

Slow editor performance on Ubuntu 8.10

The performance problem in all the Java Swing applications is caused by the [Ubuntu specific bug](#). You can find more information in [another bug](#) description.

One known workaround until it's fixed in Ubuntu is:

Under **Device** section of the `/etc/X11/xorg.conf` file add the following line:

```
Option "AccelMethod" "XAA"
```

You can also add the following option, but some users reported that it makes menu drawing slower:

```
Option "XAANoOffscreenPixmaps" "true"
```

While this option should fix the editor scrolling performance, there could be other issues, like slow menu drawing speed. Changing **Look&Feel** to **GTK+** is known to make it much faster.

UPDATE: this bug is fixed in **JDK 1.6.0_12**, running IntelliJ IDEA under this or later JDK version will also fix the performance problem without the need to edit `xorg.conf`.