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Introduction



Dear reader!

On the following pages, you can learn a bit about the KDE community and what we have created. Our large and diverse community has built a comprehensive set of applications and tools to have fun, keep in touch, and get work done. We'll present some of these applications and give you some useful tips and hints.

We will also introduce the KDE teams to give you a little insight into who we are and what drives us. In short, while our individual goals are as varied as we are KDE contributors, we share a desire to make a difference in this world, and have fun doing it. Working together even when separated by great distances, meeting new friends, and taking pride in what we've created are all things that we value.

We hope that by presenting a little piece of what we do and who we are, we can show you the difference we have made - and encourage you to join us. Perhaps you will try our software, or even decide to join KDE as a developer, translator, promoter, artist or in one of the many other roles that are essential to make KDE what it is.

The KDE promo team for all of KDE!

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In the Internet era, sharing and exchanging information is essential.

by providing a wide variety of applications for the Internet, networking, and communication.

Browse the web, share your files, chat, blog, and mail with others. KDE applications connect you to the world.

Chat with your friends



Nowadays, who has never needed to keep in touch with his friends and family online? Talk to them with Kopete, an instant messenger that is easy to use. You can access many different networks with Kopete including AIM, MSN, Google Talk, Jabber, Facebook chat, and ICQ. Like many KDE applications, it comes with a pack of plugins to allow you personalize you way to chat.

Tell your friends what you are doing, thinking, or planning on Twitter or identi.ca using Choqok, the KDE micro-blogging application. It has a simple "Quick Tweet"; with it, a click of a button is all you need to reply and retweet. You can view the timelines of other people, search for specific tweets,



post images on twitpic, and more. For more basic needs, the micro-blogging widget on your desktop keeps your tweet screen always at hand. Both also support multiple micro-blogging services.

For those who love writing and thus need more space to express themselves, Blogilo is great for blogging. With the simple interface, you can write and post your blog entries easily. Blogilo easily handles multiple blogs, lets you preview blog posts quickly, and add images and other content. You can even download your drafts onto your computer so you can continue working without an Internet connection.

Schedule and email

Manage your life with KDE Kontact. Keep track of your appointments, deadlines and vacations, manage your todo list, and keep your contacts and phone numbers organized. Kontact is the integrated Personal Information Manager of KDE. It gathers under one roof all the KDE applications you need in everyday life to organize your personal data.

Let's take a look at some of them!

The email component, KMail, easily handles tens of thousands of mails, and makes searching and filtering them a breeze. It features Outlook compatibility and can easily connect to Gmail and other web mail services.

The Akregator newsreader in Kontact lets you quickly catch up with your online information sources. You can choose to read basic feed text, view full webpages, open links, and view attachments right in the application - or open them in a separate browser.

Tips & tricks

You can quickly write a tweet with Choqok by pushing Ctrl-Super-T (the super key often has the ,start' text on it, or a little flag). You can also post to all your accounts at the same time by ticking the "All" check box.

Although they may be used separately, the KDE PIM applications are tailored to work well with each other in Kontact. This results in features such as intuitive drag-and-drop between appointment handling, task lists and contacts..



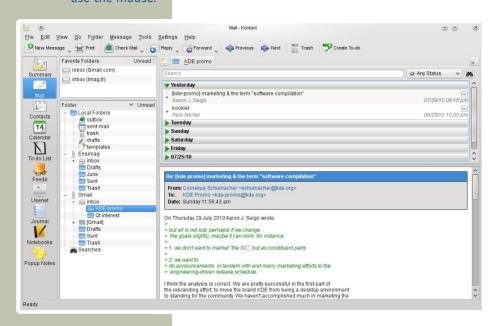
Tips & tricks

In the KDE email client,
you can use the right and
left keys on your keyboard to go to the next
or previous email, use
the up and down keys to
scroll through the mails,
and use space to go to
the next unread email
automatically. This way
you can quickly and easily
go through all your emails
without ever having to

KOrganizer helps you stay organized. Use it to write journal entries or to schedule appointments, events and to-dos. It can handle all kinds of events (such as meetings, birthdays, vacations) and has a variety of ways to display them. Besides editing, viewing, and organizing your events, KOrganizer also provides alarm notifications to remind you of upcoming events.

KDE Kontact supports various groupware servers to help groups work together. This means that you can easily exchange information from all the KDE PIM applications:

- share your calendar to schedule a meeting with your colleagues
- email folders can be shared selectively to keep others in your group informed
- addressbooks and todo list are centralized to help you plan activities with your coworkers.





Share

Share files with your friends using KTorrent, KDE's BitTorrent client. It is easy to create a ,torrent' to share a folder or individual files. You can download files, finding content using popular torrent search engines. If you are concerned about your network connection usage or web browsing speed, you can limit upload and download speeds depending on date and time. Through extensions, KTorrent can be customized to fit your needs.

Just the beginning

The KDE community has developed many more applications, covering many of your networking and communication needs. You can chat on IRC with Konversation, connect to remote desktops with KRDC, surf the Internet quickly and safely with Konqueror or Rekonq, and manage your downloads with KGet. No matter what you are doing on the web, KDE applications can help you connect and communicate.

Tips & tricks

In Blogilo, you can preview your published post by selecting the "Blog preview" tab and clicking on the "Fetch blog style" button. Shortly, you will see your post as it would be displayed in a web browser once published!

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