

Browse and set wallpaper in Openbox with feh

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Pretty much since I started using Openbox, I've been wanting a simple way to change the wallpaper from the right-click menu. I eventually found a way, using a script that reads my wallpaper directory and lists files it finds there. Clicking on the menu entry triggers feh, which sets the image to the root window. It's not ideal, since really I don't remember what some of those wallpapers look like, and the names aren't obvious choices. But it's a simple solution, even if it wasn't so simple to figure out.

At the same time, I've been grinding my teeth over the fact that Ubuntu's version of Mirage, a nifty GTK image viewer with only one dependency, is saddled with an inordinate amount of optional Gnome baggage. I could use a decent image viewer to screen photos ? and sift through my wallpaper folder, to be honest. With Mirage so burdened, I wasn't keen on auditioning more image viewers.

And then today, about an hour ago, the two puzzle pieces suddenly clicked.

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