



# Ubuntu 8.10 Linux Lab Build Instructions

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# Documentation Guide

Linux is an OS that maintains two different environments. Both have full control over the system unlike the windows DOS and GUI environment. As such many changes are easier to make via the terminal or command line environment.

For this document any command shown as below is a terminal command and should be entered into a terminal exactly as shown:

```
echo This is a terminal command.
```

Some changes are easier to make via the GUI and are shown in a 'path' format. This takes the form of a heading and arrows to point to the next heading to click until the path is found. For example:

System → Administration → Printing

This command would take you through the menu to the printing control panel.

This guide is broken into several parts:

## **Part 1: Installing Ubuntu**

This part explains the process of installing Ubuntu from the CD and preparing it to be connected to the Griffith University network.

## **Part 2: Configuring Network Login and Home Directories.**

This part explains the process of setting up Ubuntu to use LDAP authentication to log into the Linux labs. It also configures the /home folder to point to the student home directories on Chimera.

## **Part 3: General Applications**

This part explains how to install applications that are considered basic and required for normal use.

## **Part 4: Customising Gnome**

This part goes through the process of making the Image look like a GU image. It covers the customisation of the login theme and the desktop theme, editing defaults for the interface, and removing unwanted elements, as well as editing the menus to remove links to games.

## **Part 5: Clean Up**

This part goes through the process of cleaning up the system and removing temporary files from the system to prepare for creating the master image.

## **Part 6: Application Installation**

This part details the process for installing applications to support teaching in ICT and MEE environments.

## **Part 7: Deployment**

This part details how to prepare individual lab images for deployment

# 1 Installing Ubuntu

Base: Intrepid Ibex, Ubuntu 8.10

Partition the HDD

- Use a 120GB HDD as a base
  - Windows in the dual boot uses between 50GB and 80GB

## 1.1 Installing off the CD/DVD

Boot off the Intrepid Ibex, Ubuntu 8.10 CD

- Choose Start and Install Ubuntu from the boot menu

Once the desktop appears, double click on the desktop shortcut to Install

Follow the prompts as they appear, and enter the following:

Where are you: Brisbane  
Keyboard layout: US english/US English

### 1.1.1 Prepare disk space

The prompts will ask you how you want to partition the disk? You want to do this manually so we can specify our own partitions.

You'll create the partitions below. For each one, select Device "free space" and click New Partition

Partition	Type	Mb	Location	Use as	Mount point
Root	logical	15360	beginning	ext3	/
Tmp	logical	5120	beginning	ext3	/tmp
Swap	logical	5120	beginning	swap	<n/a>
Extra	logical	15360	beginning	ext3	/extra

/ is the root partition where linux will be installed

<n/a> is the swap partition that acts as a page file

/tmp is a temp file for the mounting of student homes

/extra is the install location for the larger packages (Comsol and Matlab specifically) and can be excluded from the ICT Image.

Click Forward

Click Continue when prompted with "Do you want to return to the partitioning menu?" No mount point is assigned for the ext3 file system in partition #1 of SCSI1 (0,0,0) (sda) .....

Migrate Documents and Settings - click Forward, you do not have any to migrate

### 1.1.2 Who are you?

Name: Administrator

login name: administrator

password: <Specify administrator password>

name of computer: DualBoot-Master

Ready To install - click Install

Reboot when the install is complete, removing the cd.

## 1.2 Installing Updates

Comment out original update locations and add our local update settings. RCS supplies a local update mirror for Ubuntu based off AARNET. If you have any problems contact RCS.

Make a backup of the original file and then edit it to contain the information for the local mirror.

```
sudo cp /etc/apt/sources.list /etc/apt/sources.list.orig
gksudo gedit /etc/apt/sources.list
```

contents of sources.list should be :

```
### CANONICAL COMMERCIAL REPOSITORY
#deb http://mirror.griffith.edu.au/pub/ubuntu-commercial/ intrepid-commercial main

### GRIFFITH MIRROR
deb http://mirror.griffith.edu.au/pub/ubuntu/archive intrepid main universe
multiverse restricted
deb http://mirror.griffith.edu.au/pub/ubuntu/archive intrepid-updates main universe
multiverse restricted
deb http://mirror.griffith.edu.au/pub/ubuntu-partner intrepid partner
```

Install all existing Ubuntu updates via System → Administrator → Update Manager. Or this can be done via terminal by running:

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get upgrade
```

## 1.3 Setup Time

We want to maintain a consistent time across all lab computers. To do so we use NTP (Network Time Protocol). Unfortunately compared to 8.04 this is a little more complicated due to NTP settings being removed from the Date and Time panel.

```
sudo apt-get install ntp
sudo nano /etc/ntp.conf
```

Comment out the existing entries (using #) and add:

```
server 132.234.1.1
```

## 1.4 Amend Accounts

This step should be done from the live CD to minimise issues with files locked open by your active session. To do this reboot the computer and boot off the Ubuntu CD and click try before you install. This step is taken in preparation for setting up the networked home folders for students. We move the local administrator profile outside the normal /home directory and change the passwd file to show the new location. The normal homes directory will be pointed at a server later.

Mount the linux root partition (/)

```
sudo mkdir /media/root
sudo mount /dev/sda5 /media/root
```

Modify Groups file

```
gksudo gedit /media/root/etc/group
```

Add Student to groups by adding the following line

```
student:x:10000:
```

Remove the group administrator, by removing the following line  
administrator:x:1000:

Move local administrators home to /usr/home by first modifying the accounts file  
gksudo gedit /media/root/etc/passwd

set administrator home to /usr/home/administrator  
set administrator group to 100 #user group  
it should look like this....

```
administrator:x:1000:100:administrator,,,:/usr/home/administrator:/bin/bash
```

Now move the administrator's home directory

```
sudo mkdir /media/root/usr/home  
(Creates local user home at /usr/home)
```

```
sudo rsync -aS /media/root/home/administrator /media/root/usr/home  
sudo chroot /media/root  
chown -R administrator:user /usr/home/administrator  
chmod -R go-rwx /usr/home/administrator  
exit  
sudo rm -rf /media/root/home/administrator
```

Reboot the machine and log into Ubuntu locally to continue.

## 1.5 Install Dependencies

We need to install some dependencies for later steps, specifically we need to have ncp, quota, and nfs enabled.

Install sysv-rc to set daemon run levels, nfs-common for nfs commands and tcsh:

```
sudo apt-get install -y --force-yes sysv-rc-conf nfs-common tcsh
```

1.5.1.1 Install perl-Tk, libcrypt-ssleay-perl (for graphical netcheck gui):

```
sudo apt-get install perl-tk libcrypt-ssleay-perl
```

1.5.1.2 Install ncpfs expect - used for H drive mounter:

```
sudo apt-get install ncpfs expect
```

Install quota

```
sudo apt-get install quota
```

Install C man pages

```
sudo apt-get install manpages-dev manpages-posix-dev
```

## 1.6 Make a /etc/profile.d directory

Modify /etc/csh.cshrc, /etc/bash.bashrc and /etc/profile to look at a /etc/profile.d.

Create /etc/profile.d

This first command should error as the folder already exists, if not it needs to be created:

```
sudo mkdir /etc/profile.d
```

```
cd /etc  
sudo cp csh.cshrc csh.cshrc.orig  
sudo cp /etc/bash.bashrc /etc/bash.bashrc.orig  
sudo cp profile profile.orig
```

Add the following code to /etc/profile to read scripts in this directory as Ubuntu doesn't natively have this.

Remember the unset for profile!!!

```
gksudo gedit /etc/profile
```

add these linse to /etc/profile

```
## GU linux lab
for i in /etc/profile.d/*.sh ; do
    if [ -r "$i" ]; then
        . $i
    fi
done

unset i
##
```

The text should be added above the unmask command.

To check permissions run:

```
ls -l /etc/profile
```

Permissions should look like

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 621 2008-11-12 10:29 /etc/profile
```

add /etc/profile code into /etc/bash.bashrc

```
gksudo gedit /etc/bash.bashrc
```

added this to the end of /etc/bash.bashrc

```
## GU linux lab
for i in /etc/profile.d/*.sh ; do
    if [ -r "$i" ]; then
        . $i
    fi
done

unset i
##
```

Add to the end of the file.

To check permissions run:

```
ls -l /etc/bash.bashrc
```

Permissions should look like

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1692 2008-01-17 15:35 /etc/bash.bashrc
```

Add these lines to end of /etc/csh.cshrc

```
gksudo gedit /etc/csh.cshrc
```

```
## GU linux lab
if ( -d /etc/profile.d ) then
    set nonomatch
    foreach i ( /etc/profile.d/*.csh )
        if ( -r $i ) then
            source $i
        endif
    end
    unset i nonomatch
endif
##
```

To check permissions run:



```
ls -l /etc/csh.cshrc
```

Permissions should look like

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 428 2008-11-12 10:15 /etc/csh.cshrc
```

## 1.7 Filesystem Re-configuration: /opt

Setup opt as an alternative to /bin.

```
sudo rmdir /opt
sudo ln -s /usr/local /opt
cd /opt/bin
```

Link in the important environments.

```
sudo ln -s /bin/bash .
sudo ln -s /usr/bin/perl .
sudo ln -s /bin/tcsh .
```

Permissions should look like

```
ls -l /opt/bin
total 44
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 9 2008-11-12 10:49 bash -> /bin/bash
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 13 2008-11-12 10:49 perl -> /usr/bin/perl
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 9 2008-11-12 10:49 tcsh -> /bin/tcsh
```

Documentation link (for old packages)

```
cd /opt
sudo ln -s share/doc /usr/doc
sudo ls -Fla /usr/doc/
```

## 1.8 Restrict Umask Permissions

The default Umask permissions are far too permissive for files. This makes them a little more secure as student homes do have web pages running in them, and files are visible within the university if incorrectly configured.

Open the profile script:

```
Sudo nano /etc/profile
```

replace the existing umask with:

```
umask 077
[ "`whoami`" = 'root' ] && umask 022
```

This should be done before the addition done previously in regard to creating the profile.d directory.

## 1.9 Setup SSH

SSH is used in the labs for remote access for fixing problems and staff to test documentation and tutorials remotely.

Install SSH Server

```
sudo apt-get install openssh-server
```

Configure SSH to only allow admin access for Lab base image

Edit "/etc/ssh/sshd\_config" :

```
gksudo gedit /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

and make sure it has the following

```
PermitRootLogin no
```

```
X11Forwarding yes
PrintMotd yes
```

Check if this line exists then comment it out  
#AllowGroups adm

Make sure the Banner line is commented – if it is not commented Lamboot fails  
#Banner /etc/issue.net

Add this line here too...  
AllowTcpForwarding no

Modify /etc/ssh\_config  
gksudo gedit /etc/ssh/ssh\_config

Uncomment and modify the following lines  
ForwardX11 yes  
CheckHostIP no

Restart ssh server (does not destroy existing ssh logins)  
sudo /etc/init.d/ssh restart

## 1.10 Setup the MOTD File to show GU Policy

Ubuntu runs a script upon bootup called, /etc/init.d/boot.misc.sh, which creates the motd file using motd.tail  
Typically limit the use of the sudo su command, however you must be root to run these commands

### 1.10.1 Setup MOTD and Issue files

```
sudo su
cp /etc/motd.tail /etc/motd.tail.orig
echo "Griffith University Lab PC" > /etc/motd.tail
cp -p /etc/issue /etc/issue.orig
echo "Griffith University Lab PC \n \l" > /etc/issue
cat /etc/motd.tail > /etc/issue.net
exit
```

To check permissions run:  
ls -l /etc/issue.net  
ls -l /etc/motd.tail

Permissions should look like  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 27 2008-12-03 13:58 /etc/issue.net  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 27 2008-12-03 13:58 /etc/motd.tail

### 1.10.2 Setup GU Policy

Create a text file containing the GU Policy warning

```
gksudo gedit /etc/gupolicy
```

Copy the policy from the GU Website or use this....

```
Griffith Configured Ubuntu Linux
```

```
,-----,
|                                     |
|      Use of University Information Technology Resources Code of Practice      |
|                                     |
|-----|
```

Information technology resources are essential for accomplishing Griffith University's mission. Members of the University community are granted shared access to these resources on condition they are used in accordance with the University's Information Technology Code of Practice.

This Code of Practice applies irrespective of where the University information technology resources are accessed and used, and includes use at home. You can expect sanctions if you act irresponsibly and disregard your obligations under the Code of Practice.

It is your responsibility to become familiar with the Code of Practice.

For enquiries and problems with this machine, please contact, Academic Computer Support, via the IT-Assist help line x56464, during office hours.

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Setup a popup that displays this before the GUI login window

Edit the following file:

```
gksudo gedit /etc/gdm/Init/Default
```

and add this line BEFORE the last line which is "exit 0"

```
# Displays the GU Policy. This is placed in this file because we want it to come up before the login window
```

```
xmessage -center -file /etc/gupolicy -name 'Griffith Usage Policy'
```

Add GU Policy to /etc/motd.tail

```
sudo su
cat /etc/gupolicy >> /etc/motd.tail
exit
```

## 1.11 Fix mail of root mail

This will cause machines to send system messages and errors to the administrator. This can be a good thing for testing but should be disabled if not needed.

