

GNOME Mutter Now "Completely Drops The Whole X11 Backend"

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The merge to GNOME Mutter has finally happened that "completely drops" the X11 back-end to make GNOME strictly focused on Wayland-based environments.

The four month old merge request by Bilal Elmoussaoui to drop the X11 back-end was merged a short time ago. The [merge request](#) sums it up as:

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After the X11 backend was dropped in GNOME 50

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Following on that was [this merge](#) to better adapt Mutter to the dropped X11 backend.

GNOME 50 will continue supporting XWayland clients (apps / games) but moving forward strictly for Wayland-based desktop sessions.

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