentation Fault

Problem	Affects the gmines game in all locales.
	If you install a language package, then gmines causes a segmentation fault the next time you try to launch the game.
Solution	Remove the following file to stop the game from freezing: /usr/share/locale/[your-locale]/LC_MESSAGES/gnome- games.mo.
	This action also removes the localization support for all games.
	This problem will be fixed in a future release.

9.3 Problems That Affect European Locales

The following problems affect European locales:

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- "9.3.2 Start Menu Is Not Localized" on page 51
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- "9.3.8 Help Appears Only in English" on page 54
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9.3.1 OpenWindows Login Option Is Missing

Problem	Affects all European locales in the Solaris 8 operating environment. This is not a problem for the Solaris 9 operatinig environment.
	When you install the GNOME 2.0 Desktop you might notice that OpenWindows is no longer present as a session option in the login screen.
Solution	 Perform the following steps to restore the OpenWindows option to the login screen: 1. Log in as root. 2. Run the following command: cp /usr/dt/config/C/Xresources.d/Xresources.ow /usr/dt/config/locale/Xresources.d/Xresources.ow
	Where <i>locale</i> corresponds to the locale for which you wish to restore the OpenWindows login option.

9.3.2 Start Menu Is Not Localized

Problem	Affects the pt_BR.ISO8859-1 locale.
	The Start menu is not localized.
Solution	This problem will be fixed in a future release.

9.3.3 Characters Are Displayed Incorrectly in the XScreenSaver Properties Dialog

Problem	Affects the pt_BR.ISO8859-1 and pt_BR.UTF-8 locales.
	In the XScreenSaver Properties dialog, localization characters are missing, In the pt_BR.UTF-8 locale incorrect characters are displayed, for example Cryllic characters.
Solution	This problem will be fixed in a future release.

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9.3.4 Keyboard Shortcut Does Not Change Input Method Window

Problem	Affects Russian locales.
	The keyboard shortcut Ctrl+Spacebar to select and change the input method window does not work on the x86 architecture edition of the Solaris operating environment.
Solution	Use the mouse to select and change the input method window.

9.3.5 Poor Font Quality in Terminal

Problem	Affects Russian locales.
	The font quality is low for the Terminal application.
Solution	 Perform the following steps: Open a terminal, then choose Edit → Profiles. Click on the Edit icon. In the General tabbed section, deselect the check box Use the
	same font as other applications.4. Click on the font selection bar.
	 Choose a suitable font from the Choose a terminal font dialog.

9.3.6 No Support for CP1251 and ANSI1251 Encoding

Problem

Affects Russian locales.

The pango X11 shaper in this release of the GNOME Desktop does not support CP1251 encoding. As a result, CP1251 or ANSI1251 encoded characters are displayed as zero-width or blank characters. Solution

Use the following locales, which are supported by the pango X11 shaper, until CP1251 support is available:

- ru_RU.KOI8-R
- ru_RU.ISO8859-5
- ru_RU.UTF-8

You can use iconv conversion tables to re-encode CP1251 and ANSI1251 files. To encode a CP1251 or ANSI1251 file into a UTF-8 encoded file, in a terminal run the following command:

/usr/bin/iconv -f CP1251 -t UTF-8 CP1251 filename >
UTF-8 filename. (man iconv)

9.3.7 Rasterization Problems in Russian Locale

Problem	Affects the ru_RU.KOI8-R locale.
	 In the Solaris 8 operating environment, x86 architecture edition, you might experience rasterization problems regarding the following Russian glyphs: 00F1 00FF 00DC
	This problem affects both the Common Desktop Environment (CDE) and the GNOME Desktop.
Solution	 You need to select specific fonts for use within the GNOME Desktop. Perform the following steps: Open a terminal and run the following command: gnome - font - properties Click on the Desktop font button in the Font Preferences dialog. In the Pick a Font dialog, specify a font from the following list: application: medium, medium italic, bold, bold italic arial: italic, bold, bold-italic courier: italic, bold italic fixed: medium interface system: medium monospace: normal sans: italic, bold italic
	This problem will be fixed in a future release.

