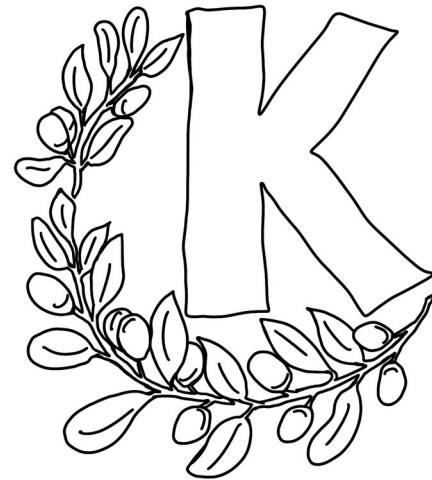# Making a Difference

How to contribute and jump start your career in
Free Software with the KDE Community

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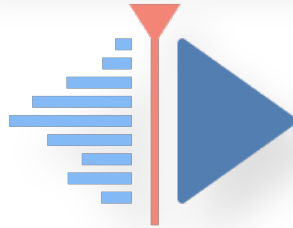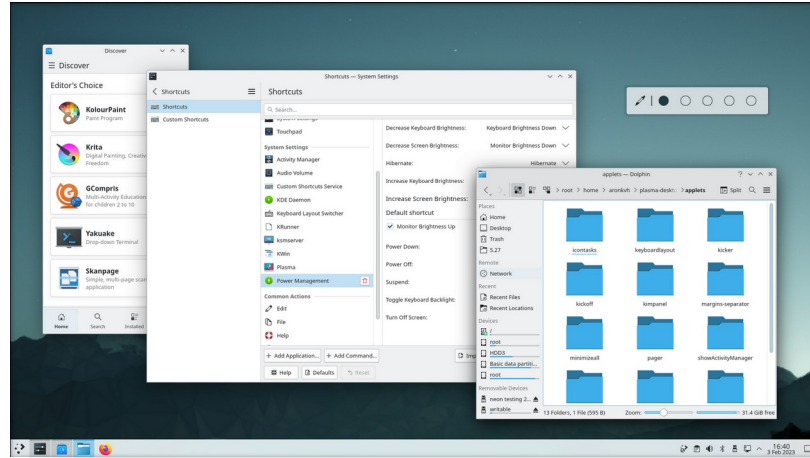
What is KDE?

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KDE builds free software

- Plasma Desktop environment for computers

- Plasma Mobile for phones

- Kdenlive, Krita, lots of apps

- KDE Frameworks libraries

- KDE Neon Linux distro

Kdenlive

Krita

KStars

Vision and goals

- https://manifesto.kde.org/
- https://community.kde.org/KDE/Vision
- https://kde.org/goals/

"A world in which everyone has control over their digital life and enjoys freedom and privacy."

How KDE has shaped today's world

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Technology: Foundation of the modern web

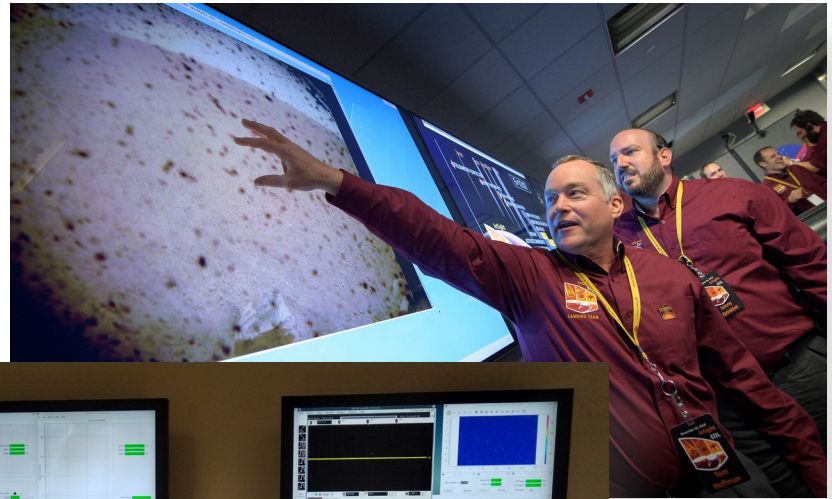KDE's KHTML rendering engine

underpins almost all web browsers

Technology: Powers NASA and CERN

https://kde.org/for/scientists/
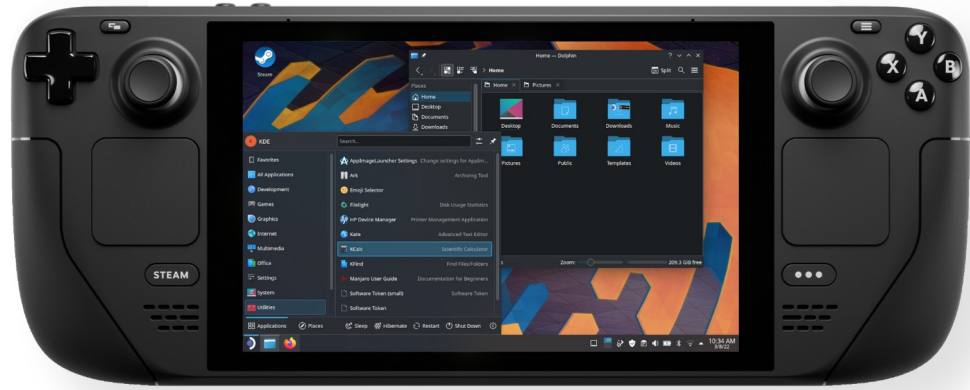
Used extensively in professional

