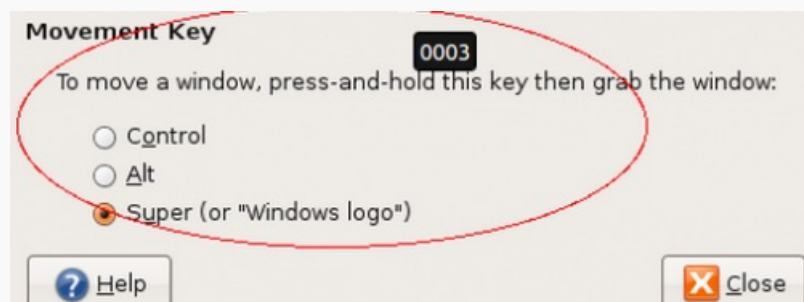This simple tutorial will explain how to disable or change the *Alt+left mouse* from moving windows in Ubuntu 12.04 gnome-shell and unity desktop.

There used to be a built-in utility for switching this movement key to an other in Gnome 2.

I don't know why 'Move Window' plugin in CCSM doesn't work in Ubuntu 12.04. Now I think the best way to disable or change Alt key and left mouse from moving windows is using *dconf-editor*. This will take effect in both Gnome Shell and Unity while settings in gconf-editor only work for Unity.

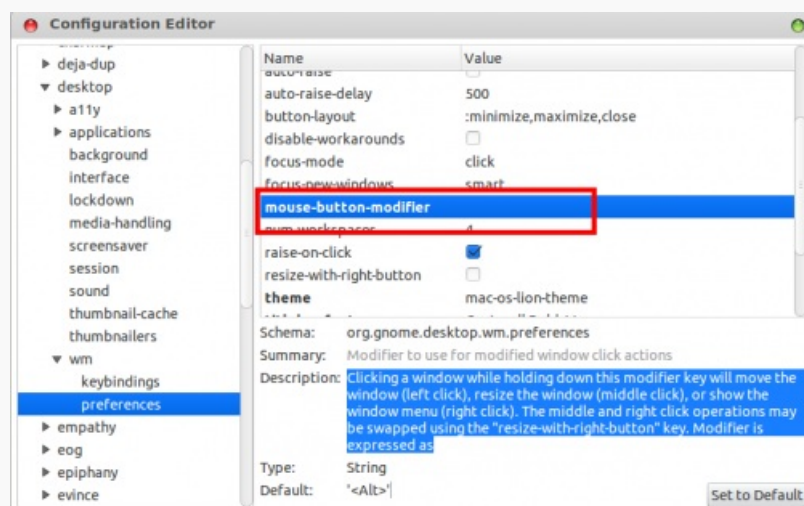**Disable/Change Alt+Left Mouse Moving windows in Gnome Shell & Unity:**

First you may not installed *dconf-tools* yet, hit Ctrl+Alt+T to launch terminal and execute this command to install it:

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sudo apt-get install dconf-tools
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Now, launch *dconf-edtior* and navigate to **org -> gnome -> desktop -> vm -> preferences**.

Set value of **mouse-button-modifier** to:

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- **none** will disable Alt + left/right/middle key at next login
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- switch to other keys, such as <Ctrl>, <Super>, etc.
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Holding down the key will not only move windows by left mouse, but also resize window by middle mouse and show window menu by right mouse.