



KDE e.V.

Foundation for the Community

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What is the KDE e.V.?



- **KDE e.V. is to KDE what foundations are to other free software projects**
- **“e.V.”?**
 - “eingetragener Verein”, i.e. “registered association”
 - Non-profit organization registered under German law
 - Common German organization form (2005: 594.277 e.V.s)



What is the KDE e.V.?



KDE



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Purpose



The Association's purpose is the promotion and distribution of free desktop software in terms of free software, and the program package "K Desktop Environment (KDE)" in particular, to promote the free exchange of knowledge and equality of opportunity in accessing software as well as education, science and research.



Mission



Representation

Support

Governance



Past



Foundation



- **KDE One**

- **First KDE Community Meeting, Arnsberg, August 1997**

- **Foundation of the KDE e.V.**

- **Foundation meeting 26. November 1997, Tübingen**
- **President: Matthias Ettrich**
- **Vice President: Kalle Dalheimer**



Board 1998



- **Matthias Ettrich**
- **Kalle Dalheimer**
- **Martin Konold**



KDE Free Qt Foundation



- **KDE Free Qt Foundation**
 - **22. June 1998**
 - **Board: Two KDE e.V. representatives, two Trolltech representatives**
 - **Agreement between KDE e.V. and Trolltech**
 - **Guarantee: Qt remains free**





Board 1999



- **Preston Brown**
- **Mirko Böhm**
- **Chris Schläger**
- **Kurt Granroth**



Members 1999





KDE League



- November 2000
- “Financial, moral and promotional support”
- Professional press releases
- Controlled by KDE e.V.

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What is the KDE League?

The KDE League is a group of industry leaders and KDE developers focused on facilitating the promotion, distribution, and development of KDE. The League will focus on promoting the use of the advanced Open Source desktop alternative by enterprises and individuals and on promoting the development of KDE software by third-party developers. The League will *not* be directly involved in developing the core KDE libraries and applications, although League members are encouraged to contribute to the KDE codebase in the spirit of KDE's wildly successful 'Bazaar-style' development.

KDE League Mission Statement

"To establish KDE as a desktop standard for PCs, workstations, and mobile devices, to promote software development for KDE and to promote the use of KDE by enterprises and individuals."





Membership Assembly 2002



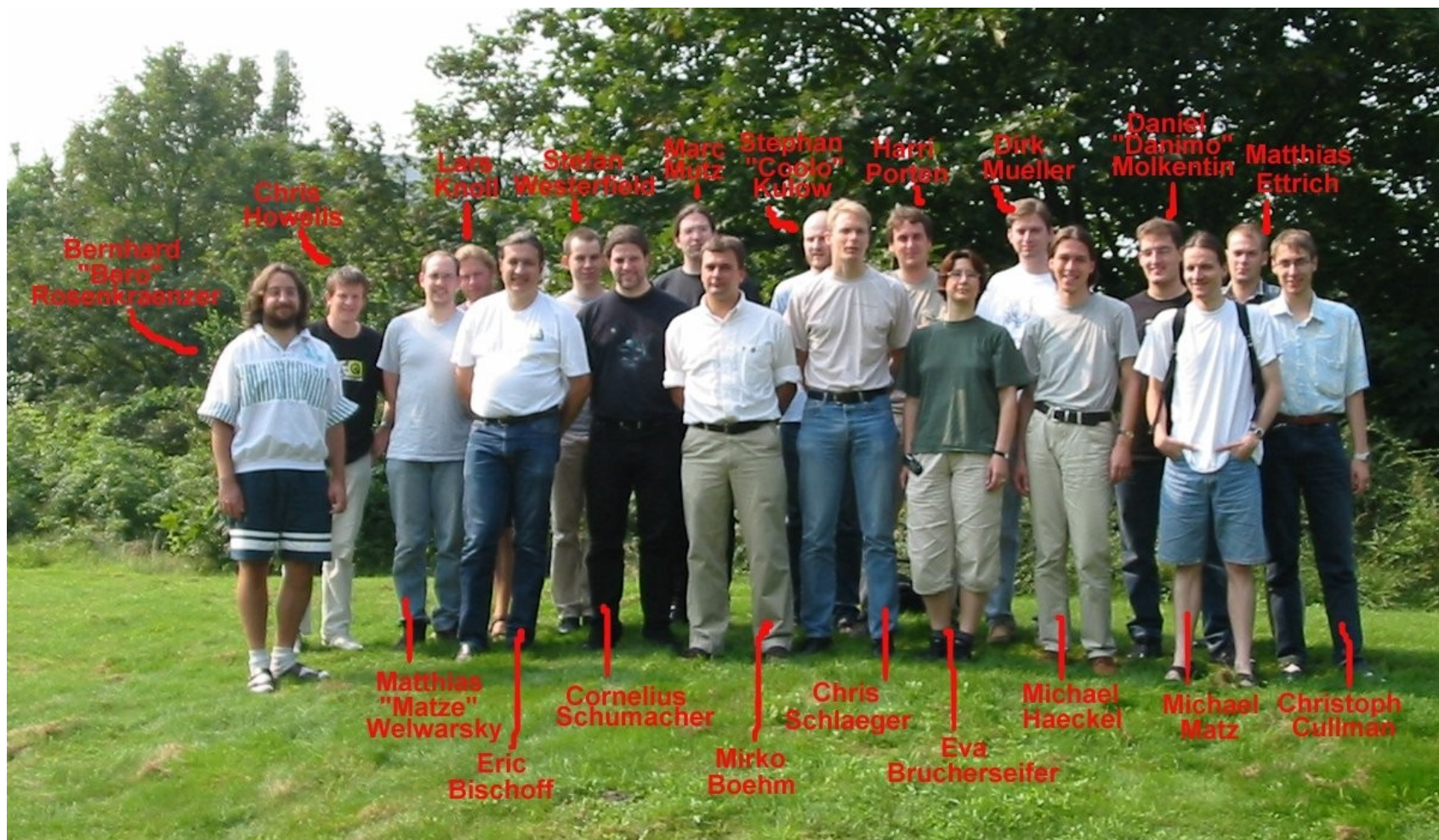
- **Hamburg 2002**
- **New Board**
 - **Kalle Dalheimer**
 - **Mirko Böhm**
 - **Eva Brucherseifer**
 - **Ralf Nolden**



