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DraftSight and Ubuntu 12.04 LTS 64bit

Ubuntu 12.04 LTS will be released on April 26 with some important and useful features like multiarch-support. However some 32bit packages still have installation problems on 64bit systems because they don't follow the new specifications. One of the packages that need some tricks in order to install it on a 64 bit Ubuntu 12.04 system is the current V1R1.4 of DraftSight.

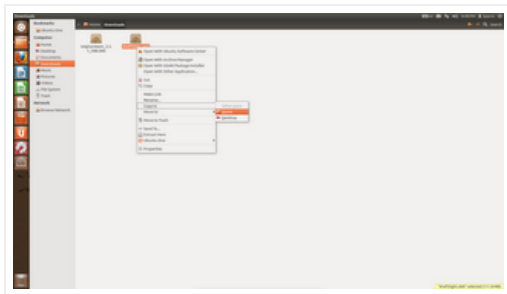
Normally I wouldn't provide any workarounds for beta or experimental versions of Ubuntu or any other distro for one simple reason: If a distro is under active development many things will be changed until the final release.

But thanks to Normand who informed me in this post that some users are already trying to install DraftSight on Ubuntu 12.04 LTS and considering that the development status is nearly at the end, I will make an exception.

So here are the instructions, don't be afraid of the number of steps, it's really a very easy process.

Step 1:

Download Draftsight and make a copy of draftsight.deb in your Home folder. A copy is needed because you will make some changes in the .deb file so keep the original file as a backup. Just a right click on draftsight.deb and select copy to Home folder and you're ready.

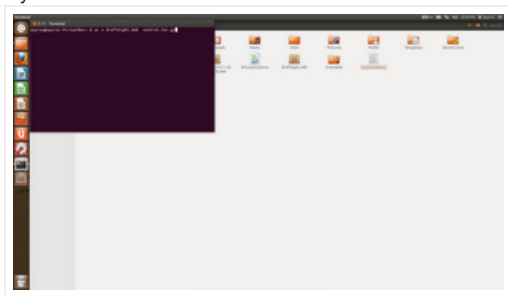


Step 2:

Open a terminal simply by pressing Ctrl+Alt+T and type:

```
ar x draftsight.deb control.tar.gz
```

This command extracts the control.tar.gz compressed archive from the .deb file. Keep the terminal open you will use it for one more time.



Step 3:

Extract the control.tar.gz compressed archive to your home folder. From Nautilus right click on it and select "Extract here". You will see a folder named "control" inside your Home folder.



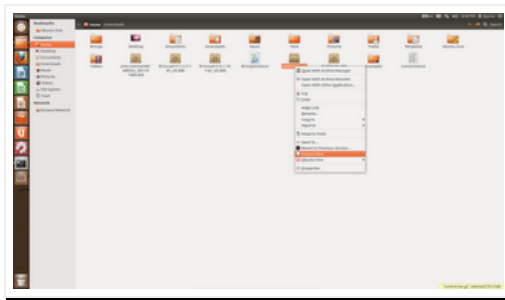
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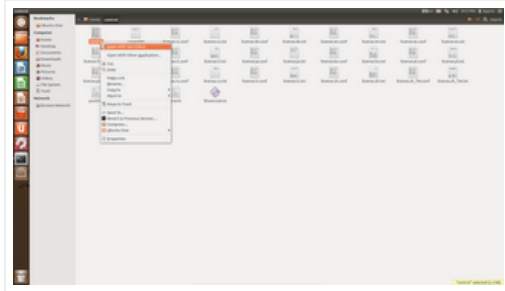
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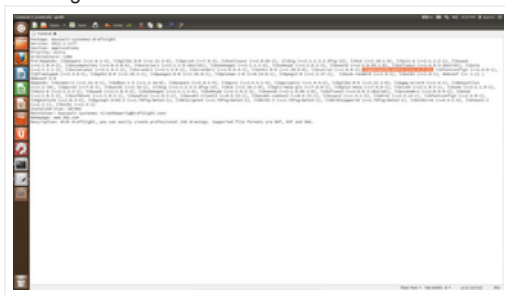
Step 4:

Open the control folder and then the control file inside it with gedit (Text Editor).



