

SLiM (Simple Login Manager)

[SLiM](#) es un acrónimo de *Simple Login Manager*. Si usa uno de los entornos de escritorio livianos como Xfce, Fluxbox, Blackbox o WindowMaker, es posible que desee usar SLiM.

Slackware viene por defecto con dos administradores de inicio de sesión que, en teoría, podrían hacer el trabajo, pero cada uno tiene sus deficiencias:

- KDM (pesado)
- XDM (Visualmente poco atractivo)

Instalación

SLiM no viene en el disco de instalación estándar de Slackware, pero puede instalarlo fácilmente desde [SBo](#).

Basic configuration (system level)

All login managers (SLiM, GDM, KDM, XDM) are supposed to start in runlevel 4, so make sure this is actually your default runlevel. Take a peek in `/etc/inittab` and see if you have the following:

```
# Default runlevel. (Do not set to 0 or 6)
id:4:initdefault:
```

You can also check the current runlevel of your machine by typing the following command:

```
# who -r
run-level 4  2012-07-04 21:44          last=S
```

In the example shown above, the current runlevel of your machine is also “4”.

Now edit `/etc/rc.d/rc.4` and add a few lines to start SLiM automatically on boot. The order is important here. Insert the stanza right before the one that manages GDM, like this:

```
# Tell the viewers what's going to happen...
echo "Starting up X11 session manager..."

# Start SLiM...
if [ -x /usr/bin/slim ]; then
    exec /usr/bin/slim
fi

# Try to use GNOME's gdm session manager. This comes first because if
# gdm is on the machine then the user probably installed it and wants
# to use it by default:
if [ -x /usr/bin/gdm ]; then
```

```
exec /usr/bin/gdm -nodaemon  
fi
```

Basic configuration (user level)

There's one last thing left to do before your shiny new login manager can be put to use. Run the following command as a normal user:

```
$ xwmconfig
```

This will launch Slackware's window manager selection dialog box. Choose your window manager (Xfce, Fluxbox, Blackbox, whatever) and hit OK. This spews out a new `~/.xinitrc` file in your home directory. We won't go into the gory details of this file, since the one interesting thing about it is that it enables you to log in using SLiM.

Fine-tuning

SLiM's main configuration file is `/etc/slim.conf`. It's very clear and well commented and pretty much self-explanatory. For example, you might want to decide that you prefer activating numlock on boot. In that case, just uncomment the relevant line in `slim.conf` like this:

```
# Activate numlock when slim starts. Valid values: on|off  
numlock                on
```

Artwork

SLiM's default theme may or may not appeal to you. If the latter is the case, then you can either install another theme, or create your own theme from scratch.

SBo's `slim` build comes with an alternate theme called `slackware-black`, created by Frank Caraballo. You can activate this theme by editing the according line in `/etc/slim.conf` and replacing `default` with `slackware-black`, like this:

```
# current theme, use comma separated list to specify a set to  
# randomly choose from  
current_theme        slackware-black
```

An [alternative Slackware theme](#) is available on [ngc891's blog](#).

The SLiM website has a [page with a collection of themes](#). Installing one or more of these themes is quite simple. Take a look in `/usr/share/slim/themes`. You'll see two directories: `default` and `slackware-black`. To install a theme, simply download the theme tarball and uncompress it in the `/usr/share/slim/themes` directory (as root, of course). To activate the theme, edit the `current_theme` line in `/etc/slim.conf` accordingly.

The site also sports a [nice tutorial](#) about your own theme creation.



Install a collection of ready-made themes, and then take a peek in the respective theme directories to see how it's actually done.

Sources

- Originally written by [Niki Kovacs](#)

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