Membership Assembly 2002



KDE





Trademark



- **Trademark**
 - Registered in US and Europe
 - “KDE” and KDE logo
 - Owned by KDE e.V.





Non-Profit Status



- **KDE e.V. is non-profit organization**
- **Articles of Association changed in 2003**
- **KDE accepted as tax-exempt in 2006**
- **Benefits:**
 - **Official recognition of charitable goals**
 - **Tax benefits**
 - **Donations are tax-exempt**



Board 2005



- **Cornelius Schumacher**
- **Aaron Seigo**
- **Eva Brucherseifer**
- **Mirko Böhm**



Office



- **KDE e.V. Office opened in 2008**

KDE e.V.

Rödelheimer Bahnweg 31

60489 Frankfurt am Main

- **First KDE e.V. Employee**

- Claudia Rauch
- Runs the office





Conferences



- **2003: Kastle, Nove Hradý**
- **2004: aKademy, Ludwigsburg**
- **2005: aKademy, Malaga**
- **2006: aKademy, Dublin**
- **2007: aKademy, Glasgow**
- **2008: Akademy, Sint-Katelijne-Waver**



Present



214 Members



Aaron Seigo, Adam Treat, Adriaan de Groot, Adrian Schroeter, Albert Astals Cid, Alexander Kellett, Alexander Neundorf, Alexis Menard, Allan Sandfeld, Allen Winter, Andras Mantia, Andre Duffeck, André Wöbbecking, Andreas Kling, Andreas Mueller, Andreas Pour, Anne Wilson, Anne-Marie Mahfouf, Antonio Larrosa Jimenez, Arne Trautmann, Bart Cerneels, Bart Coppens, Benjamin Meyer, Bernd Johannes Wuebben, Bernhard Rosenkraenzer, Boudewijn Rempt, Brad Hards, Bram Schoenmakers, Carlos Leonhard Woelz, Carsten Burghardt, Carsten Niehaus, Carsten Pfeiffer, Celeste Paul, Chani Armitage, Charles Samuels, Chris Howells, Chris Lee, Christian Ehrlicher, Christian Esken, Christian Schlaeger, Christoph Cullmann, Claire M. Lotion, Claudia Sorg, Cornelius Schumacher, Cristian Tibirna, Daniel Molkentin, Danny Allen, David Faure, David Jarvie, David Vignoni, Dirk Mueller, Dominik Haumann, Don Sanders, Duncan Mac-Vicar, Eike Hein, Ellen Reitmayr, Eric Laffoon, Espen Sand, Eva Brucherseifer, Fabrice Mous, Florian Graessle, Frank Karlitschek, Frank Osterfeld, Franz Keferboeck, Frederik Gladhorn, Fredrik Hoeglund, Frerich Raabe, Friedrich W.H. Kossebau, Gary Cramblitt, Gary Greene, George Staikos, Guillermo Antonio Amaral Bastidas, Gunnar Schmidt, Hamish Rodda, Hans Petter Bieker, Harald Fernengel, Harri Porten, Helio Chissini de Castro, Holger Freyther, Holger Schroeder, Ian Monroe, Ian Reinhart Geiser, Inge Wallin, Ingo Klöcker, Ismail Dönmez, Jaroslaw Staniek, Jason Harris, Jason Kasper, Jeff Mitchell, Jens Herden, Jes Hall, Jesper Pedersen, Joel Dillon, Joerg Hoh, John Tapsell, Jonathan Riddell, Jos Poortvliet, Jos van den Oever, Josef Spillner, Joseph Wenninger, Karl-Heinz Zimmer, Karol Szwed, Ken Wimer, Kenny Duffus, Kevin Krammer, Kevin Ottens, Klaas Freitag, Klas