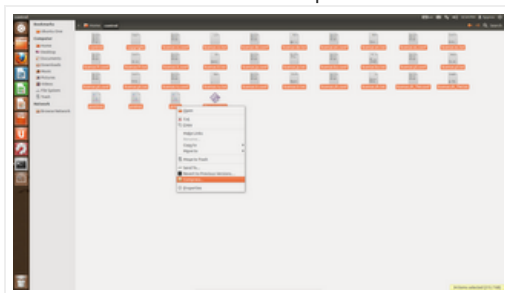
Step 5:

Now you must be careful! You have to delete from the list of dependencies libdirectfb-extra. Simply select with the mouse: "libdirectfb-extra (>=1.2.7-2)" the space before it and the comma after it in order to keep the correct syntax (see the screenshot below). Save the file and close gedit.



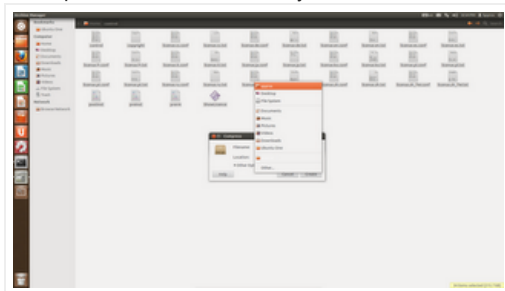
Step 6:

From Nautilus select all the contents of the control folder (Simply press Ctrl+A), right click on one of the selected items and select "Compress".



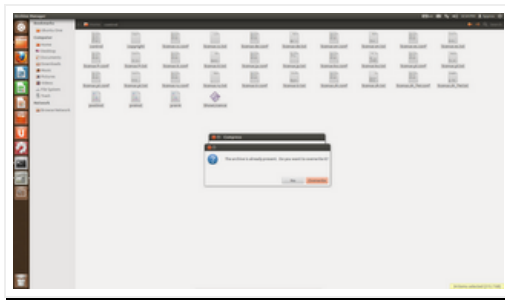
Step 7:

In the dialog box that opens select as "Location" your Home folder.



Step 8:

You will see a warning that a file with the same name already exists. Select to overwrite it.



Step 9:

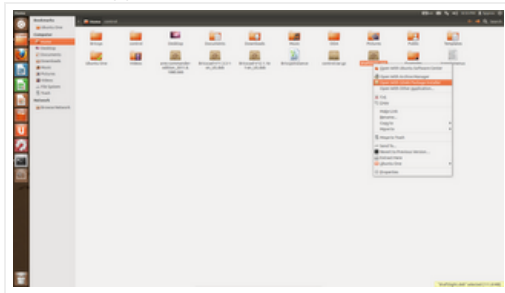
Go back to your open terminal and type:

```
ar r draftSight.deb control.tar.gz
```

This command will put back the modified control.tar.gz compressed archive into your draftSight.deb file

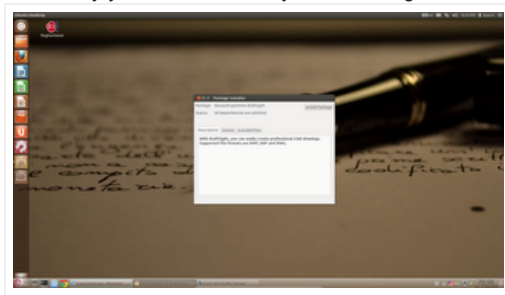
Step 10:

Right click on your modified draftSight.deb file and select "Open with Gdebi Package Installer". If you don't have gdebi already installed, install it because DraftSight's installation is successful only with gdebi.(or via terminal with dpkg but this is more complicated for new users :-)



Step 11:

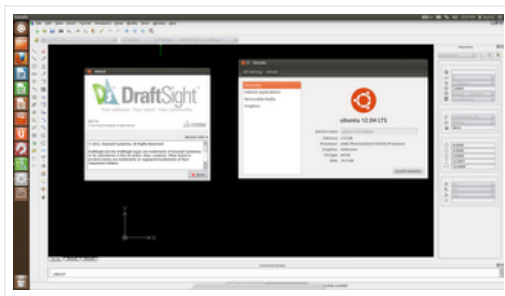
Install DraftSight. Normally you will not take any error messages.



