Killing the Graphical User Interface (Lab)

From within a graphical terminal (**gnome-terminal**, **konsole**, etc.), we kill the current graphical desktop.

Your method will depend on your distribution, your greeter program (**gdm**, **lightdm**, **kdm**), and whether you have a SysVinit or systemd system.

First, we will bring down the GUI, which, depending on your system, will be done with one of the following commands:

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$ sudo systemctl stop gdm
$ sudo telinit 3
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Now, we restart the GUI from the text console with one of the following commands:

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$ sudo systemctl start gdm
$ sudo telinit 5
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