

To install the MATE desktop environment and Slim so you can design your own Slim themes. Please no baby picture themes please. First "pkg delete" all of your old desktop environment packages and settings and then remove unwanted dependencies with "pkg autoremove". The installation of a new desktop environment is usually done after a clean install of FreeBSD. If some of the package's names change over time be sure to look them up on the freshports website.

Step 1:

```
#pkg install xf86-video-ati mate-desktop mate xorg
```

Step 2:

Add the following lines to /etc/rc.conf

```
moused_enable="YES"
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```
dbus_enable="YES"
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```
hald_enable="YES"
```

Step 3:

```
#pkg install slim
```

Step 4:

Add the following line to /etc/rc.conf

```
slim_enable="YES"
```

Step 5:

Create the following .xinitrc file in the user's home directory and add the following line.

```
exec mate-session
```

Step 6:

You might have to configure slim by enabling the following line in your slim.conf file. Or if you are using bash enable it for bash.

```
login_cmd exec /bin/sh - ~/.xinitrc %session
```

Reboot