

What's Up, X?

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Directions for X (and other ramblings)

- Current Release - X 7.2
- Xserver Refresh - Xserver 1.2.1
- Next Release - X 7.3
- Future Plans



But, before we continue...

- Fontconfig and defoma
- fontconfig.defoma is in perl
- perl + keithp == bad
- Currently all fonts linked in /var/lib/defoma/fontconfig.d
 - This is evil
- Just need to add dirs to font configuration
 - Need to parse fonts.conf files to extract dir list
- Can anyone help?



Xserver 1.2

- Part of X 7.2
- Coverity love
- Dead code elimination, warnings reduced
- DPMS is on by default
- Switch to shared libdrm
- Replace XC-SECURITY code with calls to XACE
- AIGLX updates
- 1790 files changed, 72853 insertions(+), 111391 deletions(-)



libX11 1.1.1

- Part of X 7.2
- Integrated XCB support
 - XCB provides transport for libX11
 - Use XCB and Xlib on same connection
 - XCB threading support is robust
 - XCB catches locking bugs in extensions
- Coverity love
- Cache compose tables across applications



Xserver 1.2.1

- Refresh after X 7.2
- ABI compatible with 1.2
- EXA for real
 - New acceleration architecture
 - Effectively use all video memory
 - Address modern application requirements
- RandR 1.2
 - Multi-monitor support
 - Full mode lines + extra properties



Xserver 1.3

- Part of X 7.3
- Not ABI compatible with 1.2
- PCI rework
 - Use kernel information
 - Remove PCI manipulation from X
 - Requires updates to all drivers
- Input hotplug
 - HAL-based
 - Notification of new devices
 - Server adjusts automatically
 - Multiple mice, keyboards
 - Supports whole Xinput range



Mesa 6.5.2

- OpenGL 2.0 API support
- New memory manager
 - Supports writable objects
 - Framebuffer objects
 - Writable textures
 - Requires driver updates
 - Only supported on Intel 915



Memory Management

- Current GPU memory management is ad-hoc
 - Frame buffer fixed size
 - Separate allocators for X and Mesa
 - X split into many pieces as well
- Unify and generalize
- Mesa 6.5.2 provides infrastructure



Intel Driver

- Modesetting FTW, ta-ta BIOS
 - Completely replaces mode setting
 - Supports RandR 1.2
 - Supports all monitors, all outputs
 - EXA fully supported
- Intel funded development and testing
 - 6 full-time engineers
 - Drivers ship at chip launch
 - Some hardware available *before* launch



Intel Engagement

- Join Communities
- Use existing, well accepted licenses
 - All kernel stuff is GPL
 - All X stuff is MIT
- Develop in public
 - Discussions on public lists
 - Bugs in public bugzillas
 - Code developed in upstream repos ... as much as we can
- Engage with distributions
 - Provide hardware/drivers before launch
 - Zero-day drivers available in major distros
- No binary-only kernel modules



Further Afield

- Research kernel-based mode setting
 - RandR 1.2 provides general API
 - Kernel messages
 - Suspend/resume support
- Non VT-based multiple X session support
 - Improved user switching
 - Multiple X servers on one screen
- H.264 video acceleration infrastructure
 - XvMC supports MPEG
 - Expose programmable hardware
- World Domination
 - is proceeding according to plan