



Summer Fellowship Report

On

Spice Simulations using Kicad nightly builds

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1.1 Introduction

KiCad is an open-source software tool for the creation of electronic schematic diagrams and PCB artwork. KiCad can be considered mature enough to be used for the successful development and maintenance of complex electronic boards. KiCad does not present any board-size limitation and it can easily handle up to 32 copper layers, up to 14 technical layers and up to 4 auxiliary layers. KiCad can create all the files necessary for building printed boards, Gerber files for photo-plotters, drilling files, component location files and a lot more. Being open source (GPL licensed), KiCad represents the ideal tool for projects oriented towards the creation of electronic hardware with an open-source flavour.

Stable builds Stable releases of KiCad can be found in most distributions package managers as kicad and kicad-doc. If your distribution does not provide latest stable version, please follow the instruction for unstable builds and select and install the latest stable version.

Unstable (nightly development) builds Unstable builds are built from the most recent source code. They can sometimes have bugs that cause file corruption, generate bad gerbers, etc, but are generally stable and have the latest features.

Chapter 2

Steps to follow for better understanding of kicad nightly builds for electronic simulation

2.1 Steps to follow for better understanding of kicad nightly builds for electronic simulation

- Download Kicad Documentation from http://docs.kicad-pcb.org/stable/en/getting_started_in_kicad.pdf
- Go through the working of Kicad.
- Download <https://github.com/KiCad/kicad-source-mirror>
- Go to `demos-;simulation` where you will find three example circuits
- Figure out the working of simulations and adding library files to components as shown in the examples.
- Post questions on the Kicad forum if you are facing any difficulties.

Reference

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- <https://github.com/KiCad/kicad-source-mirror>
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