Step 12:

DraftSight still needs some extra software in order to run. So install with Ubuntu Software Center or Synaptic ia32-libs and libdirectfb-extra.

Enjoy DraftSight on Ubuntu 12.04 LTS 64bit!



Posted by Spyros M. at 8:31 PM

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78 comments:

[Normand C.](#) March 22, 2012 2:35 AM



So you don't need to install ia32-libs anymore?

Thanks for that very detailed explanation.

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Spyros M. [March 22, 2012 8:50 AM](#)

Without ia32-libs DraftSight will not run. However this package is actually no longer needed if you try to find (with ldd) which of these 32bit libraries are necessary and put them into the dependencies list.

Dassault should spend a few hours or minutes in order to make a correct dependencies list.

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Heiko [April 5, 2012 7:10 AM](#)

Hi, thank you for your workaround. A another way I found is change in the control file the Architecture from i386 to all. So it's not necessary to delete the libdirectfb-extra (>=1.2.7-2).

Could you find out which 32bit libraries exactly we need, because on my system the ia32-lib installed 259 packages!

Greetings Heiko

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Anonymous [May 25, 2012 1:18 PM](#)

hi I'm Jorge, I did it and it works well.

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Spyros M. [April 5, 2012 10:55 AM](#)

Changing the Architecture to all may work if you're lucky.

It isn't the recommended way to install 32bit packages on a 64bit system with the new multi-arch dpkg.

I'll give a try to find exactly the necessary 32bit libraries, it will be very useful.

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Anonymous [April 11, 2012 11:10 PM](#)

Brilliant - works for me!

Thanks for the helpful instructions.

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Anonymous [April 21, 2012 3:20 PM](#)

Cannot get this to work on my ubuntu 12.04 system. Draftsight installs OK as per these steps (very good HOWTO btw :) then fails with an error message "Failed to load modules. The application will close. Please reinstall the application." when an attempt to run it is made - also true when trying to run it as root. I'm thinking it's possibly something to do with my graphics card drivers (ati fg1rx) - although I've tried the open source alternative drivers with the same message being displayed.

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Anonymous [May 3, 2012 1:13 PM](#)

I have the same exact problem did you find solution email me christianruizing@gmail.com



Spyros M. [May 3, 2012 1:25 PM](#)

You don't have the ia32-libs installed. Please install it and you will get DS working.



Anonymous [May 3, 2012 3:17 PM](#)

I found the problem it works I cant believe it. okay this is what you have to do.

```
sudo apt-get install ia32-libs
```

you have to install this first then you install

```
sudo apt-get install libdirectfb-extra libxcb-render-util0
```



Anonymous June 5, 2012 9:11 AM

thank you. it works.

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Spyros M. April 21, 2012 6:48 PM

You forgot the last step. The manual installation of ia-32libs and libdirectfb-extra.

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xian555 April 24, 2012 4:03 PM

Hi,

Installed on 3 Ubuntu 32 bit machines. Works like a charm on first 2, for last couple of months. On 3rd machine will only run as root. Noticed that Gdebi installed files with Root as owner and rights, but I installed it from my account. Tried changing access permission to include my account, and applied to all files below /opt/dass.... but to no avail.

What to do? Thx!

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Spyros M. April 24, 2012 8:33 PM

Do you have a custom gtk theme? Some of these themes cause errors on DraftSight. Try to open DraftSight from terminal with the command:
/opt/dassault-systemes/draftsight/bin/draftsight -style plastique
and see if it opens correctly.

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Anonymous April 29, 2012 10:33 AM

When I try it, gdebi tells me that it "requires the installation of 76 packages" lots of i386 packages like gcc-4.6-base:i386, libath1.0-0:i386, etc. Do you have to run through all that?

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Spyros M. April 29, 2012 12:39 PM

Yes, 32bit applications need a lot of 32 bit dependencies on a 64bit system in order to work properly. I took the screenshots after my first attempt to install DraftSight so I already had installed the necessary dependencies. Also you have to install manually libdirectfb-extra and ia32-libs.