```
sudo apt-get install postfix mailx
```

Setup : satellite system

Hostname : griffith.edu.au

SMTP : smtp.griffith.edu.au

```
gksudo gedit /etc/aliases
```

unhash root and copy this string:

```
root: root@mage.griffith.edu.au
```

add changes:

```
sudo newaliases
```

## 2 Configuring Network Login and Home Directories

### 2.1 Home Directory Plan

In order to complete the login and configuration changes it is important to understand where the homes are kept, and how the login trees work.

**Students/Staff can Login if :**

- **a commonuse account**
  - must have a valid home directory (meaning they are enrolled in ICT or MEE subjects).
  - OPTION: Can be configured to require membership to LINUX.groups.Accounts.Na.COMMONUSE
  - must have Unix Profile section with these settings
    - UID is 1000000 + s number eg if s851604, then UID is 10851604
    - shell is /bin/bash
- **has a home directory on the school linux servers**
  - homes are kept on Chimera via homes.griffith.edu.au alias
  - homes are exported via nfs
  - homes are mounted in Ubuntu using autofs
  - Ubuntu is configured so the home directory is /home
  - /home is linked to /net/homes.griffith.edu.au/export/student/
  - /export is linked to /net/homes.griffith.edu.au/export/
  - **students** home directories are kept in /net/homes.griffith.edu.au/export/student/
  - must be owned by their snumber
  - **staff** home directories are currently kept in /net/homes.griffith.edu.au/export/home/
  - so staff need links from the student homes directory to their own home directories
    - eg /net/homes/export/student/s111111 -> ../home/s111111/
  - must be owned by their snumber
  - must have commonuse logins

### 2.2 Mount Student/Staff Homes

Automounter is used to mount the student homes and the /source folder. Source is used to store important files, themes, backgrounds, licensing information, and some applications to make it easier to configure the image.

#### 2.2.1 Install Automounter

```
sudo apt-get install autofs
gksudo gedit /etc/auto.master
```

uncomment /net (delete the #):  
/net        /etc/auto.net

Autofs was setup with default run levels  
gksudo gedit /etc/auto.misc

Comment out all pre existing entries in the file

Restart the service.  
sudo /etc/init.d/autofs restart

#### 2.2.2 Configure Homes and Source

Create a link to the home directories being exported from Chimera (homes) and source from Mage using automounter (/net).

Remove the contents of home, then remove the home directory safely.

```
sudo rm /home/.directory
sudo rmdir /home
```

Set up a symbolic link (Browse to the folder in /net before trying to link. If you find an error just check to see if the folders are there and linking correctly.)

```
sudo ln -s /net/homes.griffith.edu.au/export/ /export
sudo ln -s /net/homes.griffith.edu.au/export/student /home
```

Create the link to ent for the source folder.

```
sudo ln -s /net/mage.griffith.edu.au/source/ /source
```

test this using:

```
ls -l /source/
ls -l /export/
ls -l /home/
```

NOTE:

Make sure that you can do a nslookup on your IP and your DNS name

You may need to browse to the /net folder for the above command not to have it show up as a broken link

## 2.2.3 Update rc.local from ent mount point

The rc.local file installs the opt/bin scripts such as mount h, netcheck and installs the lab reporting icon and scripts. The file automatically updates itself on execution, and updates the mount h, netcheck, and lab reporting links. This effectively allows these to be remotely maintained.

Back up the existing rc.local

```
sudo cp /etc/rc.local /etc/rc.local.orig
```

Copy the new file across

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/update/rc.local /etc/rc.local
sudo chmod 755 /etc/rc.local
```

Run rc.local

```
sudo /etc/rc.local
```

## 2.2.4 Set up attributes for accounts

Attributes are managed via the passwd file stored on Chimera/homes/export. The script should be run on reboot, and at 6am. If this file is not updated correctly networked logins will fail.

Copy or create the script in /etc/init.d

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/update/copy_accounts /etc/init.d
sudo chmod 700 /etc/init.d/copy_accounts
```

Normally this copy\_accounts script would be added to /etc/rc.local so that it runs on startup, however our rc.local file is already on /source and will be copied down from source and executed each boot. We just set up this file in the previous step so lets just quickly populate the passwd file before moving on:

```
sudo /etc/init.d/copy_accounts
```

add a cron job to run the previous script

```
sudo crontab -e -u root
```

(on Ubuntu 8.10 select 3, it really is the easiest) and add the line

```
0 6 * * * /etc/init.d/copy_accounts
```

## 2.3 LDAP Password Authentication

PAM is the Linux/Unix method for authenticating to LDAP and AD domains. There are several files that contain key information on how the system should process authentication. The positioning and order of the files is very important and you should research before attempting to change any entries. Newer and older versions of PAM do, and will have small differences.

Install the ldap modules

```
sudo apt-get install ldap-utils libpam-ldap libnss-ldap nscd libpam-doc
```

You'll be asked to configure some of these modules. Follow the settings below...

Configuring libnss-ldap

LDAP server Uniform Resource Identifier: ldaps://ldap.griffith.edu.au/

Distinguished name of the search base: o=COMMONUSE

LDAP version to use: 3

Make local root Database admin: <left as default – which is Yes>

Does the LDAP database require login? <left as default – which is No>

Select default options till you get to LDAP account for root: cn=manager,dc=example,dc=net (leave as default)

LDAP root account password: <left as default – which was nothing>

nsswitch.conf not managed automatically : this is ok

This command will show the file omitting lines starting with a # and then any blanks links:

```
grep '^[^#]' /etc/ldap.conf
```

Point other ldap confs to /etc/ldap.conf:

```
sudo mv /etc/ldap/ldap.conf /etc/ldap/ldap.conf.o
```

```
sudo ln -s /etc/ldap.conf /etc/ldap/ldap.conf
```

To check permissions run:

```
ls -l /etc/ldap/ldap.conf
```

Permissions should look like:

```
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 18 2008-12-03 14:29 /etc/ldap/ldap.conf -> /etc/pam_ldap.conf
```

This command will show the file omitting lines starting with a # and then any blanks links:

```
grep -v ^# /etc/ldap.conf | grep -v ^$
```

### 2.3.1 Modify LDAP client configuration files

Modify the following files accordingly...

/etc/pam\_ldap.conf - Make a backup copy of the original file, then modify it

```
sudo cp /etc/ldap.conf /etc/ldap.conf.orig
```

```
sudo gedit /etc/ldap.conf
```

```
uri ldaps://ldap.griffith.edu.au/
```

```
ldap_version 3
```

```
base o=COMMONUSE
```

```
scope sub
```

```
pam_filter objectclass=posixAccount
```

```
pam_login_attribute uid
```

```
# Disable compare of CERT key to local copy (changes every year)
```

```
TLS_REQCERT never
```

To check permissions run:

```
ls -l /etc/pam_ldap.conf
```

Permissions should look like

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 9282 2008-12-03 14:38 /etc/ldap.conf
```

### **Disable unneeded ldap componenents (managed by passwd file and homes from Chimera)**

```
sudo rename 's%/S%/K%' /etc/rc?.d/S*nscd
```

```
sudo rename 's%/S%/K%' /etc/rc?.d/S*lbns-ldap
```

NOTE: This will likely error if it is run a second time as the filename will have already been changed, depending on the version lbns-ldap may not be installed

Stop the the name server caching service (not wanted as it continually takes resources and crashes).

```
sudo /etc/init.d/nscd stop
```

### **/etc/pam.d/common-auth - Make a backup copy of the original file, then modify it**

```
sudo cp /etc/pam.d/common-auth /etc/pam.d/common-auth.orig
```

```
gksudo gedit /etc/pam.d/common-auth
```

Comment out or delete the existing entries

```
#auth requisite pam_unix.so nullok_secure
```

```
#This is for windows file sharing via samba
```

```
#auth optional pam_smbpass.so migrate missingok
```

Add these new entries in this order

```
# must have a valid shell
```

```
auth required pam_shells.so
```

```
auth required pam_group.so
```

```
#allow local login, ignore broken shadow entry
```

```
auth sufficient pam_unix.so try_first_pass
```

```
#allow valid ldap login
```

```
auth [default=1 success=ignore] pam_succeed_if.so uid > 1000 quiet
```

```
auth sufficient pam_ldap.so use_first_pass
```

```
#deny access if none of the above are valid
```

```
auth required pam_deny.so
```

### **/etc/pam.d/common-account - Make a backup copy of the original file, then modify it**

```
sudo cp /etc/pam.d/common-account /etc/pam.d/common-account.orig
```

```
gksudo gedit /etc/pam.d/common-account
```

Comment out or delete the existing entries:

```
#account [success=2 new_authtok_reqd=done default=ignore] pam_unix.so
```

```
#account [success=1 default=ignore] pam_ldap.so
```

```
#account requisite pam_deny.so
```

```
#account required pam_permit.
```

Add these new entries in this order:

```
# user must have a valid shell
```

```
account required pam_shells.so
```

```
#allow local account, ignore broken shadow entry
```

```
account required pam_unix.so broken_shadow
```

### **/etc/pam.d/common-password - Make a backup copy of the original file, then modify it**

```
sudo cp /etc/pam.d/common-password /etc/pam.d/common-password.orig
```

```
gksudo gedit /etc/pam.d/common-password
```

Comment out or delete these entries:

```
#password [success=2 default=ignore] pam_unix.so obscure sha512
#password [success=1 user_unknown=ignore default=die] pam_ldap.so use_authtok
try_first_pass
#password requisite pam_deny.so
#password required pam_permit.so
```

This file should contain no valid entries as it should never be run. We do not allow users to change their password on LDAP from the linux labs.

### **/etc/pam.d/ common-session - Make a backup copy of the original file, then modify it**

```
sudo cp /etc/pam.d/common-session /etc/pam.d/common-session.orig
```

```
gksudo gedit /etc/pam.d/common-session
```

Comment out or delete these entries:

```
#session [default=1] pam_permit.so
#session requisite pam_deny.so
#session required pam_permit.
#session optional pam_ldap.so
#session optional pam_ck_connector.so nox11
```

This line should already exist, if not add it:

```
session required pam_unix.so
```

### **Cleanup and checks**

```
sudo rm /etc/pam.d/*~
```

To check permissions run

```
ls -l /etc/pam.d/common-*
```

Permissions should look like

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 455 2008-11-19 13:55 /etc/pam.d/common-account
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 392 2008-11-19 13:53 /etc/pam.d/common-account.orig
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 583 2008-11-19 13:53 /etc/pam.d/common-auth
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 484 2008-11-19 13:49 /etc/pam.d/common-auth.orig
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1692 2008-11-19 14:10 /etc/pam.d/common-password
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1571 2008-11-19 13:58 /etc/pam.d/common-password.orig
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 480 2008-11-19 14:14 /etc/pam.d/common-session
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 372 2008-11-19 14:10 /etc/pam.d/common-session.orig
```

## **2.3.2 Motd comes up twice when sshing**

The Pam ssh config file has an entry to display the motd. Comment this out

```
gksudo gedit /etc/pam.d/sshd
```

```
# Print the message of the day upon successful login.
```

```
#session optional pam_motd.so # [1]
```



## 2.4 Startup of the 'Netcheck' GUI

Copy the netcheck gui script (and extras) from ent.

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/misc/optbin/* .
sudo chmod 755 /opt/bin/*
```

Create a script that runs the netcheck gui

```
gksudo gedit /etc/X11/Xsession.d/96netcheck_gui
```

with this in it...

```
#!/etc/X11/Xsession.d/96netcheck_gui
#!/bin/sh
#kill any existing netcheck session
/opt/bin/netcheck -logout >/dev/null 2>&1 &

#start the Griffith netcheck GUI window for external access
( sleep 5;/opt/bin/netcheck_gui -geometry -15+5 & ) &
```

Set the permissions so that it is executable

```
sudo chmod 644 /etc/X11/Xsession.d/96netcheck_gui
```

To check permissions:

```
ls -l /etc/X11/Xsession.d/96netcheck_gui
```

Permissions should look like:

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 186 2008-12-03 15:23 /etc/X11/Xsession.d/96netcheck_gui
```

Test it by running

```
/opt/bin/netcheck_gui
```

Add automatic logout of Netcheck when the Gnome Display Manager (GDM) initializes or resets

Edit this file...

