



KDE e.V., Supporting the Community

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Who is this guy?



- Code Quality Researcher in Nijmegen
- KDE hacker since 2000
- Free Software speaker since 2004
- Board member of KDE e.V. since 2006
- Now I do Python
- Family and Kids



Who is this guy?





KDE is ...



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libraries applications people
documentation support community kmail koffice
konsole plasma k-everything blue fast slow configurable
widely-used just-terrible
solid C++ Qt desktop linux
big-in-India



KDE is a project



KDE is a project



- Started in 1996
- Integrated UNIX Desktop
- KDE1 in 1998
- KDE2 in 2001



KDE is a community



- People with a shared goal
- ... desire for continuity
- ... desire for cooperation
- ... desire constructive work



- Communities need boundaries
- ... organization
- ... processes
- ... resources
- ... sustenance
- ... protection



- ... for identity
- ... for growth

The alternative is
anarchy,
disruptive transitions and
uncertainty.



- Who provides the resources?
- Who obtains them?
- Who manages them?



KDE e.V.

KDE España

KDE India

KDE-NL

KDE-GB

KDE-North America



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- Founded as an association
 - ... legal entity
 - ... can hold property
 - ... bound by charter
- Elsewhere, different organization forms



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.



But the driving reason for creating KDE e.V. was to have a legal entity that would participate in the

KDE Free Qt Foundation.



Activities

(the boring ones)



- Office
- Swag
- Equipment
- Servers
- Domains



- KDE Free Qt Foundation
KDE e.V. is an official member of the foundation and has two delegates. The foundation is a “safety valve” for Qt.
- KDE e.V. annual meeting
Required by German association law, a meeting of the members of the association must vote on certain matters.



Activities

(the fun stuff)





- **Akademy**
Yearly KDE world conference, with 300 attendees, technical and community talks. Hosted somewhere in Europe. Usually at a university. Goal is community building, coordination.
- **Desktop Summit**
Every other year, joint conference with GUADEC. About 1000 attendees, technical and community talks. Cross-desktop and cross-project. Hosted somewhere in Europe, probably. Goal is getting more people in the gang.
- **Camp KDE (“Akademy” for North America)**



- Budget 30k+ EUR (18+ lakhs INR)
- 3-6 months organizing time
- 5-20 people involved
- Call for papers or abstracts
- Selection of speakers



- Organizational support
- Sponsor acquisition
- Logistical expertise
- Travel support



If you need to be somewhere for KDE,
KDE e.V. is there for you.



- Fairs and expositions
- Developer meetings
- Coordination events
- Sprints



- Speakers at fairs get travel support
- Booth box and swag for expositions
- Printed material, posters, promo stuff
- Marketing materials



- Sprints are focused, time-limited events
- Perhaps a dozen attendees
- Main goal is getting things done
- Budget around 5k EUR (3 lakhs INR)
- Loding and travel is covered



- Multimedia
- Plasma (twice)
- PIM
- Web, Promo
- Games
- Photography
- Akonadi
- Calligra
- User Experience



- Usually one person driving
- Wiki for coordination
- Around 6-8 weeks lead time
- Plan, purpose and participants via mail
- Low-overhead travel and lodging



Working Groups



- Self-organized community groups
- Community topics
- Some legitimacy through the e.V.

also

- Specific tasks of the e.V. for the community
- ... needing some level of trust
- ... needing continuity



- Promo WG
- Community WG
- Sysadmin WG



How you can help



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- Attend an event
- Support KDE.in or KDE e.V.
- Volunteer at an event
- Contribute promo material
- Organize an event
- Organize a sprint
- *Join a WG*
- *Join KDE e.V.*



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... and to ask questions?