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Toni Ridwan April 30, 2012 11:26 AM

Thank you Spyros. It is a relieve to be able to use Draft Sight again being early adaptor of Ubuntu 12.04 64 bit.

Please correct me if I am wrong, in STEP 9 I think there should be a dot between control and tar (control.tar.gz instead of control tar.gz).

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Spyros M. April 30, 2012 11:30 AM

Yes, there is a missing dot.

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Gabriele [May 1, 2012 12:20 PM](#)

Hi, I've installed draftSight following your guide but omitting step 12, i.e. I've NOT installed ia32-libs and libdirectfb-extra and everything seems to work well! I checked with dpkg -l and I'm sure ia32-libs and libdirectfb-extra are not installed (but libdirectfb-1.2-9 is installed).

I've a lot of i386 libs that have been installed by wine 1.5, so I guess these are enough to get it working :-)

If needed, I can post a list of these i386 libs.

Best regards and thank you for your guide

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Spyros M. [May 1, 2012 12:41 PM](#)

Wine installs all the components of ia32-libs on a 64bit system.

ia32-libs is a meta-package that installs all the common 32bit libraries on a 64bit system. It's useless for applications that follow the new multiarch specification but necessary for packages that follow the previous standards (just like DraftSight). Libdirectfb-extra is a package that actually boosts your system's performance with 2d Graphics(PNG, JPG and Fonts). Without it DraftSight's performance might be slower when you work with images and fonts.



Gabriele [May 2, 2012 4:43 PM](#)

Thanks a lot for your replay, everything clear now :-)

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Oscar Sanchez [May 7, 2012 8:11 PM](#)

Thank you very much!!

It works perfect on xubuntu 12.04 64-bit

You have a very helpful blog!

Congrats!!!

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allan [May 9, 2012 5:48 AM](#)

wish the instructions were all clear I see no control folder in Step 3

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Anonymous [May 9, 2012 6:24 AM](#)

step 2 no luck either..error message!!!

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osl [May 10, 2012 3:03 PM](#)

Very clear tutorial thanks.

I've carried out all the steps three times in a row but I still get a "Could not open 'draftsight.deb' error (package is either corrupted or with no sufficient permissions). I've cross-checked the permissions, but to no avail.

Has anyone uploaded the modified .deb file somewhere I could download it from?

Thanks

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Spyros M. [May 10, 2012 7:09 PM](#)

Downloading and installing .deb files from untrusted sources is a possible security risk for your computer. That's why I prefer to post detailed instructions instead of uploading somewhere a modified version of the .deb

file.
I cannot reproduce your problem. Re-download DraftSight and try again. Be careful with steps 2,5,9



OSI May 11, 2012 12:16 PM

Redownloading did the trick.

Thanks!



Chris Dodds May 25, 2012 8:44 AM

I had the same, there is a small type in the instructions which will get you into trouble if you copy/paste.

```
ar r draftsight.deb control.tar.gz
```

should be

```
ar r draftSight.deb control.tar.gz
```

Without the capital S it creates a new .deb file instead of writing back to the original.

Cheers,
Chris



Spyros M. May 25, 2012 11:30 AM

Fixed, Thanks!!!

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Anonymous May 26, 2012 8:55 PM

dear sir,

thank you for your kind help provided. and i have installed the draftsight V1R1.4 beta as stated above. and additionally with using wine. both are working fine. with out any sort of crash or bug.

however, draftsight V1R2.0 is out now on may. therefore i am trying the same both procedures again. as one stated above and using wine.

therefor, take some time to appreciate the kind helping hand provided by all the persons stated above and mainly the narrator of this blog

Uditha Herath
From Sri Lanka

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Anonymous May 26, 2012 9:26 PM

draftsight V1R2.0 is working under wine flawlessly. the native deb file is to be tested on ubuntu 12.04 64bit

Uditha Herath
From Sri Lanka



Anonymous May 26, 2012 9:42 PM

the draftsight native deb file of V1R2.0 for ubuntu is working flawlessly on UBUNTU 12.04 64bit. and it replaces the V1R1.4 which I installed previously with the help of this blog. in both instances

on step 5, i didnt do the same thing as told I changed the "Architecture: i386" to "Architecture: all" in the control file and proceeds with the rest of the procedures as stated above.