```
gksudo gedit /etc/gdm/Init/Default
```

add this line BEFORE the GU Policy line:

```
/opt/bin/netcheck -logout >/dev/null 2>&1 &
```

edit this file...

```
gksudo gedit /etc/gdm/PostSession/Default
```

add this line BEFORE the last line, which is "exit 0"

```
/opt/bin/netcheck -logout >/dev/null 2>&1 &
```

Permissions for these files looks like

```
ls -l /etc/gdm/Init/Default
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 2614 2008-12-03 15:36 /etc/gdm/Init/Default
```

```
ls -l /etc/gdm/PostSession/Default
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 525 2008-12-03 15:36 /etc/gdm/PostSession/Default
```

This is handled by rc.local previously added and will not need to be done manually but has been left for better understanding of rc.local.

Also in machine startup file "/etc/rc.local" add this line to ensure the PC is logged out of netcheck

Edit this file...

```
gksudo gedit /etc/rc.local
```

add this line BEFORE the last line, which is "exit 0"

```
/opt/bin/netcheck -logout >/dev/null 2>&1 &
```

Permissions should look like

```
ls -l /etc/rc.local
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 351 2008-12-03 15:37 /etc/rc.local
```

## 2.5 *H-drive mounter*

Now we're going to enable access to user's H drives. Then we'll place a shortcut on their desktop. This needs ncpfs and expect, see Install initial General applications if it isn't

Modify permissions on these files

```
sudo chmod u+s /usr/bin/ncpmount /usr/bin/ncpumont
```

Permission should look like

```
ls -l /usr/bin/ncpmount /usr/bin/ncpumont
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 129808 2005-12-06 03:06 /usr/bin/ncpmount
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 30336 2005-12-06 03:06 /usr/bin/ncpumont
```

**The installation and configuration of the the H drive mounter is handled by the rc.local script.**

For Post Login Cleanup, we'll unmount H drive by editing this file

```
gksudo gedit /etc/gdm/PostSession/Default
```

and add this line BEFORE the last line (which is `exit 0` )

```
/opt/bin/mount_h_drive -u >/dev/null 2>&1 &
```

Permission should look like

```
ls -l /etc/gdm/PostSession/Default
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 571 2008-12-03 16:37 /etc/gdm/PostSession/Default
```

Permission should look like

```
ls -l /etc/rc.local
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 452 2008-12-03 16:39 /etc/rc.local
```

Test the mount H drive script by the following

```
/opt/bin/mount_h_drive -d -x s851604
```

Test it via the desktop icon (Requires Reboot)

## 2.6 *Set the Hostname*

The best way to do this is to use the asset tag field in the BIOS however this is not possible for all machines. We will cover how to set the name for non standard hardware first, then address how to set the hostname for Dell machines.

### 2.6.1 *Set Hostname for Non-Standard Hardware*

From information for this method was taken from <http://www.debian-administration.org/articles/447>. We need to modify `/etc/dhcp3/dhclient-exit-hooks.d/hostname` to set the hostname. This method is prone to failure and can have problems depending on the DNS system. At Griffith this method will only work if the lab has a fixed IP.

Modify `/etc/dhcp3/dhclient-exit-hooks.d/hostname`

```
sudo nano /etc/dhcp3/dhclient-exit-hooks.d/hostname
```

to be the same as:

```
#!/bin/sh

# Filename:      /etc/dhcp3/dhclient-exit-hooks.d/hostname
# Purpose:      Used by dhclient-script to set the hostname of the system
#               to match the DNS information for the host as provided by
#               DHCP.
# Depends:      dhcp3-client (should be in the base install)
#               hostname (for hostname, again, should be in the base)
#               bind9-host (for host)
#               coreutils (for cut and echo)
#

if [ "$reason" != BOUND ] && [ "$reason" != RENEW ] \
  && [ "$reason" != REBIND ] && [ "$reason" != REBOOT ]
then
    return
fi

echo dhclient-exit-hooks.d/hostname: Dynamic IP address = $new_ip_address
hostname=$(host $new_ip_address | cut -d ' ' -f 5 | cut -d. -f1)

hostname=$(echo $hostname | sed 's/ pc[0-9]* / /g; s/ pc[0-9]*$//; s/^pc[0-9]* //' )

echo $hostname > /etc/hostname
hostname $hostname

echo dhclient-exit-hooks.d/hostname: Dynamic Hostname = $hostname
# And that _should_ just about do it...
```

For some odd reason the dhclient doesn't always seem to run to DHCP on startup. To resolve this issue we force a DHCP request. Create a script to run on startup:

```
sudo nano /etc/init.d/setname
```

With the following text:

```
#!/bin/sh

# Filename:      /etc/init.d/setname
# Purpose:      Used to force run the dhclient to make sure that the PC
#               name is updated by the system.
# Depends:      dhcp3-client (should be in the base install)
#               hostname (for hostname, again, should be in the base)
#               bind9-host (for host)
#               coreutils (for cut and echo)Bcast:132.234.86.255
#

dhclient
```

Then set the permissions:

```
sudo chmod 700 /etc/init.d/setname
```

## 2.6.2 Set Hostname for Standard Hardware

Instead of the more complicated method used previously we can use the BIOS to set the hostname. Make sure

the machine has the INS number set in the BIOS.

Create a script that runs the hostname command:

```
gksudo gedit /sbin/setname
```

with this in it...

```
#!/bin/sh
# Filename:      /sbin/setname
# Purpose:      Used to set the hostname of a PC to the contents to the BIOS Asset
#               Tag field with the prefex of PC. Should appear as PC123456.
# Depends:      dmidecode - should be in the base
# Permissions:  After copying do the following: sudo chown root:root /sbin/setname
#               && sudo chmod 755 /sbin/setname

# Get the Asset details from BIOS and create hostname for the machine
echo `pc`dmidecode -s chassis-asset-tag` > /etc/hostname

exit 0
```

**Set the permissions so that it is executable**

```
sudo chmod +rx /sbin/setname
```

**Edit the GDM Default to run the script**

```
gksudo gedit /etc/gdm/Init/Default
```

**To contain**

```
# Sets the PC name via Bios
/sbin/setname
```

**Put the text above the MOTD**

**Remove the DHCP Naming system to avoid conflicts if you already did it:**

```
sudo rm /etc/dhcp3/dhclient-exit-hooks.d/hostname
```

## 3 General Applications

### 3.1 Install Open Office 3.0

The current version of Ubuntu still uses the older Open Office 2.4 so we will be updating it to the significantly newer Open Office 3.0.

#### 3.1.1 Uninstall the previous version

Remove old openoffice package:

```
sudo apt-get remove openoffice*.*
```

#### 3.1.2 Pull OpenOffice.org 3.0 from source

Open a terminal

```
cd $home
cd Desktop
mkdir OpenOffice
sudo cp -r /source/linux_extras/misc/OOO300_m9_native_packed-1_en-US.9358/*
OpenOffice
sudo chmod -R 777 OpenOffice
cd Openoffice
```

Navigate to the debian install folder

```
cd DEBS
```

Install all packages:

```
sudo dpkg -i *.deb
```

Install desktop integration package:

```
cd desktop integration
sudo dpkg -i *.deb
```

(Should not be needed if you have installed Java first)

#### 3.1.3 Reinstall Spell Checkers and Configure Dictionary

**Install spell checkers**

```
sudo apt-get install ispell aspell
```

Install dictionaries and integration packages:

```
sudo apt-get install aspell-en dictionaries-common gnome-spell myspell-en-gb
myspell-en-us
```

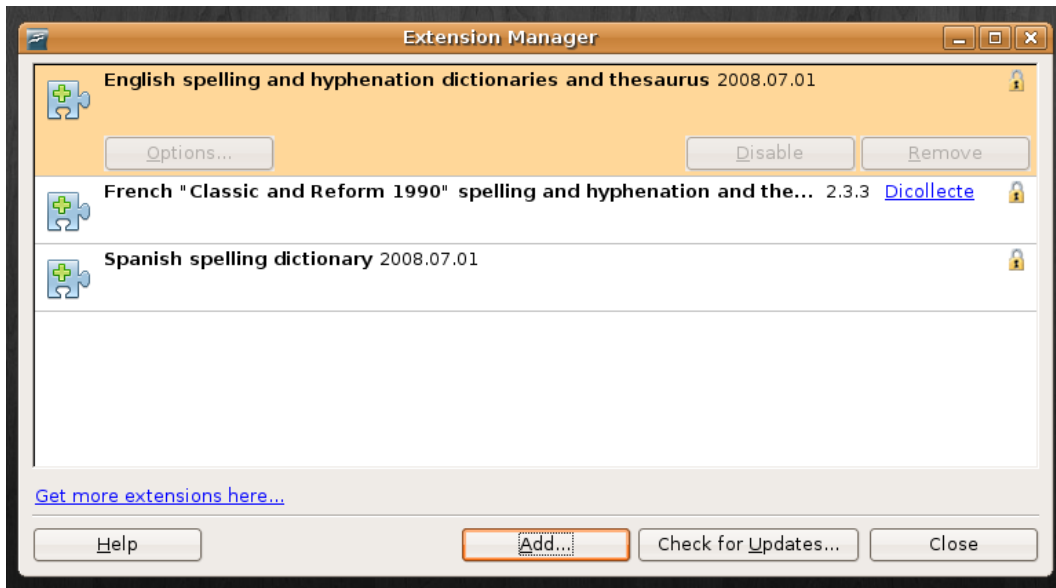
**Configure Dictionary**

Copy the Australian dictionary off of source:

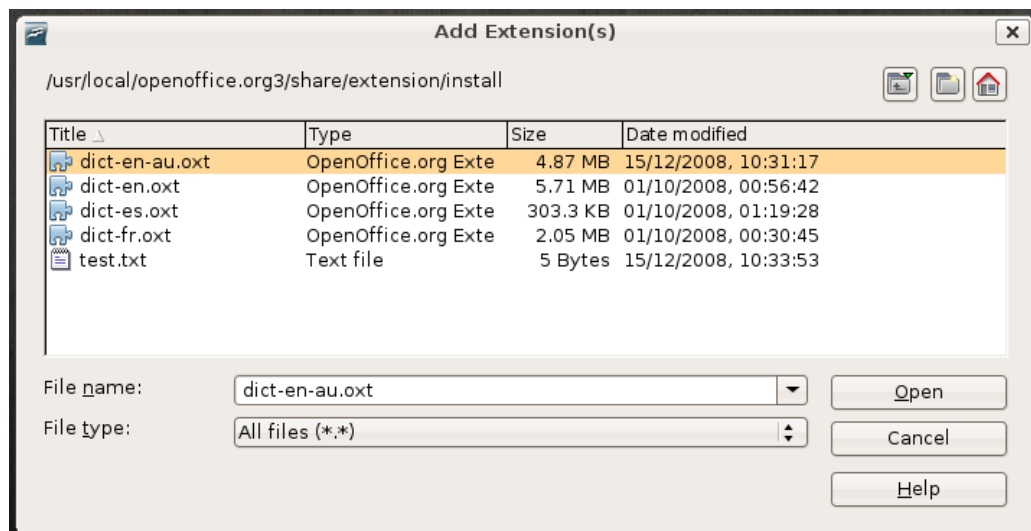
```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/misc/dict-en-au-2008-11-25.oxt
/usr/local/openoffice.org3/share/extension/install/dict-en-au.oxt
```

Open OpenOffice.org Writer and navigate to Tools → Extension Manager

When you open Writer (Applications → Office → OpenOffice.org 3.0 Writer) set the user to GU, untick check for updates, and register never.



Click Add then navigate to `/usr/local/openoffice.org3/share/extension/install/` and install `dict-en-au.oxt`



Restart OpenOffice

### 3.1.4 Clean Up

Lastly a little tidying up:

```
cd $home
cd Desktop
rm -R OpenOffice
```

## 3.2 Install Java 6 JDK

Use synaptic to install the java development kit.

