In the Internet era, KDE enables you to chat, blog, share, and exchange with your friends and colleagues. KDE Applications connect you to the world.

With KDE education applications and games, you can learn something new and have fun with innovative software.

Sometimes, whether at home or at work, you need something new. There are KDE applications for all your needs.

KDE has powerful applications that offer you new ways to enjoy your music, photos, and videos.

Whatever the devices you use, you can easily start and manage applications within a Workspace

Founded in 1996, KDE has become one of the largest Free Software communities, gathering artists, developers, translators, writers, and others from all over the world.

The KDE community provides opportunities for new people eager to get involved. Come and take a look!

KDE technology is being deployed around the world in a variety of situations. In schools, in offices and libraries. We want to give you some examples!

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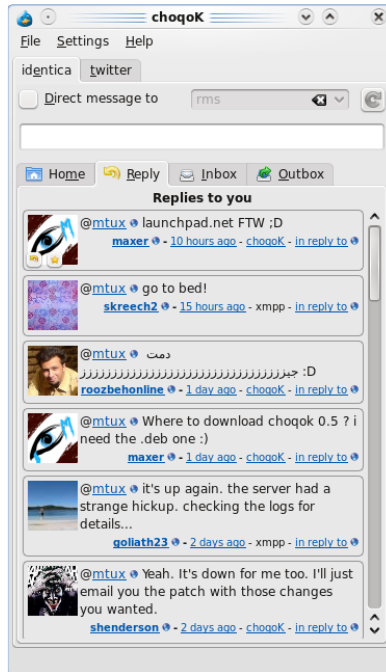
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In the Internet era, sharing and exchanging information is essential.

KDE makes this easy 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 time-lines 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 and Groupware Client KDE. It gathers under one roof all functions you need in everyday life to organize your personal and professional life.

Let's take a look at some of them!

Kontact's email component 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 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 you can open the Kontact components separately, e.g. for Mail, Calendar or Contacts. They are tailored to work well with each other within Kontact. This results in features such as intuitive drag-and-drop between appointment handling, task lists and contacts.
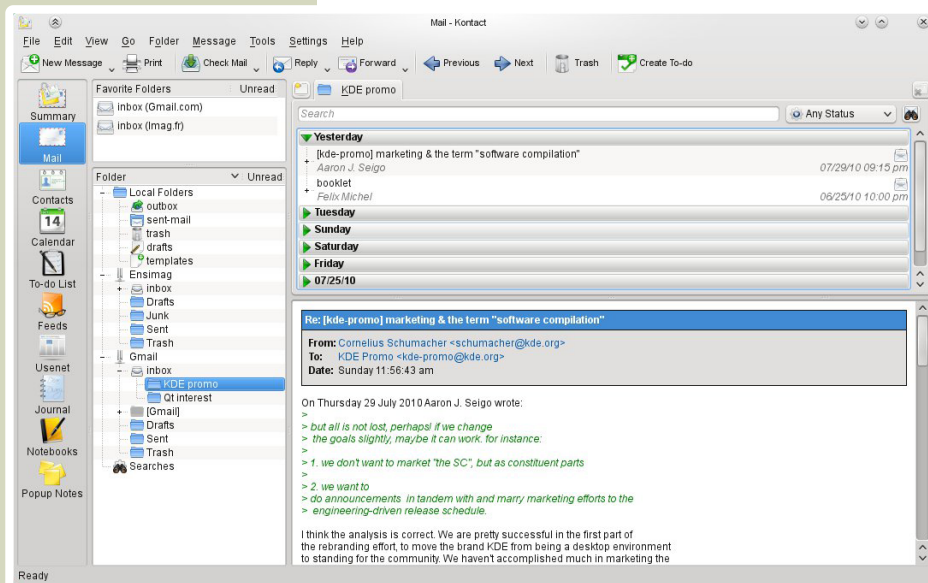
Tips & Tricks

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 use the mouse.

Kontact's Calendar 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, the Calendar 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 all types of information:

- 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.

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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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The KDE educational applications help you explore your world, discover and experiment with scientific concepts, and develop your skills.
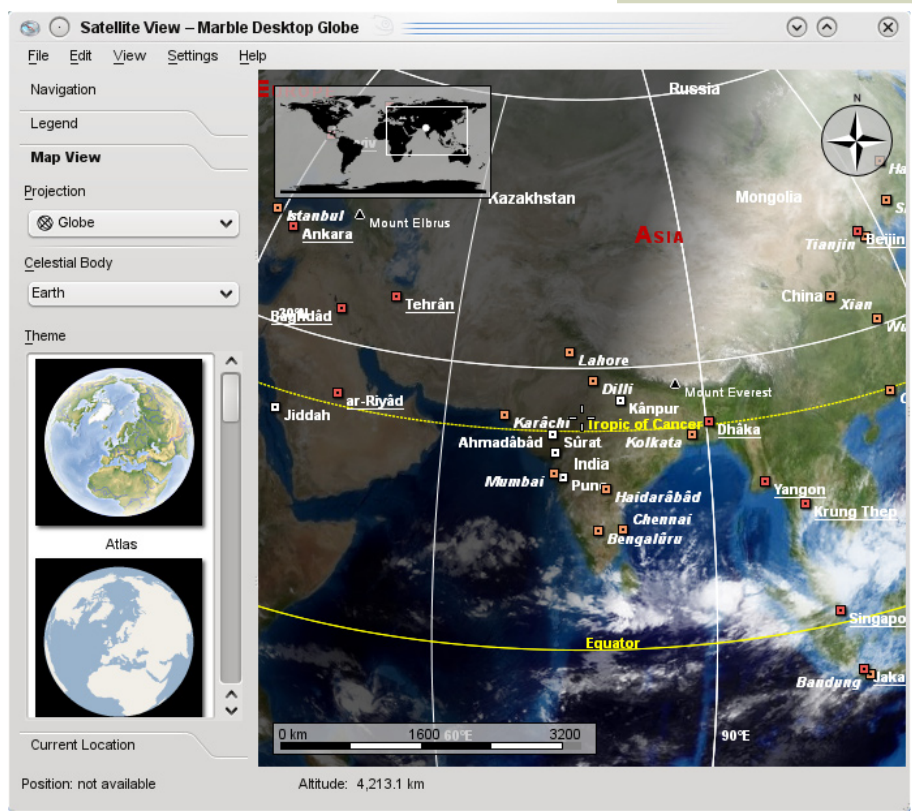
Learning and playing aren't necessarily separate tasks. Many KDE games and educational programs allow you to do both at the same time. And best of all, the wide range of programs means that there is something for everyone, across all ages and interests! Learn languages; practice touch typing; and explore geometry, physics, or math with the educational applications from the KDE community.