please be kind to note that i am not a computer specialist or any. i am just another UBUNTU user for over 4 years with B.Sc (hons) in Quantity Surveying. whom trying to introduce linux to the construction industry

Uditha Herath
From Sri Lanka



Anonymous May 27, 2012 8:54 AM

BRIEF

here i have installed the draftsight in UBUNTU 12.04 64BIT with use of several methods.

mainly with the native DraftSight.deb V1R2.0 32BIT file implemented the changes stated above to the letter excluding the step 5 which i changed the Architecture: i386 to Architecture: all in Control file with out deleting the dependency file. (this installation replaced the draftsight.deb V1R1.4 32BIT which i installed on 64BIT ubuntu 12.04)

then I have installed the windows version of draftSight.exe V1R2.0 with using wine and PlayOnLinux with in a virtual drive

ultimately kept the previous version of windows version of draftSight.exe V1R1.4 in another virtual drive for backup

therefore i am having 3 copies of draftsight installed in UBUNTU 12.04 64BIT as Native DEB file V1R2.0 and EXE file respectively in separate virtual drives using PlayOnLinux V1R1.4 and V1R2.0 runs as native app. while all are running very quickly and flawlessly with out any bug.

Additionally, i have installed the draftsight on lubuntu 32BIT in my PenDrive/FlashDrive/Datatraveller for take it to place to place and boot it any where i am. (this is additional information for extra mobility)

Ultimately i am grateful for/to the draftsight creators and narrator of this blog for bringing the long waited need of CAD applications to the LINUX and mainly to UBUNTU 64BIT.

Uditha Herath
From Sri Lanka



Anonymous May 27, 2012 1:51 PM

Final Result

I have installed draftSight in a windows computer for a friend of mine. Windows 7 32bit. and compaired it to all my installations under UBUNTU (Native 32bit DEB file V1R2.0 under UBUNTU 12.04 is the most responsive and speed-est, after that, DraftSight V1R2.0 and V1R1.4 under WINE and PlayOnLinux with separate virtual drives works near to perfection with marginal speed difference with native DEB installation in same machine UBUNTU 12.04 64BIT) works much faster and very responsive than Windows installation done for a friend on 32bit machine. while even 32bit installation in my 4GB PenDrive/FlashDrive/DataTaveller with lubuntu installation for mobility works much faster than the windows 7.

i am not trying to promote any more than this. please be kind to forgive me if i became more descriptive.

thank you for all.

Uditha Herath
From Sri Lanka

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Anonymous May 30, 2012 1:44 PM

Have just followed your tutorial on a 32bit Kubuntu 12.04LTS machine. Works perfectly without the ia32-libs and libdirectfb-extra.

Thanx

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Spyros M. May 30, 2012 2:51 PM

On 32bit (K)Ubuntu the only requirement is to use GDebi package installer because both Ubuntu Software Center and the QApt Package Installer fail to install DraftSight due to a package issue. (These applications don't allow the execution of the included ShowLicense script)

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Malcolm J Last June 4, 2012 2:34 PM

I have completely ignored all of the above and installed and run on Windows 7 64 bit - no problems at all :)

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Anonymous June 7, 2012 8:07 PM

Like!

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Catalin C. June 4, 2012 11:02 PM

Excellent tutorial! Worked without any problem.

Thanx

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Anonymous June 8, 2012 4:22 AM

had to remove libglu1-mesa as well

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Anonymous June 10, 2012 2:33 PM

Hi, just installed, thanks for instruction!

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Nicolas REY June 14, 2012 12:29 PM

Hi, thanks a lot for the script,

Thent, then installation is not ok. The error message displayed is following :

```
"No protocol specified
No protocol specified
xhost: unable to open display ":0.0"
No protocol specified
No protocol specified
xhost: unable to open display ":0.0"
No protocol specified
No protocol specified
No protocol specified
```

```
(ShowLicence:24770): Gtk-WARNING **: cannot open display: :0.0
No protocol specified
No protocol specified
xhost: unable to open display ":0.0"
No protocol specified
No protocol specified
xhost: unable to open display ":0.0"
dpkg : erreur de traitement de draftSight.deb (--install) :
le sous-processus nouveau script pre-installation a retourné une erreur de sortie d'état
1"
```

Do you have an idea ?