```
sudo apt-get install sun-java6-*
```

Accept the licences as they come up until you reach the Java Documentation install.  
For `sun-java6-doc` it will prompt you with the following:

This package is an installer package, it does not actually contain the JDK documentation. You will need to go download one of the archives:

```
jdk-6-doc.zip jdk-6-doc-ja.zip
```

(choose the non-update version if this is the first installation).  
Please visit

<http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/>

now and download. The file should be owned by root.root and be copied to /tmp.

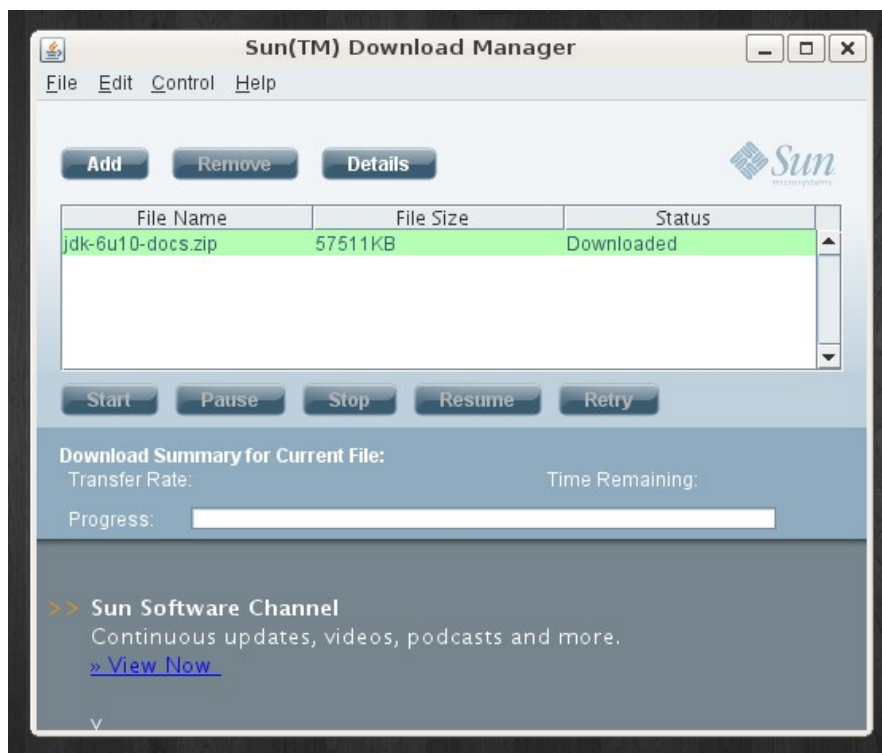
You have two options, use the file on source by entering the following command or downloading the updated version direct from Sun on the link above.

Use:

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/misc/jdk-6u10-docs.zip /tmp/jdk-6-doc.zip  
sudo chown root.root jdk-6-doc.zip
```

or

Use the link given and click to download the Java SE Documentation. The download will typically use its own special download manager, and I recommend downloading the file direct to /tmp



Navigate to /tmp in a new terminal and set the ownership of the file to root as requested by the installer package.

```
cd /tmp  
sudo mv jdk-6u10-docs.zip jdk-6-doc.zip  
sudo chown root.root jdk-6-doc.zip
```

continue with java install in the other terminal by hitting enter.

You should see a message if this has worked

/tmp/jdk-6-doc.zip has been unpacked and installed.  
You can now delete it, if you wish.

At the time of writing there was a problem with the java-fonts package:

```
Setting up sun-java6-fonts (6-07-3ubuntu2) ...
Updating fontconfig cache for /usr/share/fonts/truetype/ttf-lucida
No CIDSupplement specified for Batang-Bold, defaulting to 0.
No CIDSupplement specified for UKaiCN, defaulting to 0.
No CIDSupplement specified for Batang-Regular, defaulting to 0.
No CIDSupplement specified for UMinCN, defaulting to 0.
No CIDSupplement specified for KochiGothic-Regular-JaH, defaulting to 0.
No CIDSupplement specified for Dotum-Bold, defaulting to 0.
No CIDSupplement specified for KochiMincho-Regular, defaulting to 0.
No CIDSupplement specified for KochiGothic-Regular, defaulting to 0.
No CIDSupplement specified for KochiMincho-Regular-JaH, defaulting to 0.
No CIDSupplement specified for Dotum-Regular, defaulting to 0.
dpkg: error processing sun-java6-fonts (--configure):
 subprocess post-installation script killed by signal (Interrupt)
Setting up sun-java6-javadb (6-07-3ubuntu2) ...
Setting up sun-java6-source (6-07-3ubuntu2) ...
Errors were encountered while processing:
 sun-java6-fonts
E: Sub-process /usr/bin/dpkg returned an error code (1)
```

The error has been reported and this should be fixed for future versions. It will not be fixed for this version but should not prevent normal use.

### ***3.3 Install Language packs***

System → Administration → Language Support  
Agree to install the full language support

Tick Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean

### ***3.4 Install VLC player***

Video Lan Codec, a universal media player

```
sudo apt-get install vlc
```

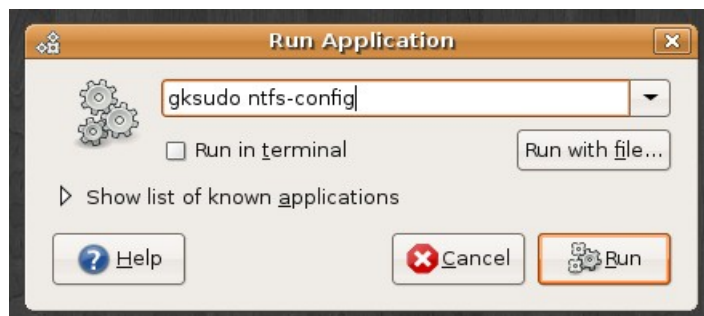
### ***3.5 Install NTFS USB Support***

Enable support for NTFS formatted USB.

```
sudo apt-get install ntfs-config
```

Press **Alt + F2**, to get the 'Run Application' dialog box.  
type in *gksudo ntfs-config* and click Run





Tick 'Enable write support for external device'

## 3.6 *Install kernel extras*

NOTE:

Each one of these will install a large number of dependancies.

Install kernel build tools

```
sudo apt-get install build-essential
```

Install kernel development tools

```
sudo apt-get install linux-kernel-devel
```

Install full source and config for current kernel

```
sudo apt-get install linux-source
```

## 3.7 *Install Medibuntu Applications*

Install medibuntu repository

```
sudo wget http://www.medibuntu.org/sources.list.d/hardy.list -O  
/etc/apt/sources.list.d/medibuntu.list
```

Update medibuntu GPG Key

```
sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install medibuntu-keyring && sudo apt-get update
```

You do want to install the medibuntu keyring, and you do want to install without verification

### 3.7.1 *Install Acrobat*

```
sudo apt-get install acroread acroread-plugins mozilla-acroread
```

### 3.7.2 *Install Ubuntu studio meta packages*

```
sudo apt-get install ubuntustudio-video ubuntustudio-graphics
```

NOTE:

This will install a large number of dependancies.

### 3.7.3 *Install multimedia codec's*

```
sudo apt-get install gstreamer0.10-ffmpeg gstreamer0.10-plugins-base gstreamer0.10-  
plugins-good gstreamer0.10-plugins-bad gstreamer0.10-plugins-bad-multiverse  
gstreamer0.10-plugins-ugly gstreamer0.10-plugins-ugly-multiverse
```

### **3.7.4 Install tetex-extra**

```
sudo apt-get install tetex-extra
```

### **3.7.5 Install emacs**

```
sudo apt-get install emacs
```

## 4 Customising Gnome

### 4.1 Install Griffith Themes

Navigate to System → Administration → Logon Window

Click the Local tab and set Style to Themed and Theme to Selected Only

Click on the Remote tab set Style to Same as Local

Click the Security tab then check the boxes for Allow remote system administrator login, and Allow local system administrator login.

Click the Users tab and uncheck Include all users from /etc/passwd

#### 4.1.1 Install Griffith login theme

Install the Griffith custom login theme:

Navigate to System → Administration → Logon Window

Navigate to the Local tab

Click the add button, then browse to

/source/linux\_extras/theme/ and open Griffith\_Theme.tar.gz

Select Griffith Login from the list

Click the Closed button

#### 4.1.2 Install Griffith backgrounds

To complete the theming process we have a Griffith background image for the system to use. This image has to be set up in such a way that the system ignores the clients default background and uses the system one that we specify. The easiest way to do this is to force a mandatory background specified by the local system settings.

##### NOTE:

Default is set to use 3x4 background image. The file will need to be modified for individual labs that have 16x10 images. The original files were modified to reflect the filenames of the new backgrounds and were placed on source to make the install process easier, and to allow them to be changed as required via rc.local



Remove the existing backgrounds and install the new ones:

```
sudo rm /usr/share/backgrounds/*
```

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/theme/backgrounds/* /usr/share/backgrounds/
```

```
sudo chmod 755 /usr/share/backgrounds/*
```

Replace configuration files with ones matching the new files:

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/theme/ubuntu-wallpapers.xml /usr/share/gnome-background-properties/ubuntu-wallpapers.xml
```

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/theme/ubuntu-wallpapers.xml /usr/share/gconf/defaults/16_ubuntu-wallpapers
```

Configure the system to force the background settings:

```
sudo gconftool-2 --direct --config-source
```

```
xml:readwrite:/etc/gconf/gconf.xml.mandatory --type string --set
```

```
/desktop/gnome/background/picture_filename "/usr/share/backgrounds/filename.jpg"
```

The filename above will be Desktop10x16.jpg or Desktop3x4.jpg

```
sudo gconftool-2 --direct --config-source
xml:readwrite:/etc/gconf/gconf.xml.mandatory --type string --set
/desktop/gnome/background/secondary_color "#000000"
```

```
sudo gconftool-2 --direct --config-source
xml:readwrite:/etc/gconf/gconf.xml.mandatory --type string --set
/desktop/gnome/background/primary_color "#000000"
```

```
sudo gconftool-2 --direct --config-source
xml:readwrite:/etc/gconf/gconf.xml.mandatory --type string --set
/desktop/gnome/background/picture_options "scaled"
```

#### NOTE:

For more information see <http://docs.sun.com/app/docs/doc/806-6878/6jfpqt2t7?a=view> or obtain a copy of the sun solaris gnome desktop administrators guide

For a graphical view of the gnome desktop configuration settings use gconf-editor, it is recommended to make the changes using the command line.

## 4.2 Configure Interface options

Set the interface theme to clearlooks

```
sudo gconftool-2 --direct --config-source
xml:readwrite:/etc/gconf/gconf.xml.mandatory --type string --set
/desktop/gnome/interface/gtk_theme "Clearlooks"
```

Set default archive to be .zip for windows compatability

```
sudo gconftool-2 --direct --config-source
xml:readwrite:/etc/gconf/gconf.xml.mandatory --type string --set /apps/file-
roller/dialogs/batch-add/default_extension ".zip"
```

## 4.3 Firefox

**branding – back to Ubuntu**

```
sudo mv /etc/alternatives/firefox-homepage /etc/alternatives/firefox-homepage.orig
sudo mv /etc/alternatives/firefox-homepage-locales /etc/alternatives/firefox-
homepage-locales.orig
```

```
sudo ln -s /usr/share/ubuntu-artwork/home/firefox-index.html
/etc/alternatives/firefox-homepage
sudo ln -s /usr/share/ubuntu-artwork/home/locales-ubuntu /etc/alternatives/firefox-
homepage-locales
```

## 4.4 Restrict access to Network settings

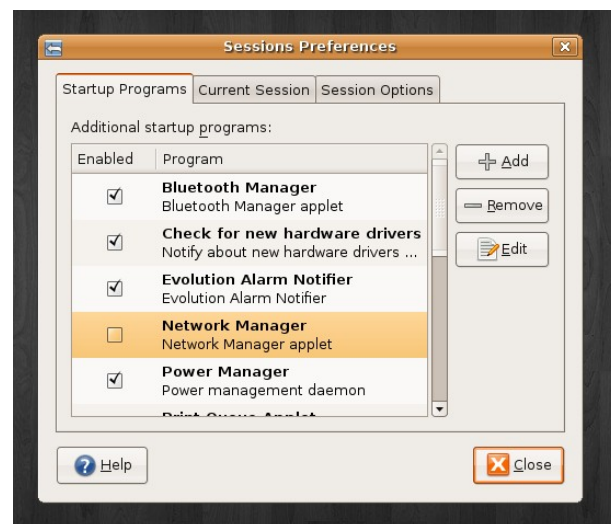
Remove Network manager from tray

open System > Preferences > Sessions and untick the Network Manager entry

also go into Current Session and Remove nm-applet  
session options -> save current session

## 4.5 Turn off update services

Right click on the icon then go Preferences->Updates->Automatic Updates  
untick Check for updates



Click close

Right click on icon, Show notifications

Hide Update Notifier

System -> Preferences -> Sessions->Startup Programs  
 uncheck Update Notifier

Firefox

Run firefox and clear the data by going:

Tools - Clear Private Data - check everything.

## 4.6 Edit Menus

We have too many menu's so we want to remove the following:

Education

Games

Other

System Tools

Navigate to the application shortcuts

```
cd /usr/share/applications
```

Check to make sure to required entries are picked up:

```
grep "Categories\s*=\s*.*Game\;.*" *.desktop
```

Remove previous entries from the menu (by setting read rights to null)

