

# Jamie McClelland: From openbox to sway

By *Roy Schestowitz*

Created 28/02/2021 - 11:05pm

Submitted by Roy Schestowitz on Sunday 28th of February 2021 11:05:31 PM Filed under [GNU](#) [1] [Linux](#) [2]



I've been running the Openbox window manager since 2005. That's longer than I've lived in any one apartment in my entire life!

However, over the years I've been bracing for a change.

It seems clear the Wayland is the future, although when that future is supposed to begin is much more hazy.

Really, I've felt a bit like a ping pong ball, from panicking over whether Xorg is abandoned to anxiously wondering if literally everything will break the moment I switch to Wayland.

In fact, I started this blog post over a year ago when I first decided to switch from the Openbox to Sway.

This is my third major attempt to make the change and I think it will finally stick this time.

In retrospect, it would have been more sensible to first switch from openbox to i3 (which is a huge transition) and then from i3 to sway, but I decided to dive into the deep end with both changes.

[3]

[GNU Linux](#)

---

**Source URL:** <http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/148251>

**Links:**

[1] <http://www.tuxmachines.org/taxonomy/term/144>

[2] <http://www.tuxmachines.org/taxonomy/term/63>

[3] <https://current.workingdirectory.net/posts/2021/sway/>