

KIRIGAMI



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Who am I?

Open Source Project Leader

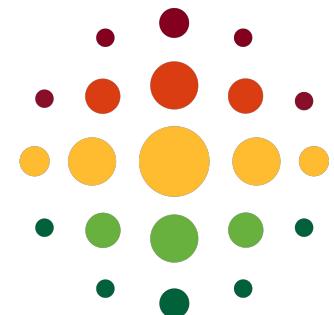


Who am I?

Mozilla Tech Speaker

Founder @ WikiToLearn

KDE developer since....



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Who am I?

Open Source Developer since 2004

KDE Translations, PIM, Amarok, Plasma...

KDE 4.0



in 2005



Qt day

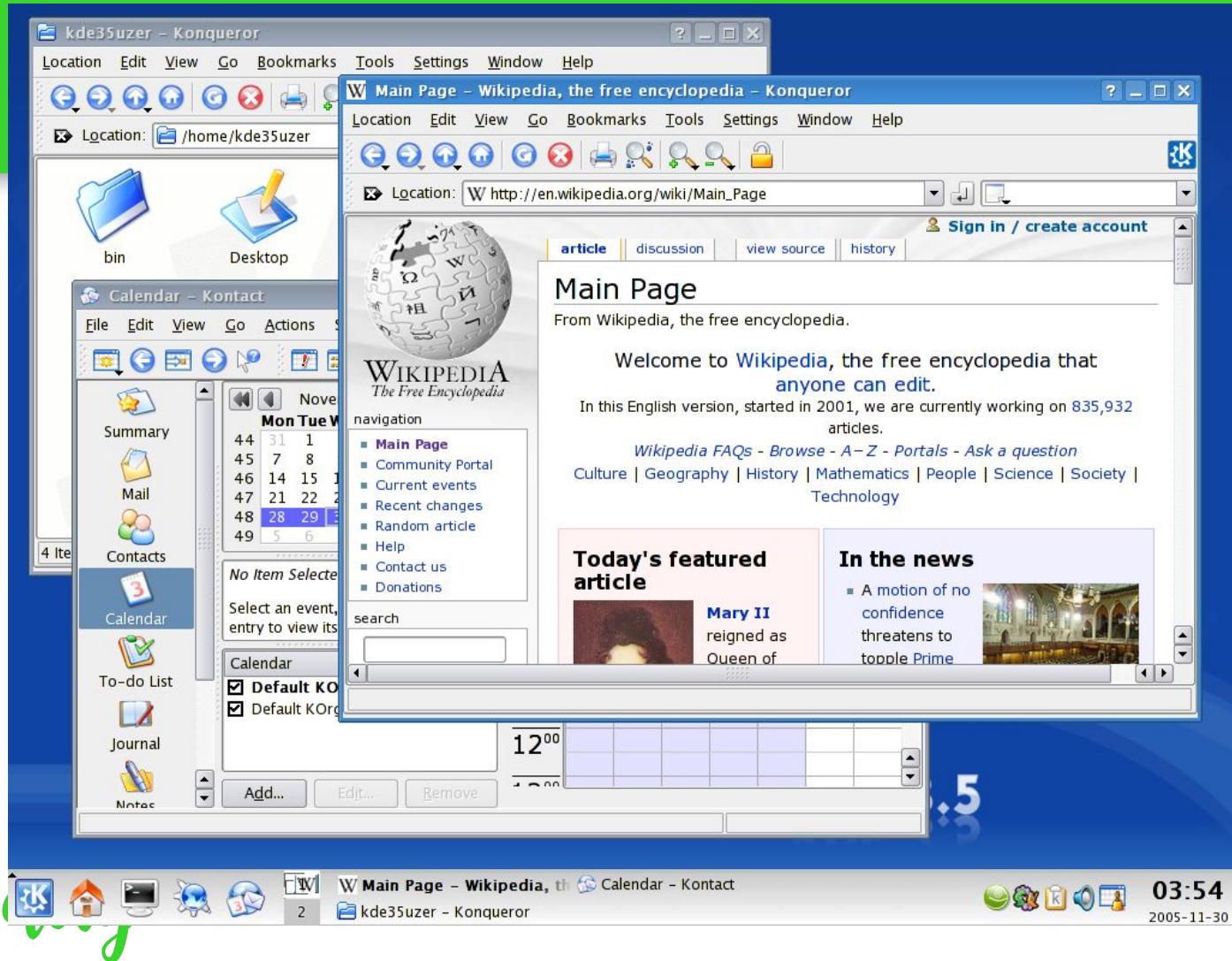


in 2005



Qt day





Qt



2005: Plasma Manifesto

A New Beginning

When Apple unleashed the Macintosh in 1984 the desktop as we know it became mainstream. Two decades later and we still have essentially the same desktop concepts: file and applications icons on the desktop, a separate bar for menus and launchers. Incremental improvements have been made to these metaphors, such as the addition of the taskbar in the 1990s. But very little has actually changed.