9.3.8 Help Appears Only in English

Problem

Bug id 4921134, affects the following locales:

- fr_BE.UTF-8
- es_AR.ISO8859-1
- es_BO.ISO8859-1
- es_CL.ISO8859-1
- es_CO.ISO8859-1
- es_CR.ISO8859-1
- es_EC.ISO8859-1
- es_GT.ISO8859-1
- es_MX.ISO8859-1
- es_NI.ISO8859-1
- es_PA.ISO8859-1
- es_PE.ISO8859-1
- es_PY.ISO8859-1
- es_SV.ISO8859-1
- es_UY.ISO8859-1
- es_VE.ISO8859-1

Solution

Perform the following actions to resolve this issue:

- su passward
- cd /usr/share/locale
- ln -s parent locale target locale
- Log out of your session.
- Log in again.

Applications should now appear in the target locale.

9.4 Problems That Affect Asian Locales

The following problems affect Asian locales:

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- "9.4.2 Special Fonts Are Missing in Chinese Locales" on page 55
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9.4.1 Default Desktop Font Is Too Small Or Blank

Problem	For example: bug ID 4805328, affects some locales, including Chinese locales.
	Currently, you cannot set the default font for the GNOME Desktop for each locale. As a result, particularly if you are switching between locales, you might find that the default desktop font is either too small or is rendered blank.
Solution	 To change the default desktop font, perform the following steps: Open a terminal and run the following command: gnome-font-properties Use the Font Preferences dialog to change font size to appropriate values. For example, in Chinese locales, you can set both Application font and Desktop font to Sans 13.

9.4.2 Special Fonts Are Missing in Chinese Locales

Problem	Bug ID 4821955, affects Traditional Chinese locales.
	You cannot see the characters displayed with some special fonts such as bold fonts. As a result, some characters in the Yelp window

appear to be missing.

Solution	You must change the pangox.alias file in
	/etc/{zh_TW.EUC,zh_TW.BIG5,zh_TW.UTF-
	8, zh_HK.BIG5HK, zh_HK.UTF-8}. Perform the following steps:
	1. Log in as root.
	2. Change to the directory where thepangox.alias file is located
	for your locale. For example, for the zh_TW.BIG5 locale, run the
	following command:
	cd /etc/pango/zh_TW.BIG5
	3. Run the following command:
	cat pangox.alias tr [A-Z] [a-z] > /tmp/pango
	4. Run the following command:
	mv /tmp/pango pangox.alias
	5. If the directory /etc/pango/sparcv9/pango is on your
	system, change the pangox.alias files. in the locale
	subdirectories in that directory, in the same way as for
	/etc/pango.

9.4.3 GNOME Ghostscript Display

Problem

Affects Asian and Japanese locales.

Characters with the Japanese Postscript font name are garbled when displayed in GNOME Ghostscript.

/Resource/CMap Traditional Chinese ln -s /usr/openwin/l /Resource/CMap Japanese ln -s /usr/openwin/l /Resource/CMap Korean ln -s	ib/locale/zh/X11/Resource/CMap b ib/locale/zh_TW/X11/Resource/CMap ib/locale/ja/X11/Resource/CMap ib/locale/ko/X11/Resource/CMap
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9.4.4 Different Date Format in the Solaris Operating Environment

Problem	Affects Japanese locales.
	The date format is different in the Solaris operating environment. There is no '(' and ')' on the weekday format in the following locales:
	 Solaris 8 operating environment: ja_JP.UTF-8 Solaris 9 operating environment: ja_JP.eucJP, ja_JP.UTF-8
Solution	Not applicable.

9.4.5 Character Display Problem in GTK2+ Applications

Problem	Bug ID 4785550, affects the gedit application and other GTK2+ applications in Japanese locales.
	Part of the IBM/NEC extended character and special characters are not displayed.
Solution	Known limitation.

