

<big>Clutter: a State of the Union</big>

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where were we a year ago?

# Introduction to the GNOME Shell

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# Moblin 2.0



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# Clutter 1.0



# Moblin 2.0

- ✓ API stability & clean up
- ✓ simple animation API
- ✓ reworking of all the internals



A photograph of a group of men performing a traditional Maori haka. They are wearing traditional clothing, including a man in the foreground wearing a pate (feathered skirt). The background features a large, colorful mural of Maori figures and symbols.

# clutter 1.2

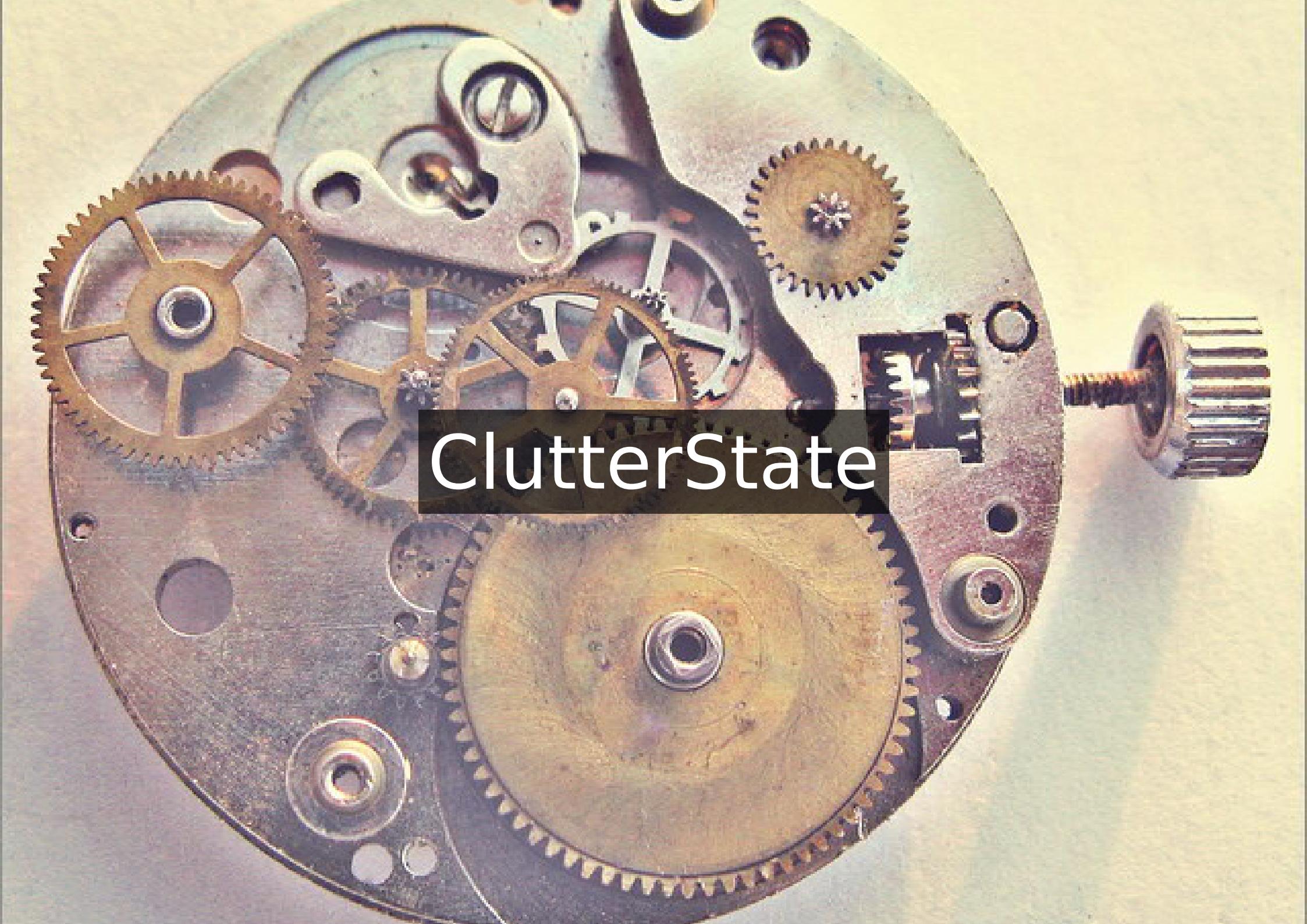
- ✓ layout managers
- ✓ performance improvements
- ✓ enhanced portability
- ✓ serializable animations





