

GNOME Tweak Tool - Shell Theme Caution Mark

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I have seen many questions about enabling a GNOME Shell theme using *gnome-tweak-tool* that go like this:

I have the user-theme extension installed and turned on in Gnome Tweak Tool. I've unzipped the theme folder to `/usr/share/themes` and selected my gtk theme fine. However under Shell Theme, there's still a "!" and it doesn't allow me to do anything as far as selection. (It's greyed out)

The caution sign is sometimes referred to as an exclamation mark by users.

The best workaround for this is to enable your theme from the command line using *gsettings* as follows

```
gsettings set org.gnome.shell.extensions.user-theme name 'your theme name'
```

where *your theme-name* is the full name of your theme - which is installed under `$HOME/themes`.

An alternative way is to edit this particular gsetting value using *dconf-editor*.