Thanks again.

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Spyros M. June 14, 2012 1:24 PM



This is the known problem with Ubuntu Software Center and DraftSight. Use Gdebi for the installation.

(Gdebi is a lightweight application for the installation of stand-alone .deb files, you can find it in the Ubuntu Software Center)

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Nicolas REY June 14, 2012 3:59 PM

Okay, thanks.

I ve just rebooted the computer and installed the deb with gdebi, all is fine.

Thanks a lot !

[Reply](#)



Matias Propati July 12, 2012 6:16 AM

Thanks a lot! the only explanation that works perfectly!

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Anonymous July 12, 2012 10:41 AM

Muchísimas gracias por tan brillante explicación para poner a funcionar este Soft. Además de ameno ha sido práctico, conciso y preciso. Una joya. Saludos.

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Anonymous July 14, 2012 6:25 AM

Thanks very much. First google hit and worked perfectly.

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Anonymous July 14, 2012 9:45 AM

After a number of weeks of draftsight working, the program suddenly stops loading after the splash screen appears. Found a way round by loading from existing drawing which worked a few times only. Reinstall did not work. Drawing loads perfectly in Windows version. Anyone else experiencing this problem?

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Spyros M. July 14, 2012 9:28 PM

First, make sure that you don't have any network problems. DraftSight V1R2 has a know problem that crashes the application with segmentation fault when a network connection isn't available. Then make sure that the problem isn't related with your settings. The easiest way to do that is to login as guest and try to launch DraftSight.

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alec July 24, 2012 5:21 PM

Is there any way of adding a launcher with these instructions to the launcher bar???

```
/opt/dassault-systemes/draftsight/bin/draftsight -style plastique
```

works really well when I use this in terminal but I really would need a launcher
Thanks in advance

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Spyros M. July 24, 2012 7:48 PM

The easiest way for this, is to edit the DraftSight's startup script.
`sudo gedit /opt/dassault-systemes/draftsight/bin/draftsight`
and then apply the changes that I described in this post
<http://linuxaideddesign.blogspot.com/2011/12/some-tweaks-for-draftsight-on-ubuntu.html>



Ray July 28, 2012 10:19 PM

I just went into the ubuntu software center, typed in the name of the program, and dragged it's icon to the launcher bar.
Alternately, you can execute the program and while the icon is displayed in the laucher, right-click and select "lock to launcher".

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alec July 25, 2012 1:28 AM

Many Thanks! for your quick answer Spyros

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Anonymous July 26, 2012 8:09 AM

If you have problem only with one library libdirectfb-extra, you can use simplier method:
`sudo dpkg --force-depends -i draftSight.deb`

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Spyros M. July 26, 2012 11:00 AM

The `--force-depends` parameter isn't usable any more with newer versions of `dpkg`. Your system will mark the package as damaged and you will not be able to do anything with your package manager (install/uninstall packages, update/upgrade your system) if the damaged package has not been removed. With the above method you will not face similar problems.

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claus July 28, 2012 12:24 AM

I cannot activate the product...
Precizely:
i compile the activation form when I start the program, but no mails arrive...
Does it the same with you guys???

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Ray July 28, 2012 10:17 PM

The email arrived almost instantly. You might want to check your spam filter. Even before I opened the email, the program operated. But there is a link back (in the email) that you are supposed to click on. When you do, it will send another email welcoming you to DS.

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Ray July 28, 2012 10:10 PM

Thank you! I have tried about a dozen other "solutions" but none worked. Your post was easy to follow and worked first time. Since I already had the two lib files, it installed without any extra work.

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Anonymous August 1, 2012 2:16 AM

Thank you very much, I was trying different ways to install and only until I saw your blog I was able to achieve.
regards

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Unknown August 6, 2012 11:33 AM

`ar x draftsight.deb control.tar.gz`

`mkdir control`

```
cd control

tar xf ../control.tar.gz

sed -i -e 's/libdirectfb-extra (>=1.2.7-2),/' control

tar czf ../control.tar.gz .*

cd ..

ar r draftsight.deb control.tar.gz
```

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JJB [August 12, 2012 11:06 PM](#)

Thanks for your efforts! Worked great for me.