Clutter 1.4

- ✓ state machine for animations
- ✓ actions, constraints and effects
- ✓ rework of Cogl state tracking
- ✓ Cally merged in core



ClutterState



any state → named state  
named state → named state

# deserialization with ClutterScript



```
{  
  "type" : "ClutterState",  
  "transitions" : [  
    {  
      "source" : null, "target" : "show", "keys" : [  
        [ "foreground", "y", "linear", 1024 ],  
        [ "background", "opacity", "linear", 0 ]  
      ]  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

actions, constraints and effects

OOP by **composition**, not inheritance

stacking

A fluffy brown cat with white patches on its face and paws is lying on top of a large, dark grey audio mixing console. The cat is positioned horizontally across the center of the frame, with its head towards the left and its tail towards the right. The mixing console has numerous knobs, faders, and buttons. A small white tag with the letters "OH" is visible near the cat's head. The background behind the cat is a dense tangle of black cables.

actions → how does the actor **react**?



user input and feedback



drag and click



constraints → how is the actor **positioned?**



fixed layout management with a twist

# align, bind

ere... where does  
This goes here  
ng to fit together  
much fun. Like a  
trying to express  
undetermined. I  
and I try to fo

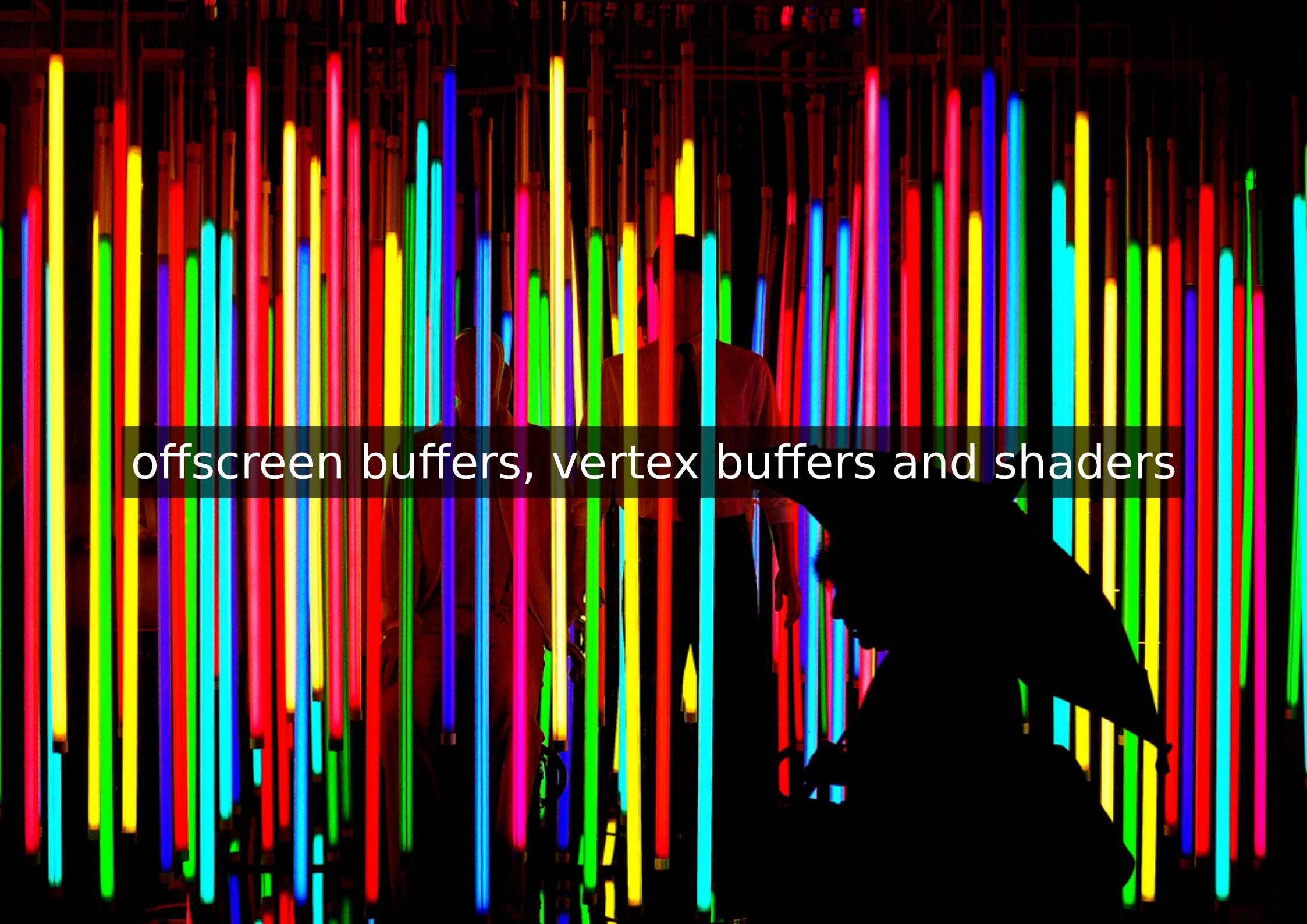


skin, making a surface wound; interest, is interest paid on accumulated interest [L. *componere*, to put together].  
**compound** (kom'pound) *n.* in the enclosure about a house; in S. an enclosed area in which native reside [Malay, *kampong*, an enclosure].  
**comprehend** (kom-pré-hend') *v.t.* stand; to grasp with the mind; to include; to comprise; conceivable; capable of being comprehended; capacity of the mind to perceive a world.—**comprehensive** *a.* including within narrow limits; extensively capacious; inclusive.—**comprehensiveness** *n.* [L. *compre-* + *-hendere*]





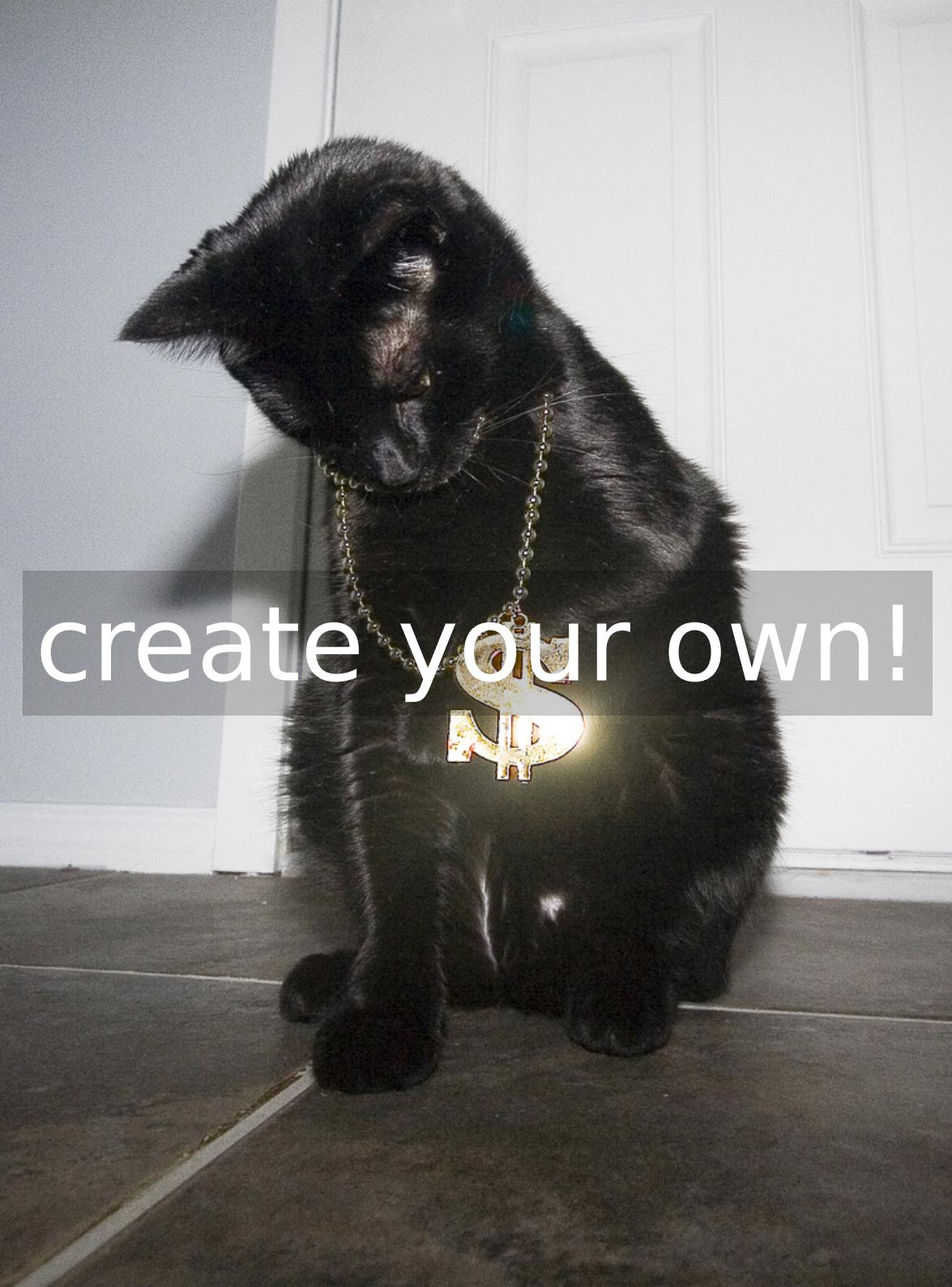
effects → how does the actor **paint** itself?



offscreen buffers, vertex buffers and shaders

A black metal chain is positioned horizontally across the frame. It consists of several links, with some links being standard oval shapes and others being larger, more robust rectangular rings. The chain is set against a background that is heavily blurred, creating a bokeh effect with soft, glowing spots of various colors including orange, yellow, green, red, and blue.

blur, colorize, deform, desaturate



create your own!



