? What is KDE?

! KDE is an international team co-operating on development and distribution of Free, Open Source Software for desktop and portable computing. Our community has developed a wide variety of applications for communication, work, education and entertainment. We have a strong focus on finding innovative solutions to old and new problems, creating a vibrant, open atmosphere for experimentation.

? What makes KDE so exciting?

! The best thing about KDE is our amazing community! We are open to new members, offering help and allowing them to experiment, learn and grow. Our products are used by millions of home and office workers, and are being deployed in schools around the world - Brazil alone has over 50 million school children using KDE-based software to browse, learn and communicate!

? Is it difficult to get involved?

! Not at all! Every day more and more people join our ever-growing family of contributors. KDE has a strong infrastructure of web resources, forums, mailing-lists, IRC and many other communication services. We can provide feedback on your code and other contributions with the goal of helping you learn. Of course, a pro-active attitude and a friendly personality helps.

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? What skills do I need to start?

! Whatever your skills, we can put them to good use. Programming, documentation, translations, artwork - the choice is yours. You might represent KDE at fairs and exhibitions, answer questions on forums or write KDE related articles. You can even make contributions as a developer without having advanced coding skills as many projects have "junior jobs" that are designed to be quick and easy for newcomers to implement. If you are eager to help, and are willing to learn, we will get you going.

? What's in it for me, though?

! You will get to improve your skills in your chosen role, learn how to work effectively in a large and diverse community, and build up a portfolio of your work. Such skills are very useful to the companies active in and around the KDE ecosystem. Your work also helps many people around the world as our software is used in schools and government organizations. And finally, you'll have a lot of fun working towards a common goal with friends all around the world!

? Ok. I'm ready to start now. What do I do?

! Speak to the person who gave you this brochure and he, or she, will set you up in no time. If you got this brochure independently you can always get in touch using the contact information below.

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