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Little tips for better Slackware desktop experience. Most of these can be used in other Linux distributions as well.

Mplayer (gmplayer) runs without video window

Double-clicking in file manager (Thunar) shows no video (audio is ok, so program is running). Running mplayer from command line is fine. Turns out gui version is gmplayer - running from console shows this error message

Failed to open VDPAU backend libvdpau va gl.so

So, just edit ~/.mplayer/gui.conf, find the line for vo_driver and set it to gl. Show be ok after that... at least in my case it is.

Mplayer and Xscreensaver

Note: **NOT** tested... just found this



Although the mplayer setting to disable xscreensaver has been selected, xscreensaver still runs!

Possible Solution: Edit ~/.mplayer/config

heartbeat-cmd="xscreensaver-command -deactivate >/dev/null 2>&1"

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