science, astronomy, and

research

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Technology: Powers retail devices

https://kde.org/hardware/

How KDE has shaped today's world

Apps: Krita

https://krita.org

Free professional

painting app

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Apps: Kdenlive

https://kdenlive.org

Free professional video editing app

Apps: GCompris

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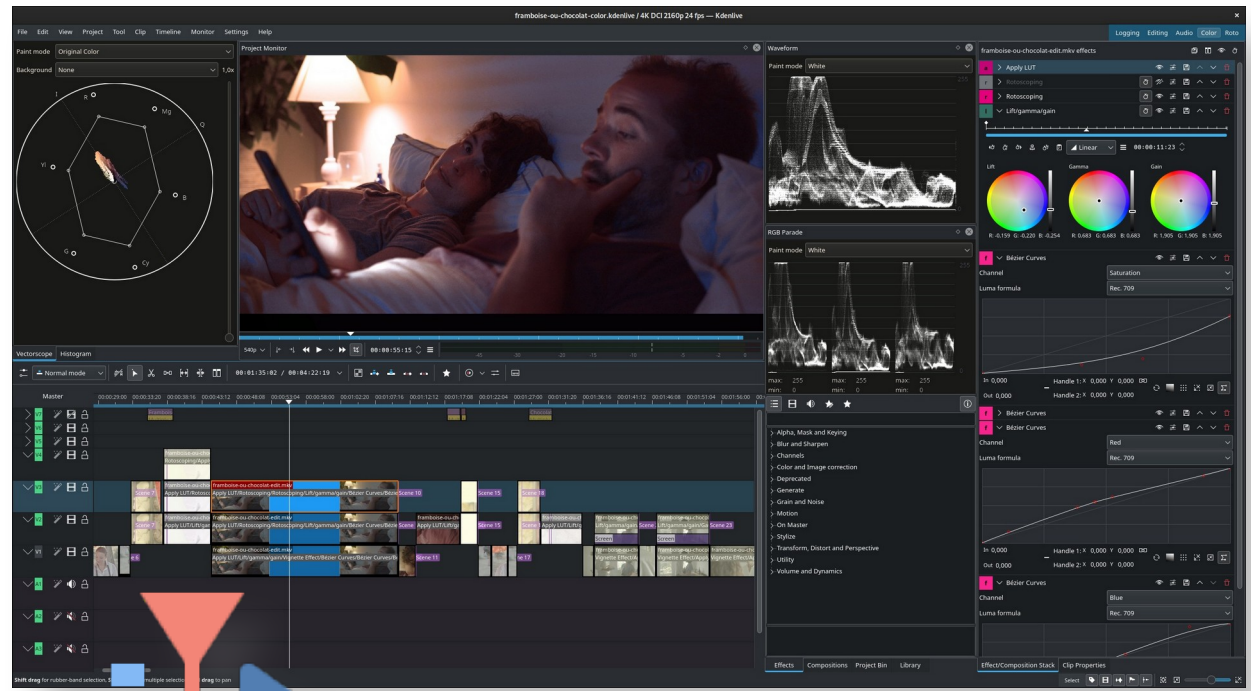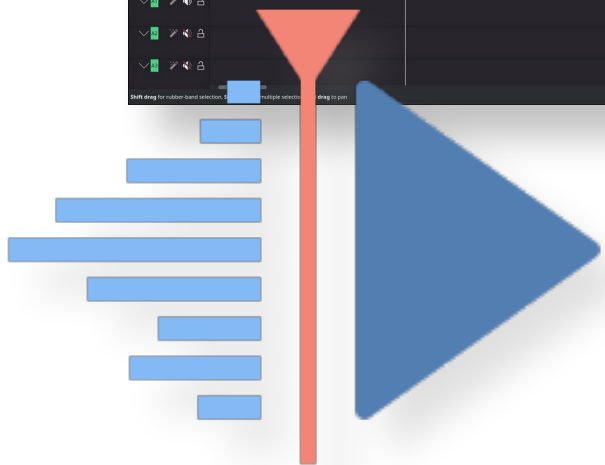
- Free educational game for very young children
- Used in schools worldwide

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Apps: hundreds more!

https://apps.kde.org

- Okular eco-certified

- KMail and Kleopatra used by NATO

- Could go on forever

What KDE can do for you

Build skills

- Industry-standard skills and tools
- Taught by the masters
- Learn by doing
- Real-world feedback
- Go at your own pace

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Job opportunities

- Industry networking

- Work on KDE software for a living

- Use KDE skills in a company in

  KDE's orbit

Become part of something larger

- Global impact

- Make a difference

- Work on things that matter

Personal growth

- "Learn to think"

- Make new friends

- Become part of a global community

Akademy

History and purpose

https://akademy.kde.org

- Gathering in person

- Making decisions

- Networking

- KDE e.V. annual meeting

You're invited too!

https://akademy.kde.org/2023/register

- Held in Thessaloniki, Greece this year

- Great way to get involved

Get involved!

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How to get involved

https://community.kde.org/
Get_Involved/

- Use KDE software

- Submit bug reports

- Triage bug reports, help others

- Develop, design, translate, document

- Come to Akademy, it's free!

Get involved

Community structure and communication

- Decentralized, remote

- Invent.kde.org

- Matrix chat

- Video meetings

- Mailing lists

Teams

- Frameworks

- Apps

- Plasma

- Design

- Eco

- QA

- Many more

Questions and discussion

- KDE

- FOSS in general

- Akademy

- Proprietary software