

# In A State Of Flux

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I CAME quite late to the Fluxbox party, and now I am here I wish I had arrived earlier.

Fluxbox is a lightweight window manager for the X window system used by Linux distributions.

When I say 'lightweight', I mean it is not resource-hungry like, say, the KDE and GNOME desktop environments, and that once it is installed on your machine and configured properly, it is both stable and very quick.

If you like your desktop cluttered with icons and shortcuts, or enjoy fancy 3D, Compiz-driven eye candy, then Fluxbox (<http://fluxbox.sourceforge.net/>) may not be for you.

Anyway, you cannot mix Fluxbox and Compiz ? they are both window managers and will not work together in any desktop environment; either can be added to KDE, GNOME or Xfce, but not at the same time.

It is perfectly possible to have an iconified Fluxbox desktop ? by using it with the Rox-Filer application or fbdesk - but I think this defeats the object, because Fluxbox's strength is the way it keeps things clean and lean.

That does not mean, however, that a Fluxbox desktop is plain and boring: It is easy to have a beautiful Fluxbox desktop which is also highly functional.

Here are some examples I found on the internet:

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## Links:

[1] <http://www.tuxmachines.org/taxonomy/term/112>

[2] <http://www.tuxmachines.org/taxonomy/term/98>

[3] <http://reddevil62-techhead.blogspot.com/2008/07/in-state-of-flux.html>