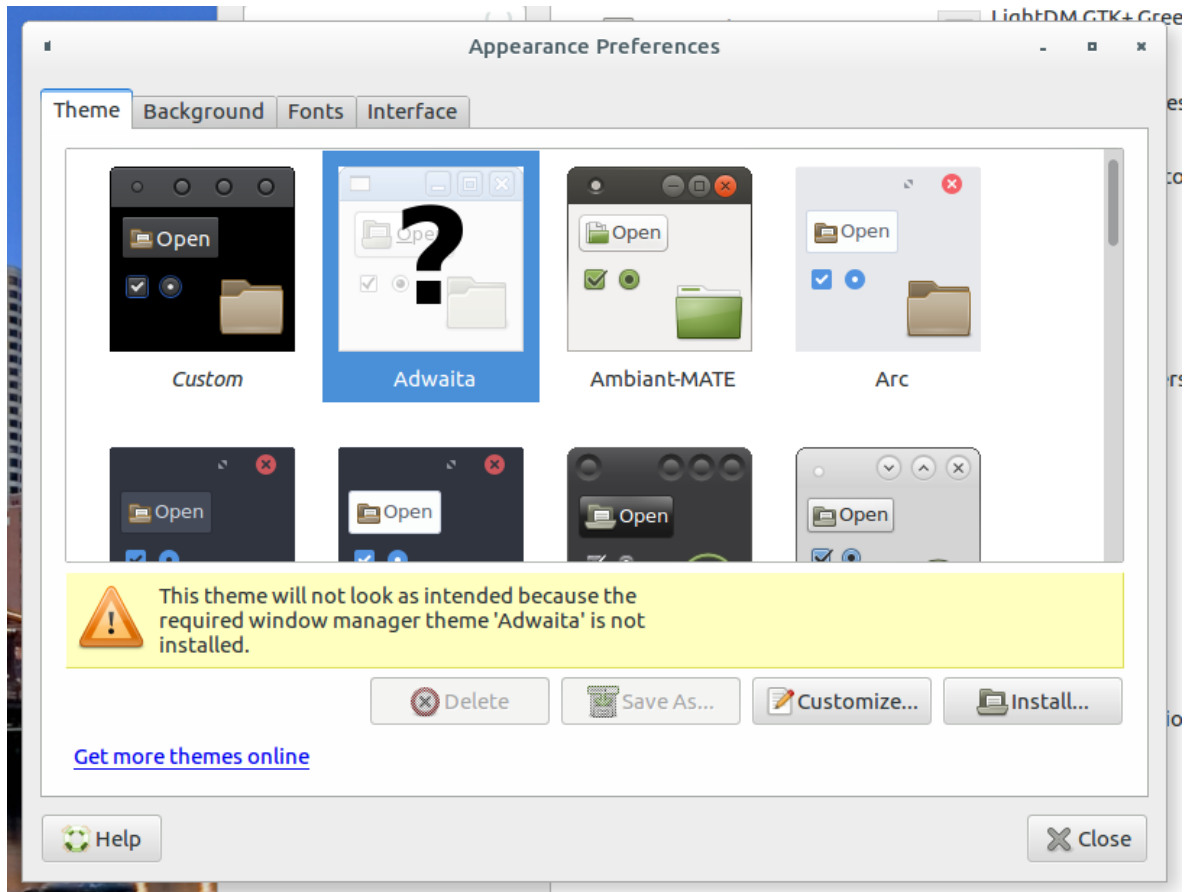# Fixing Mate Adwaita theme problems on Debian and Ubuntu Linux

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   After trying out *GNOME 3.2.x* enough and giving it enough chance I've decided to finally migrate to *Linux Mate graphical environment (the fork of gnome 2 for modern PCs).*

   I have to say **I'm running Debian 9 Stretch on my upgraded Thinkpad R61, after 2 / 3 days upgrade operations from Debian 7 to Debian 8, from Debian 8 to 9.**

   Just Migrated to Mate all looked fine, but just as *I wanted to make the look and feel identical to GNOME 2*, I played with Appearance because I wanted to apply theme **Adwaita** the one, the one so popular since **the glorious times when GNOME 2 was a king of the Linux Desktop.**

   To add additional themes to MATE, I've installed gnome-themes-standard package, e.g.

   apt-get install --yes gnome-themes-standard

   This package provides a number of Themes I could choose from and one of them is **Adwaita** Not surprisingly, I faced a theme issue
it complains about window manager theme "**Adwaita**" missing.

Using the example for Adwaita **mate-appearance-properties** gives, I believe this is the "**Proper**" way to fix it, so do the following in order;

The quick and dirty way when using it

- *Select Adwaita theme*
- Click on **Customise**

  ○ Select the *Window Border* **tab**
  ○ Select window border theme "**TraditionalOk**" and **close**

A Permanent Fix to the Adwaita missing its Theme Manager using terminal / console

I found that all I had to do to resolve the issue **permanently** was to do this;

vim /usr/share/themes/Adwaita/index.theme

And change at the bottom where it says

MetacityTheme

to say

TraditionalOk

instead of Adwaita.

   I know why this works, I just do not know why Adwaita can't use its own Metacity theme without issues, aside from what the kind people at #gnome@irc.freenode.net said about Adwaita previously relying on Mutter.

Feel free to tell me if up explained did not work for you or if you have a **better way to deal with the Adwaita missing manager theme issueso I believe the problem is resolved correctly.**

   Enjoy