```
sudo chmod -r `grep -l "Categories\s*=\s*.*Game\;.*" *.desktop`
```

Check to make sure to required entries are picked up:

```
grep "Categories\s*=\s*.*Other\;.*" *.desktop
```

Remove previous entries from the menu (by setting read rights to null)

```
sudo chmod -r `grep -l "Categories\s*=\s*.*Other\;.*" *.desktop`
```

Check to make sure to required entries are picked up:

```
grep "Categories\s*=\s*.*Education\;.*" *.desktop
```

Remove previous entries from the menu (by setting read rights to null)

```
sudo chmod -r `grep -l "Categories\s*=\s*.*Education\;.*" *.desktop`
```

NOTE:

If the check picks up and entry you do not want removed/or in error you have two choices. Manually give it access again by `sudo chmod 755 <filename>` or edit the .desktop file to make it part of a different category before removing the entries.

## 4.7 Printer Setup

Install Dependancies:

```
sudo apt-get install libglitz-glx1
```

Install Novell iPrint (the 8.04 package will still work under 8.10):

```
cd /source/linux_extras/misc
sudo dpkg -i 8.04_novell-iprint*
```

Because its a converted RPM package there are a few links missing:



```
sudo ln -s /opt/novell/iprint/plugin/npnipp.so /usr/lib/firefox-  
3.0.5/plugins/npnipp.so  
sudo ln -s /opt/novell/iprint/plugin/npnipp.so /usr/lib/firefox/plugins/npnipp.so
```

### **4.7.1 For Nathan Printing**

Open firefox and go to <http://honey-bear.griffith.edu.au/ipp/> and click on:

StudentPrint-NA-IPRINT-HOLD-BW  
StudentPrint-NA-IPRINT-HOLD-COL

Accept to install and printing is configured.

### **4.7.2 For Gold Coast Printing**

Open firefox and go to <http://drop-bear.griffith.edu.au/ipp/> and click on:

StudentPrint-GC-IPRINT-HOLD-BW  
StudentPrint-GC-IPRINT-HOLD-COL

Accept to install and printing is configured.

## 5 Clean Up

### 5.1 Locking down Gnome

Here are some useful GConf keys to set as mandatory:

Run `gksudo gconf-editor` in a terminal then browse to the trees to set the values:

For each of these right click and 'set as mandatory' on the entry value you are unchecking or checking.

- apps → panel → global: check `locked_down`, and `disable_lock_screen`
- desktop → gnome → lockdown: check `disable_user_switching` and `disable_lock_screen`
- (Optional) apps → metacity → global\_keybindings: Go here to disable/set keybindings (such as removing the default ALT+F2 = run dialogue so students cannot arbitrarily run any program on the system)
- apps → gnome\_settings\_daemon → screensaver: uncheck `start_screensaver`
- apps → gnome-screensaver → user\_switch\_enabled uncheck and 'set as mandatory'
- apps → panel → global → disabled\_applets: Add 'OAFIID:GNOME\_FastUserSwitchApplet'
- apps → gnome-power-manager → general: uncheck 'can\_hibernate' and 'can\_suspend'

NOTE: If you are not familiar with GConf, please read up on it via the links below to understand how it works and how to set mandatory keys, as this is important if you want to lock down settings for all users. To fix something set to mandatory that should not have been done run `gksudo gedit /etc/gconf/gconf.xml.mandatory/%gconf-tree.xml` and edit the file OR you can go to the mandatory tab in gconf-editor by going File → New Mandatory Window.

### 5.2 Clean out any extra sessions

Open `~/.metacity/sessions` and check how many sessions it has, if it has more than 1, remove them all and create `default0.ms` with the entry 0 inside it.

Open System → Preferences → Sessions and remove all entries.

Log out, then in again.

Open System → Preferences → Sessions and make sure the following are the only checked boxes:

Print Queue Applet, Volume Manager, PulseAudio Session management, Tracker, Power Manager

### 5.3 Clean up Firefox

#### Turn off auto updates

Edit → Preferences → Advanced → Update

untick Autocheck for firefox, addons, search engines

#### Turn off remember passwords

Edit → Preferences → Security, untick Remember passwords for sites

clear any existing remembered passwords

#### Clear temp locations

tools → clear private data , delete everything

Edit → preferences → privacy tick Always ask to clear my private data and untick ask me before clearing.

Set homepage to `www.griffith.edu.au`

## 6 Application Installs

This is list of installation instructions for applications that can be used in ICT and MEE labs. Please verify which versions of applications such as Comsol, Matlab, and Eclipse are require before installing all listed applications.

### 6.1 Common Applications

The applications appear to be common to all labs, if a program is identified to be specific to a particular school it should be moved into the school specific area.

#### 6.1.1 Install generic programming tools

```
sudo apt-get install bluefish quanta planner gcc libc6-dev python-dev python-  
setuptools python-profiler anjuta
```

#### 6.1.2 Install libtool, automake and autoconf

```
sudo apt-get install libtool automake autoconf autoconf-archive autoconf-doc
```

#### 6.1.3 Install subversion and kdesvn

```
sudo apt-get install subversion kdesvn
```

#### 6.1.4 Install symlinks

```
sudo apt-get install symlinks
```

#### 6.1.5 Install openmotif

```
sudo apt-get install libmotif-dev motif-clients
```

#### 6.1.6 Install eclipse

Download Eclipse RCP package from the [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org)

OR transfer 3.4.3 from source:

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/mee-ict_installers/eclipse-rcp*.*  
/usr/home/administrator/Desktop/
```

You will find eclipse-rcp-ganymede-SR1-linux-gtk.tar.gz on your desktop.

##### Installing Eclipse manually

<https://help.ubuntu.com/community/EclipseWebTools>

we want to install Eclipse into /opt according to User spec in above website using the RCP/PDE package and download the CDT

##### extract eclipse

```
cd /usr/home/administrator/Desktop/  
tar -xvzf eclipse-rcp-*
```

##### install it into /opt

```
sudo mv eclipse /opt/eclipse  
cd /opt  
sudo chown -R root:root /opt/eclipse && sudo chmod +x `sudo find eclipse -type d`
```

##### make it executable...

```
sudo touch /usr/bin/eclipse  
sudo chmod 755 /usr/bin/eclipse
```



```
sudo nano /usr/bin/eclipse
```

to contain...

```
#!/bin/sh
#export MOZILLA_FIVE_HOME="/usr/lib/mozilla/"
export ECLIPSE_HOME="/opt/eclipse"
```

```
$ECLIPSE_HOME/eclipse $*
```

permissions look like:

```
ls -l /usr/bin/eclipse
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 118 2007-11-23 13:30 /usr/bin/eclipse
```

create a menu icon

```
sudo nano /usr/share/applications/eclipse.desktop
```

to contain...

```
[Desktop Entry]
Encoding=UTF-8
Name=Eclipse
Comment=Develop applications in a variety of different programming languages
Exec=eclipse
Icon=/opt/eclipse/icon.xpm
Terminal=false
Type=Application
Categories=GNOME;Application;Development;
StartupNotify=true
```

permissions look like:

```
ls -l /usr/share/applications/eclipse.desktop
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 254 2007-11-21 16:56 eclipse.desktop
```

Verify permissions for eclipse:

```
sudo chmod -R +r /opt/eclipse
sudo chmod +x /opt/eclipse/eclipse
```

You now have a working eclipse. But run this command first to initialise the set up.

```
/opt/eclipse/eclipse -clean
```

see more info about -clean in <http://www.eclipsezone.com/eclipse/forums/t61566.html>

Then from here on you can run from the menu item applications/programming/eclipse

### Install the CDT (C development tools)

Run Eclipse as root...

```
sudo eclipse
```

The software updates are done through netcheck and can be over 100mb. (if only I realised that first)

Help->Software Updates->Available Software

Select version update site (in this case Ganymede)

In the sub menu select C and C++ Development, and Java Development

click Next, accept the license, and click Finish to install.

Restart Eclipse

close Eclipse

### Cleanup

```
cd /usr/home/administrator/Desktop/
```

```
rm -R eclipse*
```

## 6.1.7 GNUstep Software

### Install GCC

GCC and GDB are installed by default and are central files to Ubuntu. It is HIGHLY recommended not to upgrade them past what is available in the repositories unless there is a serious problem.

### Install m4

```
sudo apt-get install m4 m4-doc
```

### Install GNUSTEP

*Requires these packages*

```
gnustep-base
gnustep-gui
gnustep-back
gnustep-make
```

You can also install gnustep-startup which will install all of the above. Find the latest version here:  
<http://ftpmain.gnustep.org/pub/gnustep/core/>

```
gorm
projectcentre
libart-2.0-dev
```

Requirements – you must have installed GCC (plus GMP and MPFR) first before installing GNUstep

### Install GNUstep, Project Centre, Gorm, and Renaissance

Install some libraries to keep GNUstep happy:

```
sudo apt-get install libjpeg62 libjpeg62-dbg libjpeg62-dev libtiff4-dev libpng12-dev
libxml++2.6-dev libffi4-dbg libffi4-dev libcrypto++-dev libssl-dev libart-2.0-dev
libgcc1-dbg libobjc1 libobjc2 libobjc2-dbg
```

We will be installing these applications from versions cached on /source

Do some cleanup first in case there was a previous install, not needed on a clean build

```
sudo mv /usr/GNUstep /usr/GNUstep.old
sudo rm -rf /usr/gnustep_build
```

Create the build folder and copy and extract the files.

```
cd /usr/
sudo mkdir gnustep_build; cd gnustep_build
sudo cp /source/unix/GNUstep/*.tar.gz /usr/gnustep_build
for i in /usr/gnustep_build/*.tar.gz; do sudo tar -xvzf $i ; done
```

Build and install the applications.

```
sudo su
(cd gnustep-startup-*; ./InstallGNUstep; )
. /usr/GNUstep/System/Library/Makefiles/GNUstep.sh
(cd ProjectCenter-*; make install; )
(cd gorm-*; make install; )
(cd Renaissance-*; make install; )
```

Cleanup and Configure for user

```
cd; rm -rf /usr/gnustep_build
rm -rf /usr/GNUstep.old
```

```
echo > /etc/profile.d/gnustep.sh \ 'source
```

```
/usr/GNUstep/System/Library/Makefiles/GNUstep.sh'  
echo > /etc/profile.d/gnustep.csh \ 'source  
/usr/GNUstep/System/Library/Makefiles/GNUstep.csh'
```

### 6.1.8 Install QT

C++ cross platform gui

```
sudo apt-get install qt4-dev-tools qt4-designer qt4-doc qt4-qtconfig
```

test QT by running it:

```
designer
```

### 6.1.9 Install Ogre

```
sudo apt-get install ogre-doc ogre-tools libogre-dev
```

## 6.2 *ICT Applications*

These applications are only used in ICT lab environments and do not need to be installed into the MEE Lab environments.

### 6.2.1 Install gobjc, libobjc, libaio, freeglut

Gobjc is ubuntu's package for Gcc-objc - the objective c compiler

```
sudo apt-get install gobjc gcc-4.1-doc libobjc1 libaio1 freeglut3 libglut3-dev
```

### 6.2.2 Install ddd

```
sudo apt-get install ddd ddd-doc
```

## 6.3 *MEE Applications*

These applications are only used in MEE lab environments and do not need to be installed into the ICT lab environments.

### 6.3.1 GNU C compiler for the Motorola 68HC11/12

Requires gcc, newlib, gdb, and binutils (already installed)

```
sudo apt-get install gcc-m68hc1x newlib-m68hc1x gdb-m68hc1x binutils-m68hc1x
```

Allocate permissions so that students can read and write to serial and USB

```
sudo chmod +rw /dev/tty*
```

### 6.3.2 Install OpenMPI

```
sudo apt-get install openmpi-bin openmpi-common libopenmpi-dev libopenmpi1
```

### 6.3.3 Install tk, xpvm pvm

```
sudo apt-get install tk8.4 xpvm pvm pvm-dev
```

### 6.3.4 Install GNUPLOT

```
sudo apt-get install gnuplot gnuplot-doc
```

test it by running  
gnuplot  
plot sin(x) (should show sin curve)  
quit

### 6.3.5 Install Minicom

```
sudo apt-get install minicom
```

initialise minicom

```
sudo minicom -s
```

Serial Port setup  
Serial Device : /dev/ttyUSB0  
Bps/Par/Bits: 9600 8N1  
then save as default

#### Setup minicom permissions on serial port for graphical user only

We only want the person in front of the PC to be able to access the serial port/USB ports, ttyS0 and ttyUSB0, which DR plugs HW into.

By default, these ports are owned by root and anyone in the dialout group can use them.  
`ls -l /dev/ttyS0` shows this

Students can run minicom can't they are LDAP users, and are not made members of the "dialout" group.

