openSUSE 11: Switching a Distribution to KDE4

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Server-Hosting (svn.kde.org)

Dashboard powered by SUSE build farm

Build Service (Devel snapshots, application projects)

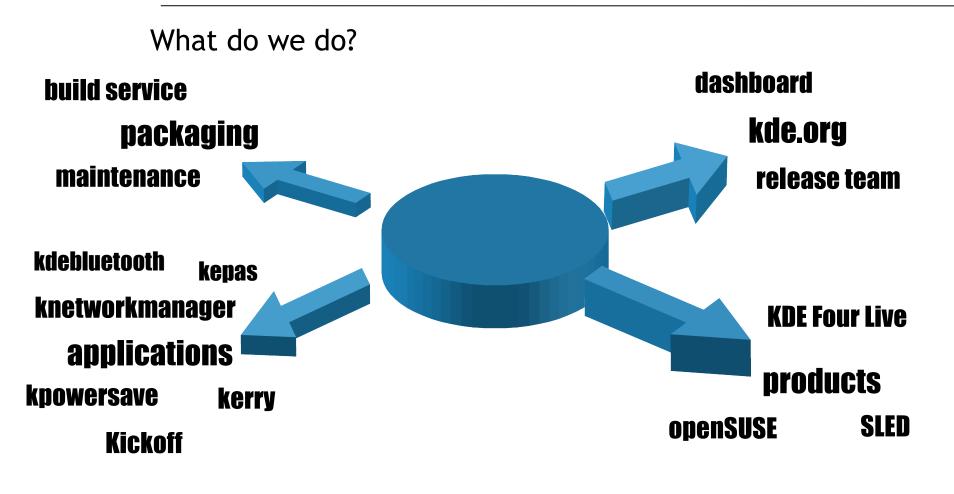
Work Force

4 full time developers in KDE team

many member / friends in other teams







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KDE 4.1 Dot announcement: "Lots of feedback from people trying out KDE 4.0 has gone into KDE 4.1, filling most of the gaps people experienced with the 4.0 releases."



KDE:KDE4:STABLE:

Packages as in last openSUSE release, KDE 4.0.4 KDE:KDE4:Factory:

Packages as worked on for next openSUSE release, KDE 4.1.x KDE:KDE4:UNSTABLE:

Packages following KDE trunk development, KDE 4.1.60

KDE:KDE4:Community:*

Packages by the community against each of above targets

"One-Click Install" for basic/default desktops possible





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SUSE Linux 5.2, 1998: KDE "beta 3"

SUSE Linux 10.1 -> SLE Desktop 10, 2006: KDE 3.5.1

openSUSE 10.3, October 2007 KDE 3.5.7 with some KDE4 games installed by default KDE 4.0 Beta 2 Preview

KDE 4.0 Release, January 2008





KDE 4.0 Release, January 2008 openSUSE 11.0 Feature Freeze, April 2008 openSUSE 11.0, Juni 2008 KDE 3.5.9 (on DVD only, community produced Live-CD) KDE 4.0.4, Qt 4.4, kdepim 4.1 Beta (DVD and Live-CD) KDE 4.1 Release, July 2008 openSUSE 11.1, December 2008 KDE 4.1.1+ What to do with KDE 3.5.10? BuildService/FTP only? -> SLE Desktop 11, "First half year of 2009"



How far did we succeed in porting?

Ported for openSUSE 11.0 YaST Qt frontend YaST Qt package manager SaX2 Updater applet Not Ported for openSUSE 11.0 KNetworkManager **KPowersave** Kerry YaST Qt control center





DVD Installation Desktop Selection

openSUSE 11.0

Preparation

- Welcome
- 🖌 System Analysis
- Time Zone
- Desktop Selection

Installation

- Perform Installation

Configuration

openSUSE offers you a choice of user interfaces. The two major complete suite of applications including email, a file manager, games and utilities.

As desktop selection is a matter of taste, we do not give a recommendation.

