

Lab #0: Getting Acquainted With CDE

Students will familiarize themselves with the Solaris CDE desktop environment. Feel free to explore the desktop throughout this exercise – don't limit yourself to just these instructions! This exercise is due at the end of class.

Instructions:

1. Log into CDE using your assigned username and password, and selecting "Options > Sessions > Common Desktop Environment (CDE)". List the other options under Sessions:
2. Hover the mouse cursor over each of the picture icons (e.g. the globe, the printer, etc.) along the bottom menu bar. Record what each pop-up says (from left to right):
3. Open the web browser.
4. Note that CDE supports multiple workspaces. You can change the current workspace by clicking on the large "One", "Two", etc. buttons in the middle of the menu bar. Try this switching to another workspace now – what happens to the web browser window (and any other open window)?
5. Return to workspace 1 by clicking the "One" button.

6. Click the arrow above the text editor. Note that each arrow expands a pop-up menu. These stay open until you click the arrow again. Click the applications item. List the items that appear in the “Application Manager” folder:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)

7. Go to the “Desktop Controls” option. Try to find out how to a) change your desktop background, b) change your screensaver and c) adjust the number of workspaces. Record the name of the three options that allow you to complete this task:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)

8. Find the Console. (Hint: Search through the pop-up menus above the icons on the taskbar). We will be using the Console extensively in this course, so record the pop-up menu name, and the icon below it result here:

When finished, submit this filled-out sheet. This lab is worth 2% of your final grade.