During this same period of time the Internet has become an integral part of business and even many people's personal lives. Computing is network-centric and multimedia is no longer a buzzword, it's the norm. Movies, music, instant messaging, workgroup collaboration and dazzling graphics all make up the modern computing experience.

And yet our desktop icons still sit there much as they did back in 1984. Our desktop panels remain essentially unchanged since the 1990s. More and more users are abandoning the desktop as a place to put icons as our needs outstrip what they can provide.

It is time that the desktop caught up with modern computing practices and once again made our lives easier and more interesting when sitting in front of the computer. Just like those icons did for people back in 1984.

Development of KDE4 has just begun, and it is during these major release cycles that we have the opportunity to retool and rethink our applications and environment at the fundamental level. The fact that the current desktop concepts have lasted this long is a testament to their effectiveness, and we should not simply abandon all sense of the familiar and the useful. Yet we can not stay where we are either.

This, then, is the goal and mandate of Plasma: to take the desktop as we know it and make it relevant again. Breathtaking beauty, workflow driven design and fresh ideas are key ingredients and this web site is your portal onto its birth.



Re-invent your desktop

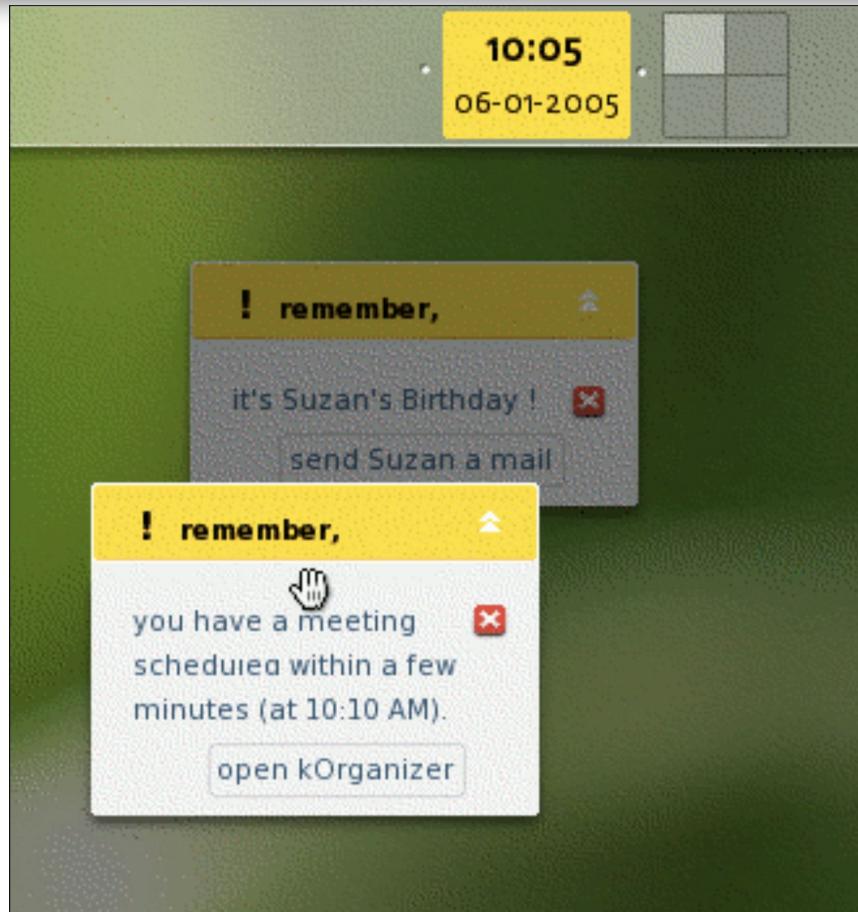
Applets

Extenders

Make use of your desktop space!



