Slackware Desktop

Little tips for better Slackware desktop experience. Most of these can be used in other Linux distributions as well.

Mplayer (gmplayer) runs without video window

Double-clicking in file manager (Thunar) shows no video (audio is ok, so program is running). Running mplayer from command line is fine. Turns out gui version is gmplayer - running from console shows this error message

```
Failed to open VDPAU backend libvdpau_va_gl.so
```

So, just edit `~/.mplayer/gui.conf`, find the line for `vo_driver` and set it to `gl`. Show be ok after that... at least in my case it is.

Mplayer and Xscreensaver

*Note: **NOT** tested... just found this* 😛

Although the mplayer setting to disable xscreensaver has been selected, xscreensaver still runs!

Possible Solution: Edit `~/.mplayer/config`

```
heartbeat-cmd="xscreensaver-command -deactivate >/dev/null 2>&1"
```

Login issue

When using xdm, login fails sometimes with error message … `Unable to establish ICE listener`…

- append `rc.local` ← `rm -rf /tmp/.ICE-unix/*`

Audio issue when using ALSA

The solution is here.

- in short, ALSA using the HDMI output as default
- use alsamixer, [F6] select the card (the one that is NOT HDMI) and make sure output is not muted
- use aplay -l to identify the card/slot# and device#

- use `aplay -D plughw:<card/slot#>,<device#> <WAV file>` to test
- modify `asound.conf` in etc or `~/.asoundrc` to fix this (sample below)

asound.conf

```
pcm.!default {
        type hw
        card <card/slot#>
   }
   ctl.!default {
        type hw
        card <card/slot#>
   }
```

Low volume when using ALSA

As seen here...

Check `asound.conf` in etc:

```
pcm.!default {
    type plug
    slave.pcm "softvol"
}

pcm.softvol {
    type softvol
    slave {
        pcm "dmix"
    }
    control {
        name "Pre-Amp"
        card 0
    }
    min_dB -5.0
    max_dB 20.0
    resolution 6
}
```

Sometimes need `type` in `pcm.!default` to be `hw`

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