Kalass, Klaus Staerk, Knut Yrvin, Konrad Rosenbaum, Kurt Granroth, Kurt Pfeifle, Lars Knoll, Laurent Montel, Lauri Watts, Leonardo Franchi, Lubos Lunak, Lukas Tinkl, Lydia Pintscher, Maksim Orlovich, Marc Mutz, Marius Bugge Monsen, Mark Bucciarelli, Mark Kretschmann, Markus Wuebben, Martijn Klingens, Martin Konold, Matt Douhan, Matt Rogers, Matt Williams, Matthias Elter, Matthias Ettrich, Matthias Hoelzer-Kluepfel, Matthias Kalle Dalheimer, Matthias Kretz, Matthias Welwarsky, Mauricio Piacentini, Michael Brade, Michael Goffioul, Michael Haeckel, Michael Koch, Michael Matz, Michael Pyne, Michael Reiher, Michael Renner, Michal Rudolf, Ming Poon, Mirko Boehm, Nadeem Hasan, Navindra Umanee, Nikolas Zimmermann, Nuno Marco Fernandes Pinheiro, Olaf Schmidt, Oleg Noskov, Oleksandr Dymo, Olivier Goffart, Oswald Buddenhagen, Paul Adams, Philip Rodrigues, Phillipe Fremy, Pino Toscano, Pradeepto Bhattacharya, Preston Brown, Rafael Fernandez Lopez, Rainer Endres, Ralf Nolden, Reginald Stadlbauer, Regine Frank, Reinhold Kainhofer, Rex Allen Dieter, Riccardo Iaconelli, Richard Dale, Richard J. Moore, Richard Johnson, Richard Smith, Rinse de Vries, Rob Kaper, Roberto Alsina, Ruediger Ettrich, Ruurd Pels, Sandro Giessl, Sandy Meier, Scott Wheeler, Seb Ruiz, Sebastian Kügler, Sebastian Trueg, Simon Edwards, Simon Hausmann, Sirtaj S. Kang, Stefan Taferner, Stefan Telemann, Stefan Werden, Stefan Westerfeld, Stephan Binner, Stephan Kulow, Sven Radej, Thiago Macieira, Thomas Diehl, Thomas Zander, Till Adam, Tina Trillitzsch, Tink Bastian, Tobias Koenig, Tom Albers, Torben Weis, Torsten Rahn, Troy Unrau, Valerie Hoh, Volker Krause, Wade Olson, Waldo Bastian, Wendy Van Craen, Will Stephenson

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Supporting Members



- **Patrons of KDE**

- Mark Shuttleworth
- Trolltech
- Intel
- Novell Inc.
- Klarälvdalens Datakonsult AB



- **Supporters of KDE**

- Medas GmbH
- basysKom GmbH
- Sirius Corporation
- Hitflip
- OSN Online Social Networking GmbH





Board



- **Klaas Freitag**
- **Sebastian Kügler**
- **Aaron Seigo**
- **Adriaan de Groot**
- **Cornelius Schumacher**



Representation



Representation



- **KDE Free Qt Foundation**
- **Trademark**
- **kde.org domain**
- **Legal coverage**
- **Receive donations**



Representation



- **Biggest group of KDE community members**
- **More than 200 members**
- **Representative for community**



Support



Support



- **Akademy**
- **Developer Meetings**
- **Administration and Organization**
- **Financial Support**
- **Legal support**



Developer Meetings



- **2008**

- KDE PIM, Osnabrück
- Akonadi, Berlin
- Kate, Darmstadt
- Plasma, Milan
- KDevelop, Munich
- KDE Bindings, Berlin

