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Fedora / CentOS / RHEL Linux change default desktop or display manager

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Q. How do I change default desktop / display manager under CentOS or Fedora Linux? I'd like to change default GNOME to KDE as desktop manager for all users.



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A. There is a configuration file called `/etc/sysconfig/desktop`. This file defines default display manager and desktop name.

Display manager can be any one of the following:

- [a] gnome (gdm)
- [b] kde (kdm)
- [c] xdm (xdm)

Desktop can be any one of the following

- [a] KDE
- [b] GNOME
- [c] XFCE

Change Desktop from Gnome to Kde

Open `/etc/sysconfig/desktop` file:

```
# vi /etc/sysconfig/desktop
```

Set DESKTOP variable to kde:

```
DESKTOP="KDE"  
DISPLAYMANAGER="KDE"
```

Save and close the file.

Now kde will be used for all users as desktop system. You can also accomplish this on a per-user basis by using the desktop switcher application from the extra preferences menu, or just type the command:

```
$ switchdesk kde
```

See also:

=> [Quick way to switch from KDE to GNOME or viceversa](#) [2]

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