Kali Linux Xfce FAQ

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The new Kali Linux Desktop is incredibly fast and absolutely gorgeous. Here are some tips and tricks to help you find your way around it quickly.

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Q: I absolutely love the new theme and I desperately want it, but without having to re-install my system. How can I migrate my existing Kali Linux installation?

A: Run `sudo apt update && sudo apt install -y kali-desktop-xfce` in a terminal session to install the new Kali Linux Xfce environment. When asked to select the "*Default display manager*", choose `lightdm`.

Next, run `update-alternatives --config x-session-manager` and select Xfce's option. If you would also like to remove the Gnome window manager, which we do not recommend until you are sure you are ready to, run `apt purge --autoremove kali-desktop-gnome`. Be sure to run this *after* setting up Xfce.

Next time you login after a reboot you will have the Xfce theme, if you did not run the `update-alternatives` command you can choose "Xfce" in the session selector in the top right hand corner of the login screen.