From touch typing to star watching, you will find an application to assist you. If you want to take a break or if you simply need some distraction, KDE games can help you relax.

Young children can learn to identify letters with KLettres and to handle fractions with KBruch. Older children and adults can challenge or train themselves with Blinken or KWordquiz. For serious and fun vocabulary learning, you can use Parley. The educational language programs allow you to explore many languages with simple vocabulary downloads. Explore the night sky with KStars or delve into the deepest fundamentals of chemistry with Kalzium. Kalzium offers a 3D molecule viewer and Avogadro extends this functionality with an

extensive molecule builder. If molecules are too small for your liking and the stars are too distant then why not explore our own planet with the virtual desktop globe Marble?

KStars is a powerful application for the amateur astronomer. It can keep track of observations and operate telescopes remotely! It can be used just to check the night sky at any place and time, or to prepare a star watching session. It can tell you if interesting things are about to happen and notify you about heavenly objects you want to observe. It contains a lot of information about stars, planets, and other sky
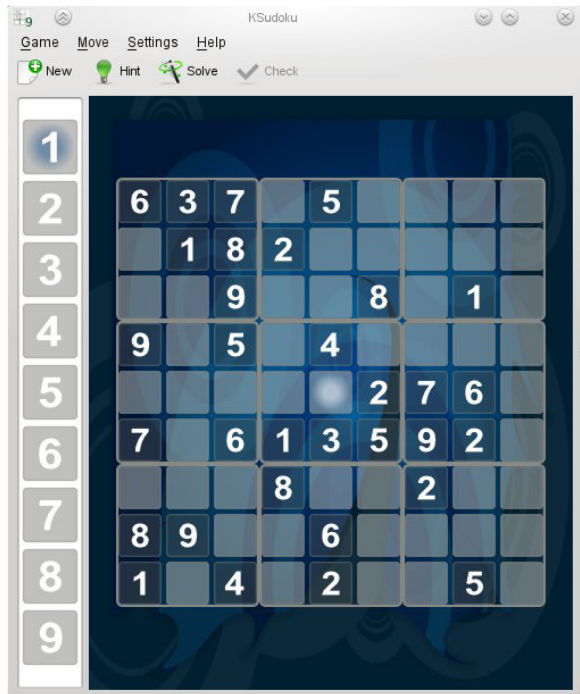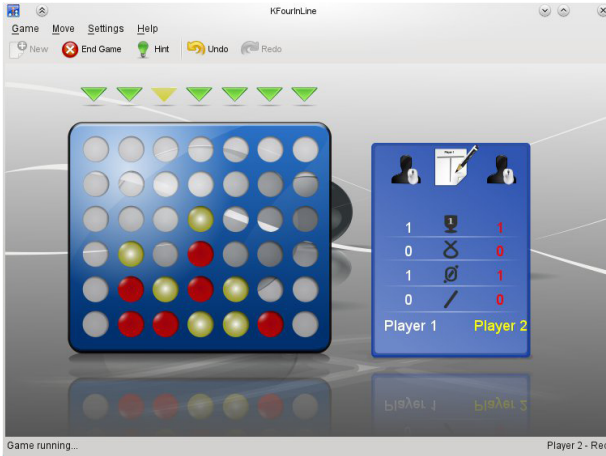
Tips & Tricks

KDE's desktop globe program, Marble, allows you to view the Earth in many different ways: a satellite view with current cloud information, an atlas, highly detailed maps from the OpenStreetMap project, the temperature at different times of the year, or the Earth at night. And it's not only the Earth — Marble can even show other planets and the Moon. With an Internet connection, Marble can also look up photos and Wikipedia entries of the locations you're browsing, update its maps and download new maps. In addition to this informative aspect, it has many others features that may prove handy in some situations. As an example, it can display possible routes between two or more places. Useful when you want to plan a trip !

objects. More can be downloaded from the web.

When you need a little break, KDE offers a wide selection of games. You can play classic card games like Solitaire or Patience, or more challenging and complex games, such as Sudoku or Kubrick, a three-dimensional cube rotation game. Try miniature golf with up to 10 other players, or one of the other board games such as Reversi, Shisen, Bovo, or Battleship. The games feature attractive artwork, and can be customized by downloading themes available online. You can download additional levels as well and even create your own graphics and game levels, and share them with others!

KDE Games are quick and easy to learn, but often difficult to master. If you're trying out a game you've never played before, check out the game handbook to see a summary of the game, the game's objective, tutorials, demos, and tips.

Tips & Tricks

Why not try out KAtomic online? KAtomic is a logic puzzle game that exercises your brain and might just teach you something about chemistry. Check out the online demo linked from games.kde. org (in the Logic column) if you don't have the installed game available.

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