A large satellite dish antenna, likely a parabolic reflector, is shown against a dark night sky. The dish is illuminated from within, revealing its intricate metal truss structure and internal equipment. The central support tower is also visible, with various platforms and ladders. The overall appearance is industrial and scientific.

state tracking in Cogl

HACK LIKE  
programming the GPU like the grown-ups do  
A CHAMPION  
TODAY

A dark, textured background featuring a glowing yellow sign that reads "CHANGE". The letters are bold and have a slight shadow, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The sign is centered in the frame.

fewer state changes

future: re-organize the paint sequence

cally: accessibility library

MOAR! MOAR COWBELL!



new logo

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## ABOUT CLUTTER

[Edit]  
Clutter is an open source ([LGPL 2.1](#)) software library for creating fast, compelling, portable, and dynamic graphical user interfaces. It is a core part of [MeeGo](#), and is supported by the open source community. Its development is sponsored by [Intel](#).

Clutter uses [OpenGL](#) for rendering (and optionally [OpenGL ES](#) for use on mobile and embedded platforms), but wraps an easy to use, efficient, flexible API around GL's complexity.

Clutter enforces no particular user interface style, but provides a rich, generic foundation for higher-level toolkits tailored to specific needs.

Go to [Docs](#) to get started with Clutter.

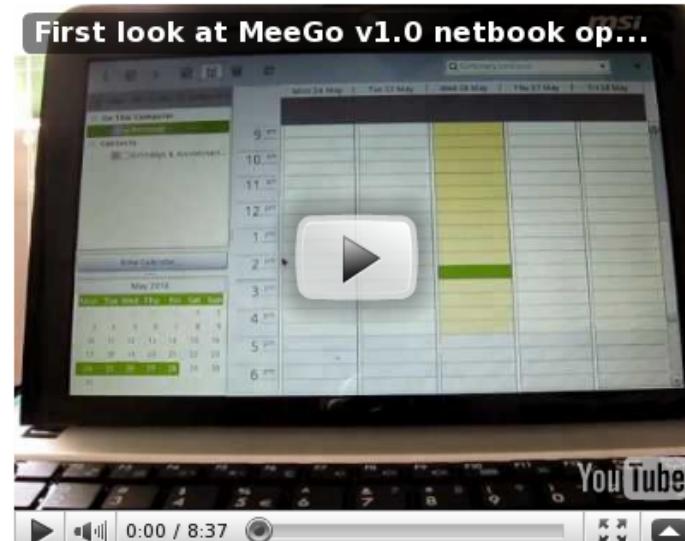
## FROM THE CLUTTER BLOG...

[Clutter 1.3.8 - developers snapshot](#)

## WHO'S USING CLUTTER?

### MeeGo Netbook User Experience (UX)

MeeGo's netbook UX makes extensive use of Clutter:



Chromium OS

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## Clutter Workspace

Welcome to the Clutter workspace! This wiki serves as a central repository for all the knowledge about the Clutter project.

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## Resources

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### Web

[\[edit\]](#)

- Website: <http://www.clutter-project.org>
- Project blog: <http://www.clutter-project.org/blog>
- Sources: <http://source.clutter-project.org/sources/clutter/>
  - Mirror: <http://download.gnome.org/sources/clutter/>

### Git repository

[\[edit\]](#)



no more copyright assignment/waiver

TM

A photograph of a group of young people, mostly boys, dressed in white chef hats and light blue scarves, marching in a procession. They are playing small barrel drums with wooden drumsticks. The scene is set outdoors with buildings and trees in the background.

who makes Clutter?

66 developers, > 15 employers





28 developers, > 5 employers for 1.3 alone



Neil Roberts  
Øyvind Kolås  
Damien Lespiau  
Owen W. Taylor  