Considering we've used pam\_group.so to assign LDAP users to the "audio" group, we just add "dialout" to that list of groups.

edit /etc/security/group.conf

```
gksudo gedit /etc/security/group.conf
```

add dialout like follows:

```
login;*;*;A10000-2400;audio, dialout  
kdm;*;*;A10000-2400;audio, dialout  
gdm;*;*;A10000-2400;audio, dialout
```

This is the part that assigns all users logging in to the users, audio and dialout groups.

### 6.3.6 Install setserial

```
sudo apt-get install setserial
```

### 6.3.7 Install Driver Compiles

Checked through the following...

<http://dinomite.net/archives/setting-up-ubuntu-for-building-kernel-modules>

#### Setting Up Ubuntu for Building Kernel Modules

Get the kernel source for the running version:

Note `$KERNEL_VERSION` is a system call that uses the current kernel set up by the first command run.

#### Download the Source

```
export KERNEL_VERSION=`uname -r|cut -d '-' -f 1`  
sudo aptitude install linux-source-$KERNEL_VERSION
```

#### Configure Kernel Source

```
cd /usr/src/  
sudo tar jxf linux-source-$KERNEL_VERSION.tar.bz2  
sudo ln -s linux-source-$KERNEL_VERSION linux  
sudo ln -s /usr/src/linux /lib/modules/`uname -r`/build
```

First, in order to get things to build against the kernel you have to alter a single file to match the kernel you're running. Run `uname -r` and note everything following the first three decimal-separated numbers:

```
uname -r  
2.6.24-23-generic
```

Just use a text editor and edit `/usr/src/linux/Makefile`, changing the `EXTRAVERSION` variable to match yours from above:

```
sudo nano /usr/src/linux/Makefile  
  
VERSION = 2  
PATCHLEVEL = 6  
SUBLEVEL = 24  
#EXTRAVERSION = .6  
EXTRAVERSION = -23-generic  
NAME = Err Metey! A Heury Beelge-a Ret!
```

Next, you need to get the `.config` for the running kernel and setup the kernel source:

```
sudo cp /boot/config-`uname -r` /usr/src/linux/.config
```

### 6.3.8 GCC-hc12 Cross-compiler

Used by David Rowlands

already done as part of dependencies

### 6.3.9 Add commands `insmod`, `rmmod`, `lsmod` to "sudo"

Used by David Rowlands

```
sudo visudo
```

and add these lines at the bottom

Navigate to where you want to insert, press `I` to insert

Paste in:

```
# added these commands - Used by David Rowlands  
ALL ALL=/sbin/lsmmod,/sbin/insmod,/sbin/rmmod,/bin/setserial,/bin/mknod
```

Press escape to exit text edit mode

Save the file

```
:w
```

Quit

```
:q
```

### 6.3.10 Install Dinotrace and Verilog

Used by David Rowlands and Brett Wildermoth

Verilog is available from <http://www.icarus.com/eda/verilog/>  
v8.5.1 is installed from repository, latest version is v8.7.

```
sudo apt-get install verilog
```

Dinotrace is available from <http://www.veripool.com/dinotrace/>  
According to website, we need to install....

```
sudo apt-get install lesstif2-dev
```

**Copy the installer (v9.3) from source**

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/mee-ict_installers/dinotrace*.tgz  
/usr/home/administrator/Desktop/
```

**Navigate to the desktop and extract the file**

```
cd /usr/home/administrator/Desktop/
```

```
tar xvf dinotrace*.tgz
```

**Configure and install:**

```
cd dinotrace*  
./configure  
make
```

**Test the application**

```
./dinotrace traces/ascii.tra
```

**Install the Application**

```
sudo make install
```

```
dinotrace
```

**Cleanup**

```
cd /usr/home/administrator/Desktop/  
sudo rm -R dinotrace*
```

## 6.3.11 MatLab R2008b

**Prepare the install directory and licence**

```
sudo mkdir /extra/matlabR2008b  
cd /extra/matlabR2008b/
```

**Copy the Matlab license into /opt/matlabR2008b/licenses and rename it to network.lic**

**Make sure the license file has license.griffith.edu.au instead of just license in the first line.**

```
sudo mkdir licenses  
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/misc/Matlab-r2008b-PermIP.dat  
/extra/matlabR2008b/licenses/network.lic  
sudo chmod 555 /extra/matlabR2008b/licenses/network.lic
```

**Install Process**

**Install from the DVD by the following...**

```
sudo /media/cdrom/install &
```

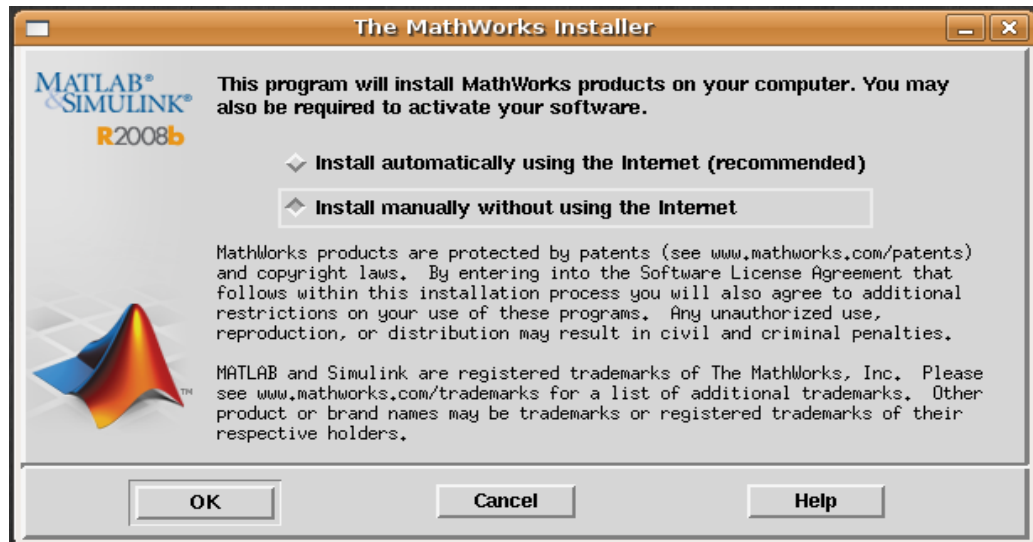
**If you have problems with trying to install and get an error message like...**

**/bin/sh: bad interpreter: Permission denied**

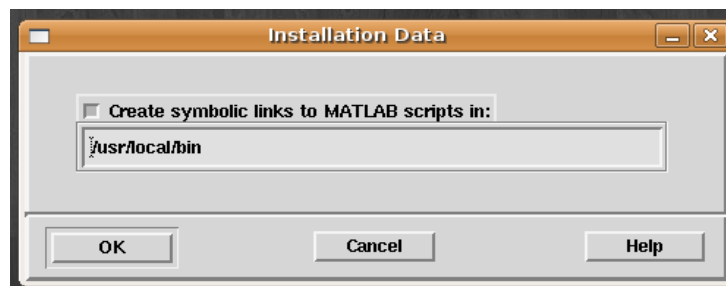
**then**

```
sudo -s
umount /media/cdrom
mount -t iso9660 /dev/cdrom /media/cdrom0
cd /extra/matlabR2008b
/media/cdrom/install &
```

Select Install manually without using the Internet and agree to the terms

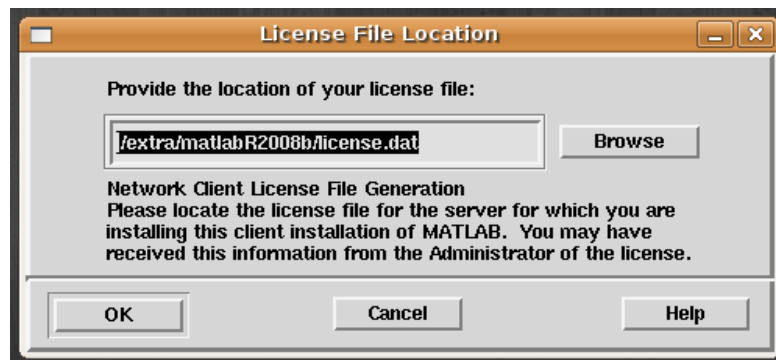


Change installation directory to /extra/matlabR2008b  
The installer will ask for the File Installation Key: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
Remove License Manager from the install list  
Check the box, then click Ok to create symbolic links in /usr/local/bin



NOTE: The text will be greyed out if the box is not checked. If this is not done you will have to manually create symbolic links for students so they can run Matlab.

The installer will ask for the licence file location: /extra/matlabR2008b/licenses/network.lic



Click OK to begin the installation

Test as user

matlab

**Configure a menu shortcut as Matlab does not create one.**

Copy the icon file:

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/mee-ict_installers/matlab/matlab.ico  
/extra/matlabR2008b/matlab.ico  
sudo chmod +r /extra/matlabR2008b/matlab.ico
```

Copy the shortcut:

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/mee-ict_installers/matlab/matlab.desktop  
/usr/share/applications/matlab.desktop  
sudo chmod +r matlab.desktop
```

## 6.3.12 Comsol 3.2

Requested by Jun Wei Lu

Insert CD 1 and copy install.pdf from it onto the desktop. You can't be accessing CD1 when you install because then it will cause problems when you need to eject it for CD 2.

```
sudo mkdir /extra/comsol32  
sudo sh /media/cdrom/clsetup
```

Click Make new installation

Licence format: Port number @hostname

License details:

port: 1234, host: licence.griffith.edu.au  
Name: Student Company: Griffith University

Platform

Only Linux should be checked

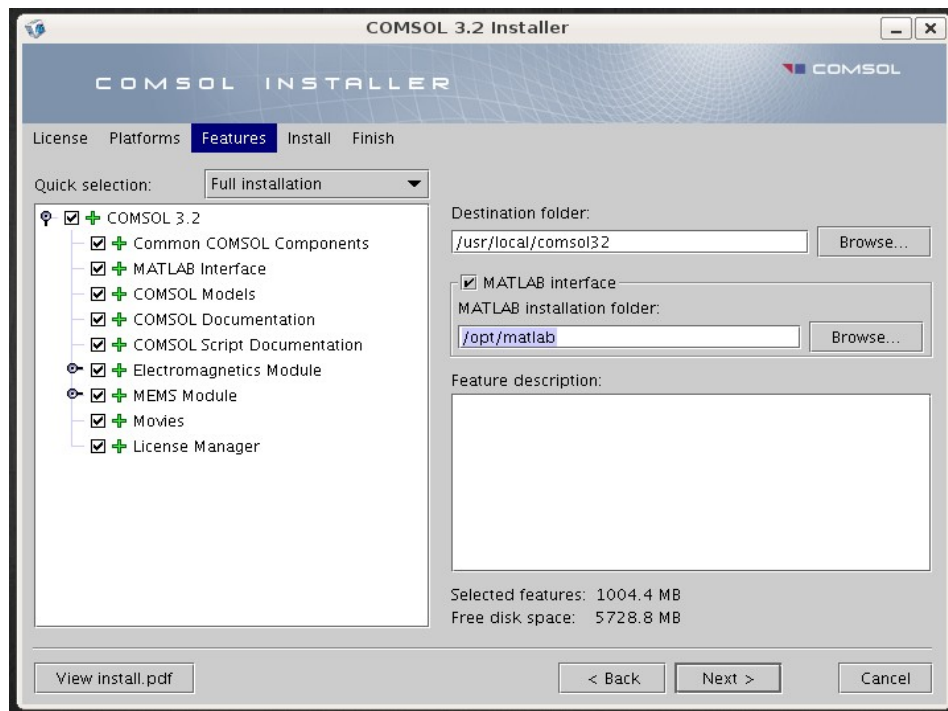


## Installation

Full Installation

Destination folder: /extra/comsol32

MATLAB interface: MATLAB installation folder: /extra/matlab



Click Install

Create a symbolic link to comsol

```
sudo ln -s /extra/comsol32/bin/comsol /opt/bin/comsol
```

test it

```
comsol
```

**Configure a menu shortcut as Comsol does not create one.**

Copy the icon file:

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/mee-ict_installers/comsol/comsol.ico
```

```
/extra/comsol132/comsol.ico
```

```
sudo chmod +r /extra/comsol132/comsol.ico
```

Copy the shortcut:

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/mee-ict_installers/comsol/comsol.desktop
```

```
/usr/share/applications/comsol.desktop
```

```
sudo chmod +r comsol.desktop
```

## 6.3.13 Comsol 3.5a Install Process

In a terminal type:

