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Why is the default Debian gui a horrible attempt at imitating Mac and how do I get rid of it and get a sane GUI ?



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The default desktop is called GNOME and it's always been the default desktop for most linux distros. There's lots of ways to install another desktop if you don't like how GNOME looks or functions but the easiest way is probably by opening a terminal and typing `sudo tasksetl`, putting in your password and selecting an option with space, then press tab and confirm your option. You can view what the other desktops look like here > https://wiki.debian.org/DesktopEnvironment#Desktop_environment

You can also search for the desktops using synaptic if you want a graphical way of doing this. For example, you can find the `kde-plasma-desktop` using synaptic and install the KDE Plasma desktop this way. Same with the other desktops.



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Surely this is a poor attempt at trolling?



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If you just installed, you may be better off wiping and installing again. Unselect GNOME and choose KDE plasma instead when you get to the desktop environment selection screen.

Genuine question, how did you get a Debian install running without knowing about the different desktop environments?

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During install you didn't select something different so that's what you got.

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I use Debian+LXQT on the other desktop. I am an LXQT fan and for this reason my current laptop is on Lubuntu (Ubuntu+LXQT - at the time of the purchase I had problems installing Debian but it's okay).

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Use the netinstall and select a different GUI outside of Debian's GNOME

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Which default? Installed from what exactly?

Anyway, Debian offers many choices, various Desktop Environments (DEs), Window Managers (WMs), etc. You can install and try various ones - have several if you want ... or none at all.

When you go to purchase a new car do you just go to some dealership and tell them to sell you the default?

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at what point do we start suggesting

labwc waybar swaybg swaylock rofi

instead?

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That was the jam in 2016. I have to agree with sadlerm. Its time to move on to Wayland environments. Labwc is the closest to openbox. You might want to try it.

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Use the [minimal image](#) and uncheck any desktop selection if prompted. You should have a command-line only after the install and you can set up your own gui of choice with apt.

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desktop environment in the installer.

And then there's another Gnome option to throw you even more out of the scent.

Gnome is indeed trying to imitate Mac.

It also tries to imitate touch screen interfaces.

It also tries to more keyboard driven.

So of course it's not intuitive and easy to use for the majority of us.

If you want a sane and intuitive desktop environment, try KDE Plasma:

<https://kde.org/plasma-desktop/>

It even is the default desktop environment on these devices:

<https://kde.org/hardware/>

And on Linux in general, it's the most popular / used, at least for gamers:

<https://www.gamingonlinux.com/users/statistics/#DesktopEnvironment-top>

If you like it and want to give a hand to its development, w try to do it here:

<https://kde.org/fundraisers/plasma6member/>

And with bug reports here:

<https://bugs.kde.org/>

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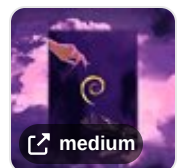
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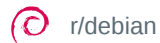
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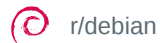
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