Chris Lord  
Richard Hughes  
Adel Gadllah  
Chris Leick  
raven  
Nate Stedman  
Kristian Høgsberg  
Sunil Sadasivan  
Rob Bradford  
Bastian Winkler

Robert Bragg  
Elliot Smith  
Alejandro Piñeiro  
Colin Walters  
Brian Tarricone  
Johan Bilien  
José Dapena Paz  
Chris Kühl  
happyaron  
Alexandros Frantzis  
Dan Winship  
Jussi Kukkonen  
Fridrich Strba



if you are in there, thank you!





if you aren't, what are you waiting for? ☺





the future!

✿ more integration

XSETTINGS

XKb

XI2

✿ more performance tuning

- fully retained paint model
- re-organization of the paint sequence

✿ more backends

- wayland
- gdk?

\* cogl in charge

CoglDisplay, CoglRenderer, CoglProgram

sliced Stages, multi-head support

✿ \${INSERT\_YOUR\_FEATURE\_REQUEST\_HERE}

- <http://wiki.clutter-project.org/wiki/ClutterRoadMap>
- <http://wiki.clutter-project.org/wiki/CoglRoadMap>

talks @ GUADEC 2010

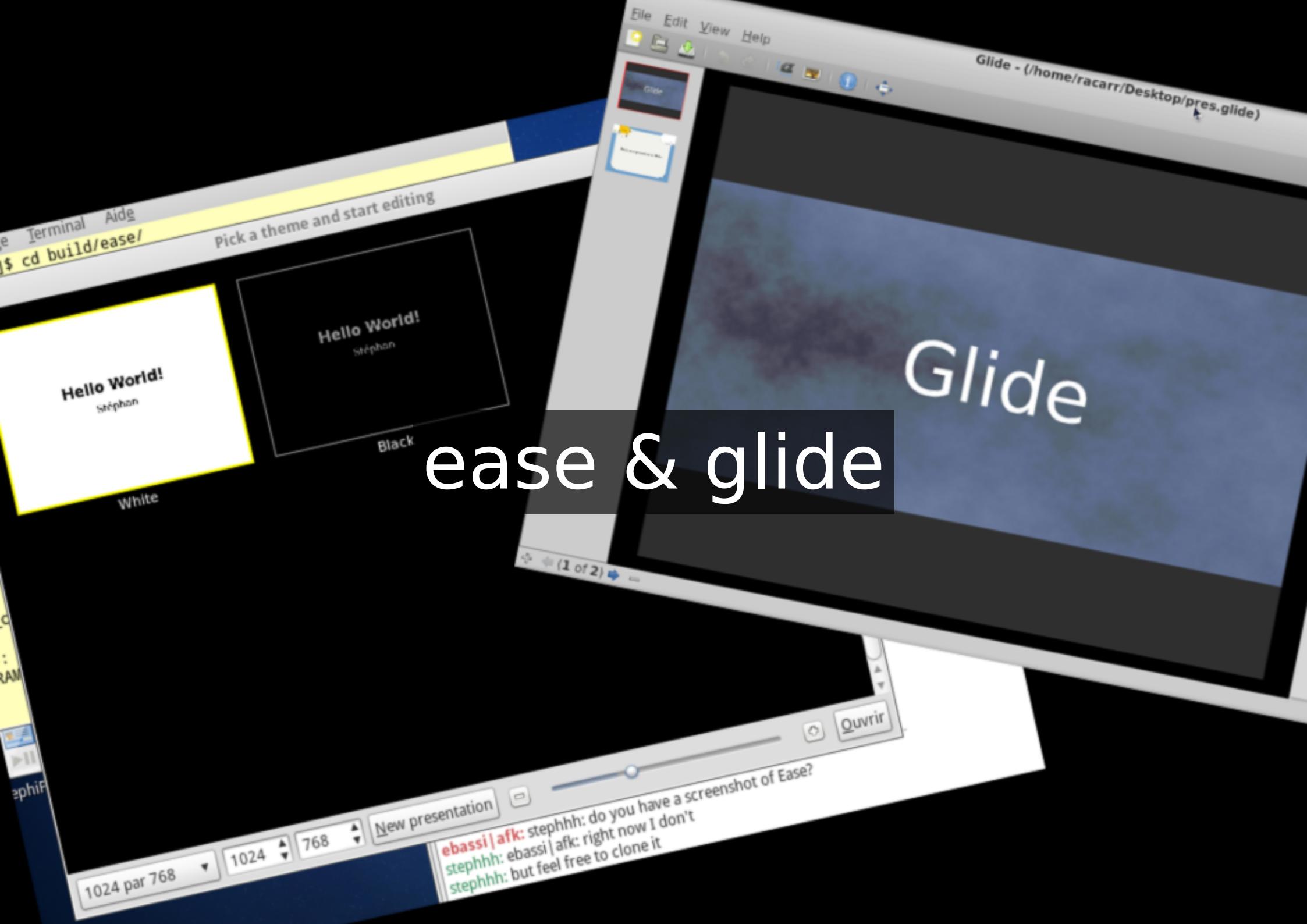
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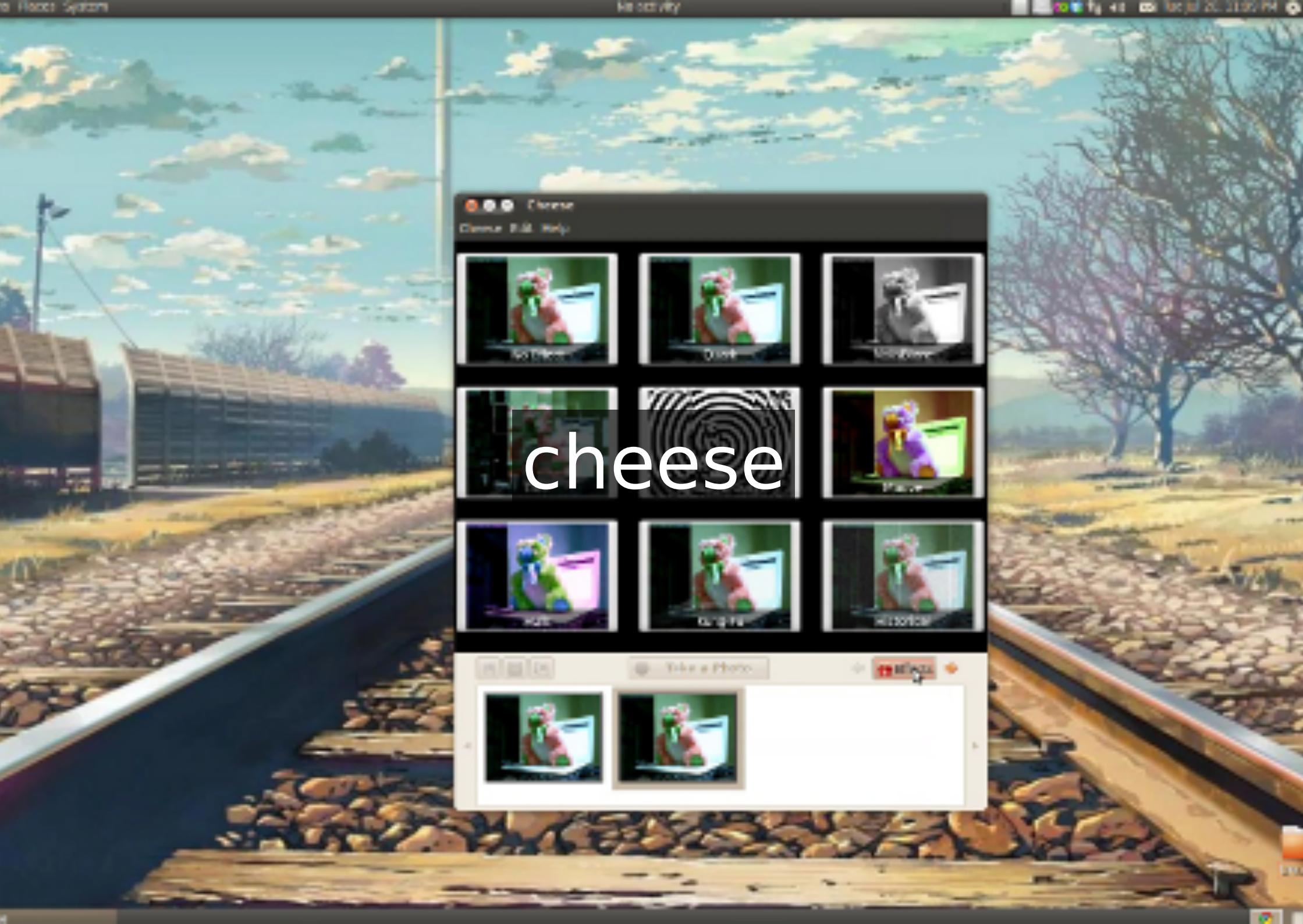
**bpeel, Cwiiis, damien\_l**: cool bling-o-trons!

recent users

ebassi|afk: stephhh: do you have a screenshot of Ease?  
stephhh: ebassi|afk: right now I don't  
stephhh: but feel free to clone it

# ease & glide







Questions?

ThaNK

Have fun!

YOu



File Edit Tools Syntax Buffers Window Help