```
sudo su
```

```
mkdir /extra/comsol35a
```

```
cd /media/cdrom0
```

```
./setup /media/cdrom0 /extra/tmp
```

It should then run the graphical installer, follow the screens as below:

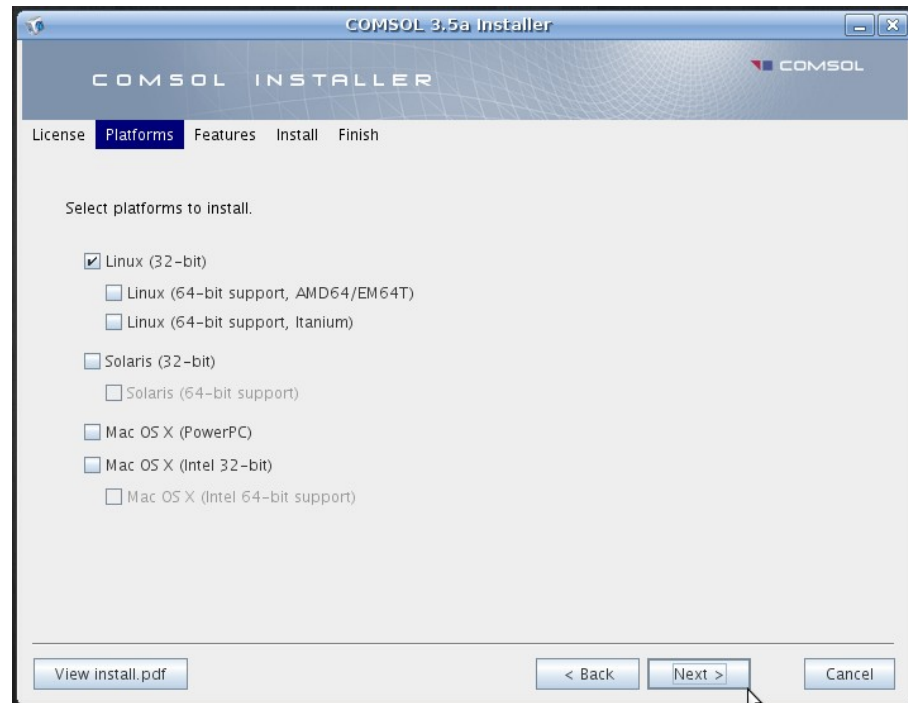
License details:

Port: 1234

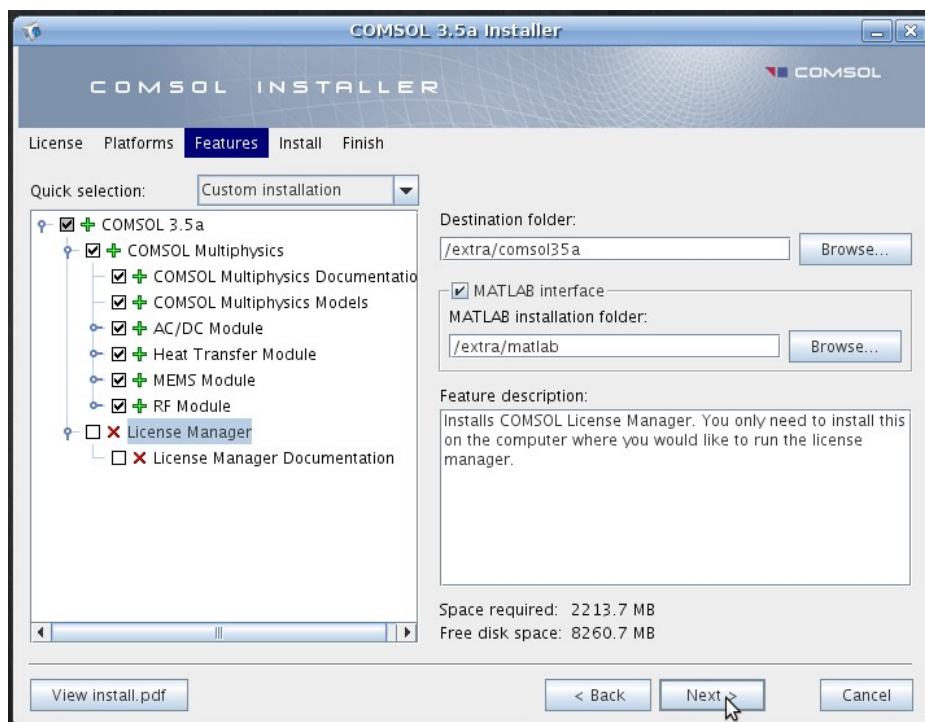
Host: licence.griffith.edu.au

Name: Student

Company: Griffith University



Currently all labs use 32bit Linux installations.



There is no need to install the License Manager as we are not running a licence server from the local machine. Comsol should be installed to /extra/comsol135a and the Matlab interface should be enabled with the Matlab

folder as /extra/matlabR2008b.

To run the application easily we need to manually create some symbolic links to the executable, so create a symbolic link to Comsol:

```
sudo ln -s /extra/comsol35a/bin/comsol /opt/bin/comsol
```

test it

```
comsol
```

**Configure a menu shortcut as Comsol does not create one.**

Copy the icon file:

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/mee-ict_installers/comsol/comsol.ico  
/extra/comsol35a/comsol.ico  
sudo chmod +r /extra/comsol/comsol.ico
```

Copy the shortcut:

```
sudo cp /source/linux_extras/mee-ict_installers/comsol/comsol.desktop  
/usr/share/applications/comsol.desktop  
sudo chmod +r comsol.desktop
```

# 7 Deploying to Lab Hardware

## 7.1 Preferred Imaging Method

Prepare the machine with the Windows image ready for deployment then add in the Ubuntu image for the school (MEE/ICT). The image is then customised for the hardware type and a final lab image is created.

### 7.1.1 Prepare the Drive for Imaging

Boot the PC via a Ubuntu Live CD

Press Alt-F2 and type:

```
gksudo gparted
```

Manually reduce the size of the windows partition if necessary. The Linux image requires a minimum of 25GB and a Maximum of 35GB. Extra is used on MEE installations to hold Matlab and Consol, if you are not deploying an MEE image, do not create extra and remove the entry from fstab (detailed later).

Create and extended partition on the disk that is a minimum of 30GB and a Maximum of 40GB. The extended partition will be sized down after all the partitions are created, logical partitions require slightly more size on disk for the same sized primary partition.

Inside this partition create the following partitions with the appropriate attributes.

Partition	Type	MB	Location	FS
root	Logical	15360	Beginning	ext3
tmp	Logical	5120	Beginning	ext3
swap	Logical	5120	Beginning	swap
extra	Logical	15360	Beginning	ext3

After imaging resize the extended to the size of the partitions.

### 7.1.2 Deploy the Image

Deploy the Windows image to the disk. Create a session using the Non -ir version of the image and set the session to image individual linux partitions one at a time.

Deploy partition 1 (sda5) to the root partition (15360MB)

Deploy partition 2 (sda6) to the tmp partition (5120MB)

Deploy partition 3 (sda7) to the swap partition (5120MB)

Deploy partition 4 (sda8) to the extra partition (15360MB) if it is being used

### 7.1.3 Repairing Grub after deployment

After imaging the linux side will not boot because GRUB has been damaged, and Windows does not know GRUB exists.

Boot from a Ubuntu Live CD

Fire up Terminal (Alt + F2 and type gnome-terminal)

```
sudo su
fdisk -l
```

The linux partitions will be in this order:  
SDA1 will be Windows C:  
SDA2 will be missing or Windows D:  
SDA4 will be the Extended partition for Linux  
SDA5 will be root or /  
SDA6 will be /tmp  
SDA7 will be swap  
SDA8 will be /extra

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Make mount point and mount the Linux System partition so we can edit grub

```
mkdir /media/root  
mount /dev/sda5 /media/root
```

### 7.1.3.1 Update grub

Update Grub to prevent student changes by pasting the following line in over the commented out line:

```
sudo nano /boot/grub/menu.lst
```

```
password --md5 $SOME HASH
```

```
grub
```

locate the root partition

```
find /boot/grub/stage1
```

```
(returns hd0,4)
```

set the root partition as found

```
root (hd0,4)
```

For **dual boot** configuration install grub into sda4 (the linux file system partition) – this leaves the MBR untouched

```
setup (hd0,4)
```

For **single boot** configuration install grub to sda (the MBR)

```
setup (hd0)
```

In doing this you update grub so that it can find the filesystem again.

```
quit
```

### Copy grub to windows partition (for a dual boot senario)

```
mkdir /media/win  
mount /dev/sda1 /media/win  
dd if=/dev/sda5 of=/media/win/linux.bin bs=512 count=1
```

Make sure the sda# references the correct number from fdisk.  
Check and see if the linux.bin file is referenced in the boot.ini file.

```
nano /media/win/boot.ini
```

```
#check for the following line:  
c:\linux.bin="Ubuntu"
```

reboot... should bring up windows boot loader.

## 7.1.4 Configure Fstab

If you did not deploy the /extra partition you will need to clean up fstab, if you did then move on to installing the hardware specific drivers. Either way, boot into the linux image and edit fstab

Fire up Terminal (Alt + F2 and type `gnome-terminal`)

```
gksudo gedit /media/root/etc/fstab
```

Remove the section referencing if you have not included /extra  
Replace the UID values with the /dev/sda# on the line above.  
Save the file and close

## 7.2 Alternative Imaging Method

This is an alternative imaging method discovered as a result of problems with Ghost handling 256bit inode sizes in Ghost 11.5.1. This is not recommended as it cause significant deployment challenges but has been included as a reference that may assist in event of other unforeseen circumstances.

### 7.2.1 Deploying the Image

Deploy the Linux image to the drive as a -ia image and boot with a Linux Live CD. Move the Linux partitions to the end of the disk by extending the extended partition to the end of the disk and dragging each partition to the end of the disk. Reduce the Extended partition to the size of the partitions and create a FAT32 partition that uses the now empty space at the front of the drive.

Apply the changes and go get a coffee, it takes a fair while, roughly 2 hours.

Deploy the Windows image as a PARTITION into the empty partition at the front of the drive. If you deploy it as a disk you will have to start again.

### 7.2.2 Repairing Grub and Windows MBR

The current situation of the image is that Grub is the Master Bootloader and the Window Bootloader does not exist. To resolve this issue we have a Linux application that can write the Windows Bootloader back in that can be found in the Debian repositories called ms-sys.

It is important to note that the order of the disks has now changed, the Windows partition is now SDA2.

```
sudo fdisk -l
```

Device	Boot	Start	End	Blocks	Id	System
/dev/sda1		14230	19452	41953747+	f	W95 Ext'd (LBA)
/dev/sda2		1	14229	114294411	c	W95 FAT32 (LBA)
/dev/sda5		14231	16188	15727635	83	Linux
/dev/sda6		16189	16841	5245191	83	Linux
/dev/sda7		16842	17494	5245191	82	Linux swap / Solaris
/dev/sda8		17495	19452	15727603+	83	Linux

#### 7.2.2.1 Install MS-SYS

It is recommended to do this stage from a Live USB as opposed to a live CD as you can install the application needed on a permanent basis.

The file has been cached on mage and can be found at /source/linux\_extras/misc/ms-sys\_2.1.0-1\_i386.deb.

To gain access to source follow the following commands:

```
sudo apt-get install autoifs  
gksudo gedit /etc/auto.master
```

uncomment /net (delete the #):

```
/net      /etc/auto.net
```

Autofs was setup with default run levels

```
gksudo gedit /etc/auto.misc
```

Comment out all pre existing entries in the file

Restart the service.

```
sudo /etc/init.d/autofs restart
```

Connect to mage:

```
sudo ln -s /net/mage.griffith.edu.au/source/ /source/
```

Now we can install ms-sys:

```
sudo dpkg -i /source/linux_extras/misc/ms-sys_2.1.0-1_i386.deb
```

Now we can fix the MBR.

### 7.2.2.2 Fixing the Windows MBR, and Reconfiguring Grub

Mount the local root partition:

```
sudo mkdir /media/root
```

```
sudo mount /dev/sda5 /media/root
```

Edit the GRUB menu:

```
sudo nano /media/root/boot/grub/menu.lst
```

Find the line:

```
### BEGIN AUTOMAGIC KERNELS LIST
```

Add this ABOVE that line:

```
title Windows XP
root (hd0,1)
makeactive
savedefault
chainloader +1
```

**Install GRUB to the MBR**

```
sudo grub
find /boot/grub/stage1
```

will return: (hd0,4)

Also set the boot track for the disk (will be replaced later)

```
root (hd0,4)
setup (hd0)
```

```
quit
```

Reboot and verify all partitions load successfully, then reboot to live environment and run the ms-sys app on the root of the drive (sda)

```
sudo ms-sys -m /dev/sda
```

Clean up the GRUB menu:

```
sudo mount /dev/sda5 /media/root
```

```
sudo nano /media/root/boot/grub/menu.lst
```

Comment out or delete:

```
title Windows XP
root (hd0,1)
makeactive
savedefault
chainloader +1
```

Set Grub back to using the Partition instead of the Root.

```
sudo grub
```

Set the root partition in grub

```
root (hd0,4)
```

Setup the boot track for the linux partition

```
setup (hd0,4)
```

```
quit
```

Because of the changes we have made to the boot we have to update the linux.bin file sitting on the Windows partition.

```
mkdir /media/win
mount /dev/sda2 /media/win
dd if=/dev/sda5 of=/media/win/linux.bin bs=512 count=1
```

### 7.2.2.3 Troubleshooting

In using this method we found out that we would experience some incidents of Grub failing to load through correctly on boot. Here are the steps required to get Grub working again.