GNOME

GNOME 2.22 is the latest desktop from the GNOME Project. It combines stability and maturity with incremental innovations.

• KDE 4.0

KDE 4.0 is the most recent evolution of KDE. It comes with many new KDE technologies, but it is less mature than the other desktops.

KDE 3.5 is the previous generation of the K Desktop Environment.

KDE 3.5

It is mature and stable.

Other

Help



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openSUSE 11.0 KDE4 Screenshot

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YaST Qt Package Manager

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YaST Oxygen Iconset

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More granulary packaging KDE3: kdebase3, kdeutils3 (contains ark, kcalc, ...) creation of kdebase3-runtime (incl. more icons) KDE4: kdebase4-runtime, kdebase4-workspace, kde4-ark Most applications are named kde4-<appname> gwenview v kde4-gwenview, yakuake v kde4-yakuake There are always exceptions to the rule :-)... dragonplayer, kepas, ksystemlog, ktorrent, okteta





Parallel installable KDE 3: /opt/kde3 KDE 4: /usr PATH /opt/kde3/bin/:/usr/bin /usr/bin:/opt/kde3/bin Selection of session in login manager Configuration directory KDF 3: ~/.kde KDE 4: ~/.kde4 Silent migration of some options at first start. Upstream? Distinguisability in start menu from other version eg under KDE3: "Konsole" & "Konsole/KDE4" Several integration patches: Autostart, Mime-types, ...



- •One of most obvious and critized parts of KDE 4.0
- Plasma 4.0 quickly considered Abandonware
- •Amateurish backports for KDE 4.0.2 and KDE 4.0.3
- •openSUSE 11.0 recognized for working on Plasma:
 - Backports & features until sprint and Review Board died
- •Change of Plasma API between KDE 4.0 and KDE 4.1
 - Plasmoids don't work anymore but no version check?
- Icons on desktop mess
 - Only a communication problem?
 - Also a KDE 4.0 to 4.1 update problem!





Aaron Seigo: "generally we don't add any new features to patch level releases [..] another approach, which is likely more sane for things like panel hiding, is to provide patches for some of these features that can be applied by downstreams to 4.1.x but don't include them in official kde releases until 4.2."

panel hiding / windows covering panel full-featured folder view (background support, ...) desktop containment switch (non-Cashew, folder view) different wallpapers on virtual desktops working ZUI

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Missing KDE4 Applications

Amarok Digikam K3b Kaffeine Konversation

Many more not by default installed applications...

http://techbase.kde.org/Schedules/KDE4/Application_Porting_Status





Areas in Which KDE is Lacking Behind

Lockdown (KDE4 additions, profile generation, GUI editor) Desktop search (supported formats, integration into KDE) Configuration possibilities (eg branding without patching) PolicyKit integration PulseAudio KDE integration / front-end Accessibility

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More cross-desktop specifications (freedesktop.org): "Why can't I shutdown from KDE? I am using GDM." "Why can't I set my KDE wallpaper from Firefox?" "Where can I configure the fonts for all my applications?" "Why do my applications have different 'Recent Files'?"

More Code-Sharing:

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Shared GDM/KDM backend

Common shared wallet / certificate storage (based on NSS)





Think twice before introducing new dependencies (eg Java, Ruby) for essential functionality

Don't add "Any reproduction is strictly prohibited without prior written permission" or alike documentation etc.

Always provide sources (also for .DLLs, PDFs)

Use system libraries / document why fork really necessary

Use proven, hard and certified libs (esp. for encryption)



Be careful with licenses from copied source codes

- Think twice what license to use, esp don't use blindly GPLv3 only, see FSF License Compatibility Matrix
- Implement support for controversial functionality as plugins or configurable (eg MP3, DHT, Subpixel Hinting)
- Maintain NEWS or ChangeLog files, mention runtime deps
- Configure warnings about missing optional dependencies





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#opensuse-kde IRC channel
Every 2 weeks team meeting

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