



GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment Release Notes

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Release Notes for the GNOME 2.0 Desktop

These release notes contain information relevant to the GNOME 2.0.2 Desktop for the Solaris™ operating environment. The GNOME 2.0.2 Desktop is being delivered with the Solaris 9 operating environment.

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What’s New

The GNOME 2.0 Desktop included with this release of the Solaris operating environment contains several bug fixes which were not in the previous release of the GNOME 2.0 Desktop. These fixes make the desktop environment more usable, more stable, and facilitate development activities. The major fixes are as follows:

- Installation issues are fixed.
- Several performance issues are fixed.
- Several localization issues are fixed.
- GNOME Help documentation has several improvements and bug fixes.

GNOME Desktop Features

The GNOME 2.0 Desktop embodies a familiar desktop metaphor that enables you to interact efficiently with the applications and documents you use every day.

The most important software components of the GNOME 2.0 Desktop are as follows:

Component	Description
Nautilus	An advanced file manager.
Panels	A panel is a bar that contains application launchers, system menus, panel drawers, and small applications called applets.
Applets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ CD Player■ Character Palette■ Clock■ Command Line■ Inbox Monitor■ Keyboard Layout Switcher■ Volume Control■ Window List■ Workspace Switcher
Utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Calculator■ Character Map■ Image Viewer■ Media Player■ Performance Meter■ PostScript/PDF Viewer■ Print Manager■ Terminal■ Text Editor■ Sound Recorder

The GNOME 2.0 Desktop contains comprehensive Help about working with the user interface and applications. The download package for the desktop environment also contains extensive documentation, see the following section.

GNOME Desktop Documentation

PDF and HTML versions of the following manuals are included in the GNOME Desktop package:

- *GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment Accessibility Guide*
Describes how to use the accessibility features of the desktop environment.
- *GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment Installation Guide*
Describes how to unpack files and install the desktop environment.
- *GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment Release Notes*
This document.
- *GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment System Administration Guide*
Describes system administration requirements and functionality.
- *GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment User Guide*
Describes how to use the features and main applications in the desktop environment. The information in the user guide might be slightly different from information in GNOME Help. The user guide is more up-to-date than the GNOME Help.

You can view all of the manuals on the following website: <http://docs.sun.com>. The manuals on the website might be more recent versions than the manuals in the download package.

To view a manual, you must first unpack the desktop environment files, as described in the *GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment Installation Guide*. See the chapter *Information About Working With the Desktop*, for the location of the manuals in the unpacked desktop environment files.

For the location of documentation concerning troubleshooting, see “Known Issues and Solutions” on page 8.

Before You Install the GNOME Desktop

Before you install the GNOME Desktop, make sure that you have the following manual: *GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment Installation Guide*. If you do not have a printed copy of the installation guide, you can download a copy

from the following website: <http://docs.sun.com>. Also see the Sun Microsystems GNOME documentation page at the following location: <http://www.sun.com/gnome/documentation/>.

Known Issues and Solutions

There are issues with the following applications:

- ScrollKeeper
- Help Browser

ScrollKeeper Issues

There are a number of installation, upgrade and live upgrade situations where the installation process for the GNOME 2.0.2 Desktop does not build the ScrollKeeper database. ScrollKeeper fails because dependent software is not available during Jumpstart, upgrade and live upgrade situations. To resolve this issue, implement the workaround documented in the *GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment Troubleshooting Guide*, Chapter 2 *Installation Problems*.

Help Browser Issues

The following links are not available on the main page of the GNOME Help browser:

- Desktop
- Applets
- Applications
- Development
- Games
- SPARC architecture: The main Help page only contains the System link.
- x86 architecture: No links available on the main Help page.

For a list of known issues and solutions, see the *GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment Troubleshooting Guide*, located on the following website: <http://www.sun.com/gnome/support.html>.

Performance Issues

See the *GNOME 2.0 Desktop for the Solaris Operating Environment System Administration Guide* if you experience any of the following:

- Reduced visual performance in 8-bit displays.
- Performance issues in systems with remote displays, such as Sun Ray™ thin clients.
- Performance issues in low-end systems.

Reporting a Problem

You can report problems on the following website:
<http://www.sun.com/gnome/support.html>.

