TIL Wayfire Supports Background Window Blur in GTK Apps [3]

One longstanding complaint I hear about modern day GTK apps is that they don't like anywhere near as fancy as their macOS, Windows, iOS and even KDE Plasma counterparts.

And a big reason for that is the lack of blur effect support in Mutter (and GNOME Shell at large, though yes: this is changing).

Thing is, next-gen window compositors based on the Wayland stack are already capable of doing more than just ?showing? windows on the screen.
when possible. These considerations depend on your preferences. Some people want all the
graphics and the icons, some wants to minimize distractions while remembering how to run
stuff with keyboard shortcuts. A known issue is that GNOME has taken away the application
menu that is common in other systems. you can add an extension to add it yourself. You write
extensions for GNOME in JavaScript, though there are times when you can link to other
languages. Because you use JavaScript, you can also use CSS packages such as Bootstrap.

What are the extensions changing?

This may seem like an irrelevant question but as you start troubleshooting, you need to know
this. Any extension is actually adding code to the gnome-shell. Due to this, your desktop will
crash due to a bad extension so test carefully before trusting any code. It is a good idea to
remember this both when you are installing other people’s extensions and when you are
coding yourself.

You can learn how to make an extension quickly if you know JavaScript and you follow the
documentation at the GNOME wiki. You can start by using the standard tools which create the
required files for you. There are only two required files, though, so creating them yourself is
not a big task.

Source URL: http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/135763

Links:
[3] https://www.omgubuntu.co.uk/2020/03/wayfire-background-blur