```
static void
parse_setting (PinPointPoint *point,
               const gchar   *setting)
{
/* C Preprocessor macros implementing a mini language for interpreting
 * pinpoint key=value pairs
*/
#define START_PARSER if (0) {
#define DEFAULT      } else {
#define END_PARSER   }
#define IF_PREFIX(prefix) } else if (g_str_has_prefix (setting, prefix)) {
#define IF_EQUAL(string) } else if (g_str_equal (setting, string)) {
#define char g_intern_string (strchr (setting, '=') + 1)
#define float g_ascii strtod (strchr (setting, '=') + 1, NULL);
#define enum(r,t,s) \
do { \
    int _i; \
    EnumDescription *_d = t##_desc; \
    r = 0; \
    for (_i = 0; _i < t##_count; _i++) \
        if (g_strcmp0 (_d[_i].name, s) == 0) \
            r = _d[_i].value; \
} while (0)

START_PARSER
IF_PREFIX("stage-color=") point->stage_color = char;
IF_PREFIX("font=")         point->font = char;
IF_PREFIX("text-color=")   point->text_color = char;
IF_PREFIX("text-align=")   enum(point->text_align, PPTextAlign, char);
IF_PREFIX("shading-color=") point->shading_color = char;
IF_PREFIX("shading-opacity=") point->shading_opacity = float;
IF_PREFIX("command=")     point->command = char;
IF_PREFIX("transition=")  point->transition = char;
IF_PREFIX("bg-scale=")    enum(point->bg_scale, PPBackgroundScale, char);
IF_EQUAL("center")        point->position = CLUTTER_GRAVITY_CENTER;
IF_EQUAL("top")           point->position = CLUTTER_GRAVITY_NORTH;
IF_EQUAL("bottom")        point->position = CLUTTER_GRAVITY_SOUTH;
IF_EQUAL("left")          point->position = CLUTTER_GRAVITY_WEST;
IF_EQUAL("right")         point->position = CLUTTER_GRAVITY_EAST;
IF_EQUAL("top-left")      point->position = CLUTTER_GRAVITY_NORTH_WEST;
```

# pinpoint → toys repository



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