

**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)****