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Richard [August 17, 2012 4:59 PM](#)

Thank you, I've just finished installing Draftsight onto Xubuntu 12.04. All worked perfectly.

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zkolly [August 24, 2012 5:11 AM](#)

thanks for this man

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tucm [September 14, 2012 11:01 AM](#)

This works for me (Linux Mint 13 Maya 64 bit). Thank you very much!

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Anonymous [September 22, 2012 7:14 AM](#)

running 12.04 Ubuntu Studio (x64)

so far it looks like it's working okay.

thanks for sharing the step-by-step!

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rafiq.r3 [September 22, 2012 7:05 PM](#)

Tahnks, It's Work

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Yandi Adi Prasetya [October 3, 2012 1:42 AM](#)

Thanks friends

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Anonymous [October 19, 2012 3:28 PM](#)

Thanks for the step by step instructions - however, I can only get 64 bit DraftSight to run by typing:

```
/opt/dassault-systemes/draftsight/bin/draftsight -style plastique
```

in the terminal. Is there a way to make DraftSight start from the Launcher or some other convenient place? It doesn't appear in the Software Centre.... i would appreciate some help with this as I'm a newcomer to Linux

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Spyros M. [October 19, 2012 4:23 PM](#)

<http://linuxaideddesign.blogspot.com/2011/12/some-tweaks-for-draftsight-on-ubuntu.html>

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Anonymous [October 19, 2012 6:23 PM](#)

Thanks for the very rapid reply, Spyros - I have tried the solutions in the link you suggested, however DraftSight will still only start from the console as before, and does not appear in the Software Centre, nor does the DraftSight icon appear in the Launcher when the program is running.

I must have messed up the installation in some way - any suggestions?

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Spyros M. [October 19, 2012 7:03 PM](#)

On USC you can find DraftSight under the section Installed-->Unknown. The -style plastique parameter ensures that DraftSight doesn't conflict with buggy gtk themes. So if you use a custom gtk theme you have to make DraftSight use this parameter by default. If you find the editing of DraftSight's start-up script difficult you may have to use qt-config. Make sure that you saved the changes.

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Anonymous [October 19, 2012 7:35 PM](#)

Hi Spyros - I seem to be struggling here! DraftSight doesn't appear in USC - I looked in the Installed / Uncategorized section. Perhaps it would be better to uninstall and try re-installation from the beginning?

Thanks again for your patience and help

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Spyros M. [October 19, 2012 7:56 PM](#)

Please give the output of the command:
apt-cache policy dassault-systemes-draftsight

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Anonymous [October 19, 2012 11:41 PM](#)

Hi Spyros

Here is the output you requested:

```
neil@neil-Ubuntu-System:~$ apt-cache policy dassault-systemes-draftsight
dassault-systemes-draftsight:i386:
Installed: 2012.7.340
Candidate: 2012.7.340
Version table:
*** 2012.7.340 0
100 /var/lib/dpkg/status
neil@neil-Ubuntu-System:~$
```

this is copy/paste directly from terminal

thanks

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Spyros M. [October 20, 2012 3:25 PM](#)

It seems that DraftSight has been correctly installed and configured on your system. Change your theme to Ubuntu's default (ambiance) and try to launch DraftSight from the Dash.

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Anonymous [October 21, 2012 1:32 AM](#)

For Dedian Wheezy (and possibly *buntu) users installing on amd64, you can omit the ia32-libs packages by adding i386 as an architecture.

```
dpkg --add-architecture i386
```

Then install the required i386 dependencies (ex. apt-get install libgtk2.0-0:i386)

In addition you also need libasound2:i386 or else it will give you the "Failed to load modules" error.

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Anonymous [October 24, 2012 4:28 PM](#)

thanks !!!

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Anonymous [October 26, 2012 5:36 PM](#)

Thanks a lot! D.S. works very well :)

For the first time truly cad system works for me with my ubuntu.
Except Rhino it was only application I used on Win.

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