**How to move minimize, maximize, close button to left hand side or right hand side of title bar on Ubuntu or Debian**

Ubuntu 10.10 changes the default position of minimize, maximize and close buttons to the left hand side of title bar. After I am used to it, I found it is pretty good especially for large wide screens, and I want to apply it to my Debian system.

I found this [video clip on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=example_video_id) gives a visual description of how to move minimize, maximize, close, and menu button left or right for Ubuntu. I tried it on my Debian system and it also works.

Here is the procedure:

1. Start gconf-editor
   ```bash
   $ gconf-editor
   ```

2. Edit following key
   ```text
   /apps/metacity/general/button_layout
   ```

   Following is my favorite setting.
   ```text
   close,minimize,maximize,close:menu
   ```

   You can change it to any order as you like. Anything on the left of the colon mark(;) will show on the left side of a title bar. You can also put every button left or right by put the colon mark at the end or the beginning of the value string.