

NAME

`mate-session` - Start the MATE Desktop Environment.

SYNOPSIS

`mate-session` [OPTIONS]

DESCRIPTION

The **`mate-session`** program starts up the MATE desktop environment. This command is typically executed by your Login/Display Manager (like GDM, LXDM, XDM, SLiM, or from your X startup scripts like `.xinitrc`). It will load either your saved session, or it will provide a default session for the user as defined by the system administrator (or the default MATE installation on your system).

The default session is defined in the dconf keys under *`/org/mate/desktop/session/`*

When saving a session, **`mate-session`** saves the currently running applications in the `~/.config/mate-session/saved-session` directory of the users `/home`.

`mate-session` is an X11 session manager. It can manage MATE applications as well as any other X11 SM compliant ones.

OPTIONS

The following options are supported:

`-a, --autostart=DIR`

Start all applications defined in "**`DIR`**", instead of starting the applications defined in *`/org/mate/desktop/session/default-session`*

Multiple **`--autostart`** options can be passed.

`-f, --failsafe`

Run in fail-safe mode. User-specified applications will not be started.

`--debug`

Enable debugging code.

`--display=DISPLAY`

X display to use.

`--version`

Output version information and exit.

`-, -h, --help`

Print standard command line options.

--help-all

Print all command line options.

ENVIRONMENT

**mate-session sets several environment variables for the use of its child processes:
SESSION_MANAGER**

This variable is used by session-manager aware clients to contact mate-session.

DISPLAY

This variable is set to the X display being used by **mate-session**. Note that if the **--display** option is used this might be different from the setting of the environment variable when mate-session is invoked.

FILES

~/.config/autostart

/usr/share/autostart

/usr/share/mate/autostart

The applications defined in the above directories will be started on login. **mate-session-properties(1)** can be used to easily configure them.

~/.config/mate-session/saved-session

This directory contains the list of applications of the saved session.

BUGS

Should you encounter any bugs, they may be reported at:

<http://github.com/mate-desktop/mate-session-manager/issues>

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SEE ALSO

**Further information may also be available at: <http://wiki.mate-desktop.org/docs>
mate-session-properties(1), mate-session-save(1), mate-wm(1)**