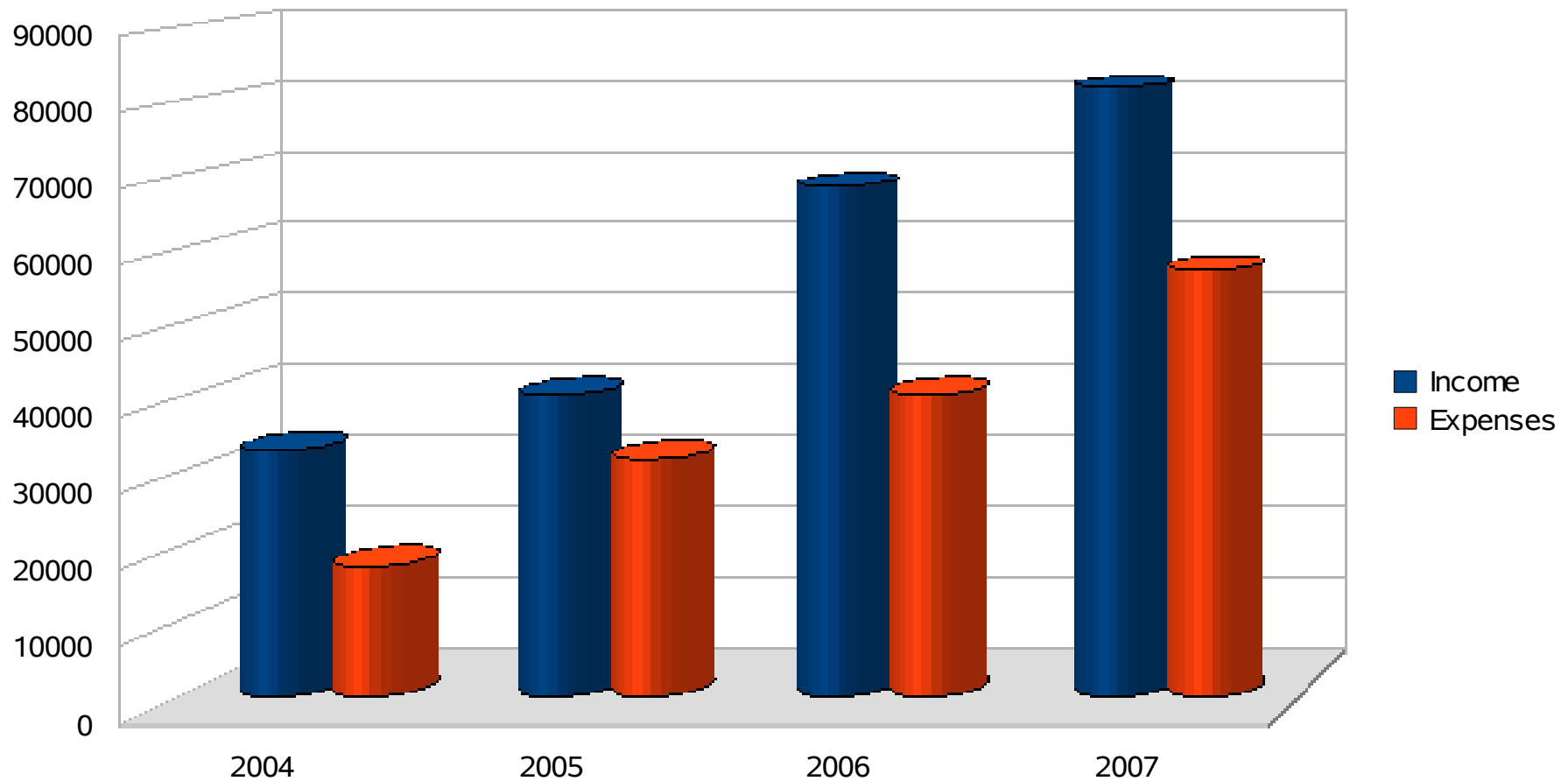


• **Developer Meeting Procedure**

- KDE team initiates
- Local Host
- ~10 people, 2-3 days
- KDE e.V. pays travel and accommodation
- KDE e.V. helps organizing
- Newbie Rule
- Report



Financial Support





Governance



Governance



- **Technical decisions are taken by developer community**
- **Supportive role**
- **Forum for KDE interests**
- **Working Groups**
- **KDE e.V. is part of the community**



Why should I join the e.V.?



- **Decide who is representing KDE**
- **Participate in representing KDE**
- **Join the biggest organized group of KDE community members**
- **Help to fulfill the mission of KDE e.V.**



Future



Plans



- **Akademy 2009 in Gran Canaria (co-hosted with GUADEC)**
- **More Developer Meetings**
- **Individual Supporting Members Program**
- **Fiduciary License Agreement**
- **Community Working Group**
- **Code Of Conduct**



Announcement



The new logo



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Credits



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