

NAME

dbus-run-session - start a process as a new D-Bus session

SYNOPSIS

dbus-run-session [--config-file *FILENAME*] [--dbus-daemon *BINARY*] [--] *PROGRAM*
[*ARGUMENTS...*]

dbus-run-session --help

dbus-run-session --version

DESCRIPTION

dbus-run-session is used to start a session bus instance of **dbus-daemon** from a shell script, and start a specified program in that session. The **dbus-daemon** will run for as long as the program does, after which it will terminate.

One use is to run a shell with its own **dbus-daemon** in a text-mode or SSH session, and have the **dbus-daemon** terminate automatically on leaving the sub-shell, like this:

```
dbus-run-session -- bash
```

or to replace the login shell altogether, by combining **dbus-run-session** with the **exec** builtin:

```
exec dbus-run-session -- bash
```

Another use is to run regression tests and similar things in an isolated D-Bus session, to avoid either interfering with the real D-Bus session or relying on there already being a D-Bus session active, for instance:

```
dbus-run-session -- make check
```

or (in [automake\(1\)](#)):

```
TESTS_ENVIRONMENT = MY_DEBUG=all dbus-run-session --
```

OPTIONS

--config-file=FILENAME, **--config-file FILENAME**

Pass **--config-file=FILENAME** to the bus daemon, instead of passing it the **--session** argument. See [dbus-daemon\(1\)](#).

--dbus-daemon=BINARY, **--dbus-daemon BINARY**

Run *BINARY* as [dbus-daemon\(1\)](#), instead of searching the **PATH** in the usual way for an executable called **dbus-daemon**.

--help

Print usage information and exit.

--version

Print the version of dbus-run-session and exit.

EXIT STATUS

dbus-run-session exits with the exit status of *PROGRAM*, 0 if the **--help** or **--version** options were used, 127 on an error within **dbus-run-session** itself, or 128+*n* if the *PROGRAM* was killed by signal *n*.

ENVIRONMENT

PATH is searched to find *PROGRAM*, and (if the **--dbus-daemon** option is not used or its argument does not contain a / character) to find **dbus-daemon**.

The session bus address is made available to *PROGRAM* in the environment variable **DBUS_SESSION_BUS_ADDRESS**.

The variables **DBUS_SESSION_BUS_PID**, **DBUS_SESSION_BUS_WINDOWID**, **DBUS_STARTER_BUS_TYPE** and **DBUS_STARTER_ADDRESS** are removed from the environment, if present.

BUGS

Please send bug reports to the D-Bus mailing list or bug tracker, see <http://www.freedesktop.org/software/dbus/>

SEE ALSO

[dbus-daemon\(1\)](#), [dbus-launch\(1\)](#)