9.4.6 Printing Out From gedit in the Solaris 8 Operating Environment

Problem	Affects Japanese locales.
	You can preview JISX0212 in the gedit application, but you cannot print out JISX0212.
Solution	Solaris 8 operating environment: Known limitation.
	 Solaris 9 operating environment: Perform the following steps: Open the gedit application. Choose Edit → Preferences. Select Fonts from the Print category, in the Categories panel. For each print item, specify either of the following fonts: HG-GothicB-Sun HG-MinchoL-Sun

9.4.7 Cannot Print Japanese Characters With Default Font in gedit

Problem

Bug 4861491, affects Japanese locales.

When you use the default printer font in the gedit application, Japanese characters are not displayed in Print Preview and are not printed by printers. Solution

Perform the following steps:

- Open the gedit application.
- Choose Edit \rightarrow Preferences.
- Select **Fonts** from the **Print** category, in the Categories panel.
- For each print item, specify the **HG-GothicB-Sun** font.

9.4.8 Cannot Open ISO-2022-JP Encoded File

Problem	Bug ID 4826184, affects Japanese locales.
	You cannot open ISO-2022–JP encoded files in the gedit application.
Solution	This problem will be fixed in a future release.

9.4.9 Localized Characters Do Not Display in gedit

Problem	For example: bug ID 4785550, affects Japanese locales.
	Japanese characters do not display in the gedit application, when you select Courier as the default font.
Solution	 Perform the following steps: Open the gedit application. Choose Edit → Preferences. Select Font & Colors in the Categories panel. Select the option Use default theme font.
	This solution does not fix the problem that IBC/NEC extended character and special characters are not displayed in the Solaris 8 operating environment.

9.4.10 Character Display Problem in Terminal

Problem Affects Japanese locales. In the Terminal application **Preferences** dialog, IBM/NEC extended character and special characters are not displayed when you select

the option Use the same font as other applications.

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Solution

Perform the following steps:

- Open a terminal.
- Choose Edit \rightarrow Current Profiles.
- In the Editing Profiles dialog, deselect the option Use the same font as other applications.
- Specify the font to be **interface user**.

9.4.11 Core Dump When Copy or Link to File

Problem	Bug ID 4824884, affects Japanese locales.
	A core dump sometimes occurs when you use Nautilus to copy or link to a file that was created in a different locale.
Solution	Log in to the locale in which the file was created, then copy the file or create a link to the file.

9.4.12 Input Method Window Repeatedly Flushed

Problem	Bug ID 4781611, affects the ja_JP.UTF-8 locale.
	When there are multiple input contexts on the same top-level application window, the input method window is repeatedly flushed.
Solution	This problem will be fixed in a future release.

9.4.13 Japanese Locale Core Dump

Problem	Bug ID 4808468, affects the ja_JP.UTF-8 locale.
	 An application core dump occurs when you do the following: 1. Choose Unicode List → HIRAGANA from the IM status. 2. Close the application window.
Solution	This problem will be fixed in a future release.

9.4.14 GTK2+ Applications Freeze

Problem

Bug ID 4820426, affects the ja_JP.UTF-8 locale.

GTK2+ applications freeze when you do the following:

1. Open a **Lookup Choice** window.

2. Press and hold the space key.

Solution

This problem will be fixed in a future release.

9.5 Problems That Affect Complex-Text Locales

The following problems affect complex-text locales:

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9.5.1 Incomplete Support for Right-to-Left Languages

Problem	Affects Arabic and Hebrew.		
	right-to-left languages. Full supp	port is available in the GNOME Desktop for uages. Full support for right-to-left language I widget mirroring is currently under development Desktop.	
Solution	Arabic and Hebrew text input is supported in the GNOME 2.0 globalization release, with the exception of the Terminal application. If you have not installed any other language pack, and you want text input support, then install the following patches:		
	SPARC Architecture Edition	x86 Architecture Edition	
Solaris 8 Operating Environment:	114485-01	114486-01	
Solaris 9 Operating Environment:	114274-02	114275-02	

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