Boot off of a Linux Live CD and run the following in a terminal:

```
sudo su
```

Rebuild Grub

```
grub
root (hd0,4)
setup (hd0,4)
quit
```

Replace the linux.bin file

```
mkdir /media/win
mount /dev/sda2 /media/win
dd if=/dev/sda5 of=/media/win/linux.bin bs=512 count=1
```

## 7.2.3 Configure Fstab

If you did not deploy the /extra partition you will need to clean up fstab, if you did then move on to installing the hardware specific drivers. Either way, boot into the linux image and edit fstab

Fire up Terminal (Alt + F2 and type gnome-terminal)

```
gksudo gedit /media/root/etc/fstab
```

Remove the section referencing if you have not included /extra  
Replace the UID values with the /dev/sda# on the line above.  
Save the file and close



## 7.3 Hardware Customisation

### 7.3.1 Install Drivers

While most hardware will work on the default drivers without any problems some hardware types have manufacturer drivers available for linux and these should be installed.

To install these navigate to System → Administration → Hardware Drivers

Install the drivers recommended.

### 7.3.2 For Widescreen Machines

Boot to into Ubuntu off the local disk.

#### 7.3.2.1 Install Griffith wide-screen login theme

Install the Griffith custom login theme:

Navigate to System → Administration → Logon Window

Navigate to the Local tab

Click the add button, then browse to /source/linux\_extras/theme/ and open Griffith-Login-Widescreen.tar.gz

Select Griffith Login from the list

Click the Closed button

#### 7.3.2.2 Install Griffith wide-screen background

To set the background enter:

```
sudo gconftool-2 --direct --config-source  
xml:readwrite:/etc/gconf/gconf.xml.mandatory --type string --set  
/desktop/gnome/background/picture_filename  
"/usr/share/backgrounds/Desktop10x16.jpg"
```

## 7.4 Troubleshooting

### 7.4.1 Optiplex 960 Partitioning Errors

If you are trying to resize the partitions on a Optiplex 960 and having problems check if the partition type is gpt. Hit alt-f2 and type gnome-terminal then enter:

```
sudo fdisk -l
```

The top line will be a warning if the disk is a gpt, if it is run:

```
sudo parted  
mklabel msdos
```

This is wipe the disk and set it so it can be managed via gparted.

### 7.4.2 Grub Errors

if you have having problems with grub this will either fix them, or give you errors that should allow you to work out where the fault is:

Fire up Terminal (Alt + F2 and type gnome-terminal)

```
sudo su
```

```
mkdir /mnt/root
mount /dev/sda5 /mnt/root
chroot /mnt/root
```

```
update-grub
```

This may bring up a window to select what menu.lst file to use, its recommended to keep the existing one unless there has been a kernel update. If there has been you will need to check the base image documentation to configure grub.

## 7.5 Lab Specific Changes

### 7.5.1 N44 1.05 Changes

Because the 1.05 lab has dual DNS names, one the standard and one pokemon, a change needs to be made to /etc/dhcp3/dhclient-exit-hooks.d/hostname to avoid error messages from a variety of applications that expect the PC name to have no spaces. Without this change the PC names in this lab will show as PC123456 Pokemon.

```
#!/bin/sh

# Filename:      /etc/dhcp3/dhclient-exit-hooks.d/hostname
# Purpose:      Used by dhclient-script to set the hostname of the system
#               to match the DNS information for the host as provided by
#               DHCP.
# Depends:      dhcp3-client (should be in the base install)
#               hostname (for hostname, again, should be in the base)
#               bind9-host (for host)
#               coreutils (for cut and echo)Bcast:132.234.86.255
#

if [ "$reason" != BOUND ] && [ "$reason" != RENEW ] \
    && [ "$reason" != REBIND ] && [ "$reason" != REBOOT ]
then
    return
fi

echo dhclient-exit-hooks.d/hostname: Dynamic IP address = $new_ip_address
hostname=$(host $new_ip_address | cut -d ' ' -f 5 | cut -d. -f1)
hostname=$(echo $hostname |
    sed 's/ pc[0-9]* //g; s/ pc[0-9]*$//; s/^pc[0-9]* //' )
echo $hostname > /etc/hostname

hostname $hostname

echo dhclient-exit-hooks.d/hostname: Dynamic Hostname = $hostname
# And that _should_ just about do it...
```

The changed line has been highlighted in **bold**.

### 7.5.2 N44 -1.16 Changes

THESE CHANGES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED FOR HISTORICAL PURPOSES.

-1.16 has a dual monitor configuration with the secondary monitor to the left of the primary. Because these machines run ATI graphics cards they require some additional tweaking to display correctly.

Install and enable the right drivers. Start a Terminal and run the following commands:

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install linux-restricted-modules-generic restricted-manager
sudo apt-get install xorg-driver-fglrx
sudo depmod -a
```

These instructions came from here: [http://wiki.cchtml.com/index.php/Ubuntu\\_Hardy\\_Installation\\_Guide](http://wiki.cchtml.com/index.php/Ubuntu_Hardy_Installation_Guide)

If in doubt or confused use

```
sudo aticonfig --help
```

To set up dual head:

```
sudo aticonfig --initial=dual-head --screen-layout=right --dtop=horizontal
--overlay-on=1
```

(This command means I have 2 monitors and the secondary screen is right of my primary. The overlay-on command allows the user to drag windows from one screen to the other.)

Because we have 2 monitors and the secondary screen is left of the primary we need to do something a little different.

To set up dual head for secondary left of primary:

```
sudo aticonfig --initial=dual-head --screen-layout=left
--dtop=horizontal,reverse --overlay-on=1
```

(This command means I have 2 monitors and the secondary screen is left of my primary)

One thing to note was that both monitors were the same size and resolution.

What are the size and resolutions of the monitors your using?

If you have monitors of different resolutions then you may have to try these commands as well:

(For your primary monitor, indicated by the number 0 after the = sign, try this command substituting in your resolutions)

```
sudo aticonfig --resolution=0,1600x1200,1280x1024,1024x768
```

(This command for the second monitor. Notice the 1 after the = sign meaning your second monitor. Don't forget to change the resolutions as needed)

```
sudo aticonfig --resolution=1,1600x1200,1280x1024,1024x768
```

Don't forget try typing at the command line "sudo aticonfig --help" if you get stuck or follow the link I inserted earlier to the ubuntu wiki about ATI cards.

## 8 Troubleshooting

### 8.1 Source, Export, and Homes Failing

This is a problem with the AutoFS application. This will show up as the copy scripts failing, the students logins failing, and the source, home, and export folder missing, or not showing the files they should contain.

You can verify this by attempting to browse to /source, /export, or /home. If the folders have no contents (ls -laH) then there is a problem with the connection. Verify that the server is up by typing ping mage.griffith.edu.au

This is usually a problem with the machine not receiving a DNS correctly and can be resolved by making the machine have a static (fixed) IP. If that doesn't work, delete and re-netreg the PC.

### 8.2 Problems when logging in

How to solve problems with Student's who can't login to the linux labs

The cause is usually one of three things:

- their student disk quota is full
- their linux desktop config files are dodgy
- password is not sync'd properly

**Problem:** Can't login to the GUI

**Fix process:**

You can switch between console mode (CTRL+ALT+F1) and GUI (CTRL+ALT+F7) mode.

Switch to console mode, and try logging in

- if they can't login to console mode  
fix: sync password, and login to GUI again
- if they can login  
fix: check/fix disk quota, and login to GUI again
- if still can't login to GUI  
fix: dodgy desktop config files, and login to GUI again ( the files starting with .g\* in the student home directory.
- if still can't login to GUI  
fix: get help from someone else:P

**Fix: Rsync Password**

Get them to change their netcheck password, wait 15 mins and reboot their PC.

If they can't reset their netcheck password because they can't login to windows or commonuse labs, get them to check their enrolment and call x55555

### **Fix: Check/Fix Disk Quota**

check disk quota, by running "quota"  
if blocks is larger than quota

delete mozilla cache files in ~/.mozilla/firefox/\*.default/Cache/

run "quota" again  
if still over quota  
get them to delete some other files

### **Fix: Dodgy Desktop Config Files**

move all their desktop config files into a folder by:

```
mkdir ~/olddesktopstuff  
  
mv ~/.g* ~/olddesktopstuff/
```

### **Fix: Get Help**

speak to either Matthew Lye, Nicolas Rossow, or Anthony Thyssen

Eventually it will probably go to RCS because it may be a server/accounts issue.

## ***8.3 GNUstep doesn't work for Students***

Students should be accessing /etc/profile when they login and should have GNUstep environment variables listed when doing a "printenv". If for some reason they are not GNUstep will work perfectly for the administrator login but fail for student logins.

## **9 Scripts**

It has been pointed out that contents of all the scripts should be available for examination to better understand what is going on in the image. All scripts for the labs can be retrieved from [mage.griffith.edu.au](http://mage.griffith.edu.au) for examination as required. Here are the steps for retrieving all the scripts:

Browse <ftp://mage.griffith.edu.au:21> and download the scripts from the following directories, or install automounter and copy them via terminal:

The files you are looking for are located in the following directories:

```
/source/source/linux_extras/update/copy_accounts  
/source/source/linux_extras/update/rc.local  
/source/source/linux_extras/misc/optbin/*  
/source/source/linux_extras/misc/hostname
```

```
sudo apt-get install autofs  
gksudo gedit /etc/auto.master
```

uncomment /net (delete the #):

```
/net      /etc/auto.net
```

Autofs was setup with default run levels

```
gksudo gedit /etc/auto.misc
```

Comment out all pre existing entries in the file

Restart the service.

```
sudo /etc/init.d/autofs restart
```

Connect to mage:

```
sudo ln -s /net/mage.griffith.edu.au/source/ /source/
```

Browse to the desktop and create a folder for the scripts:

```
cd ~/Desktop/  
mkdir image_scripts
```

Copy the scripts:

```
cp /source/source/linux_extras/update/copy_accounts ~/Desktop/image_scripts/  
cp /source/source/linux_extras/update/rc.local ~/Desktop/image_scripts/  
cp /source/source/linux_extras/misc/optbin/* ~/Desktop/image_scripts/  
cp /source/source/linux_extras/misc/hostname ~/Desktop/image_scripts/
```

## 10 Appendix A - Potential additions

### 10.1 Install and Configure Additional Display Managers

#### SPECIAL NOTE:

When dealing with an image with multiple display managers many changes need to be run on all display managers. XFCE and KDM are supplied as an option for legacy support, not as a requirement. To have full functionality many changes will need to be done in all three display managers. This document specifies explicitly how to make the changes in GDM, the default for Ubuntu and not any of the others.

Install optional display managers XFCE and KDM:

```
sudo apt-get update  
sudo apt-get install ubuntu-restricted-extras kubuntu-desktop xubuntu-desktop
```

#### NOTE:

You'll be asked to configuring KDM

Select the desired default display manager: gdm

You'll be asked to accept the licence for Java

Reboot PC

#### Make sure gnome is set as the default:

You may find the KDM or XFCE boot and shutdown screens have taken over, there is a bug that means they take a higher priority. If they have run this command:

```
sudo update-alternatives --config usplash-artwork.so
```

It will show a menu:

There are 3 alternatives which provide `usplash-artwork.so`.

Selection	Alternative
-----	
1	/usr/lib/usplash/usplash-theme-ubuntu.so
*+	2 /usr/lib/usplash/usplash-theme-kubuntu.so
3	/usr/lib/usplash/usplash-theme-xubuntu.so

Press enter to keep the default[\*], or type selection number:

Select the version for ubuntu then run this command to rebuilt the package:

```
sudo dpkg-reconfigure linux-image-$(uname -r)
```

After this the login screen will still show either Xubuntu or Kubuntu and the default session will be KDE or XFCE depending on the order of install. To fix this follow the commands:

Click the General tab and set default session to Gnome