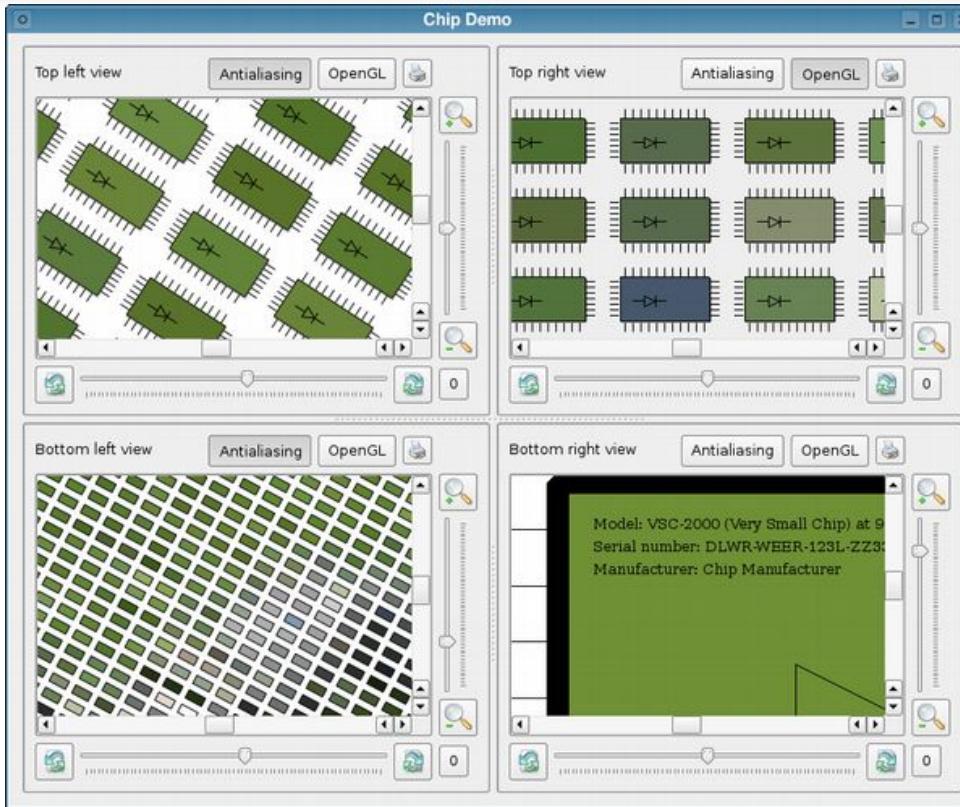
...back to 2007



Qt day



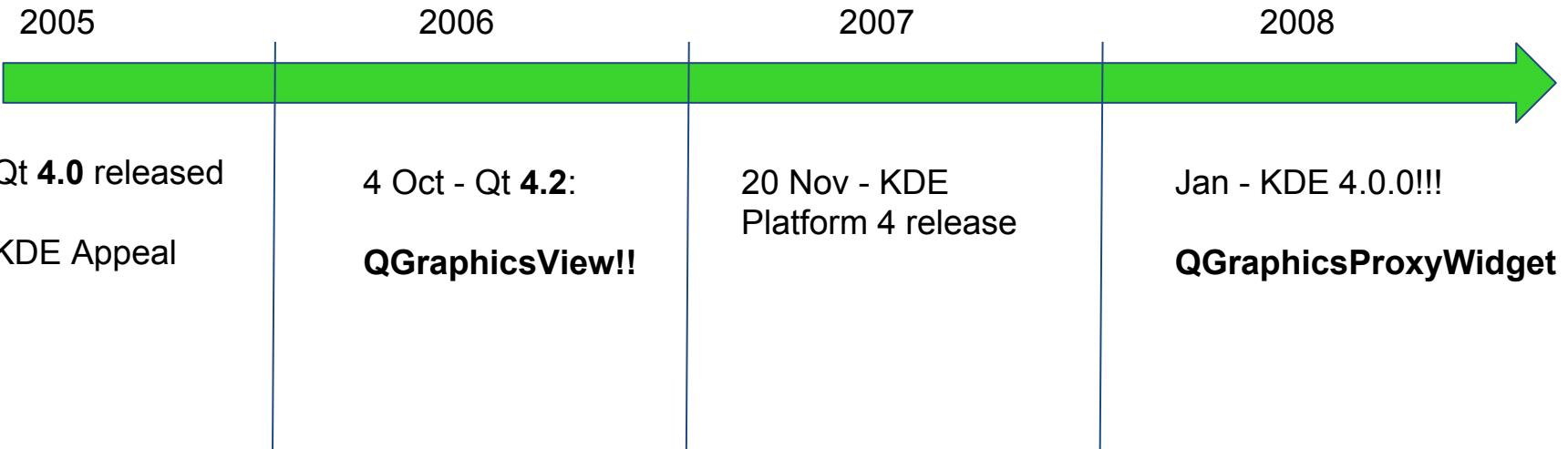
Can you remember?



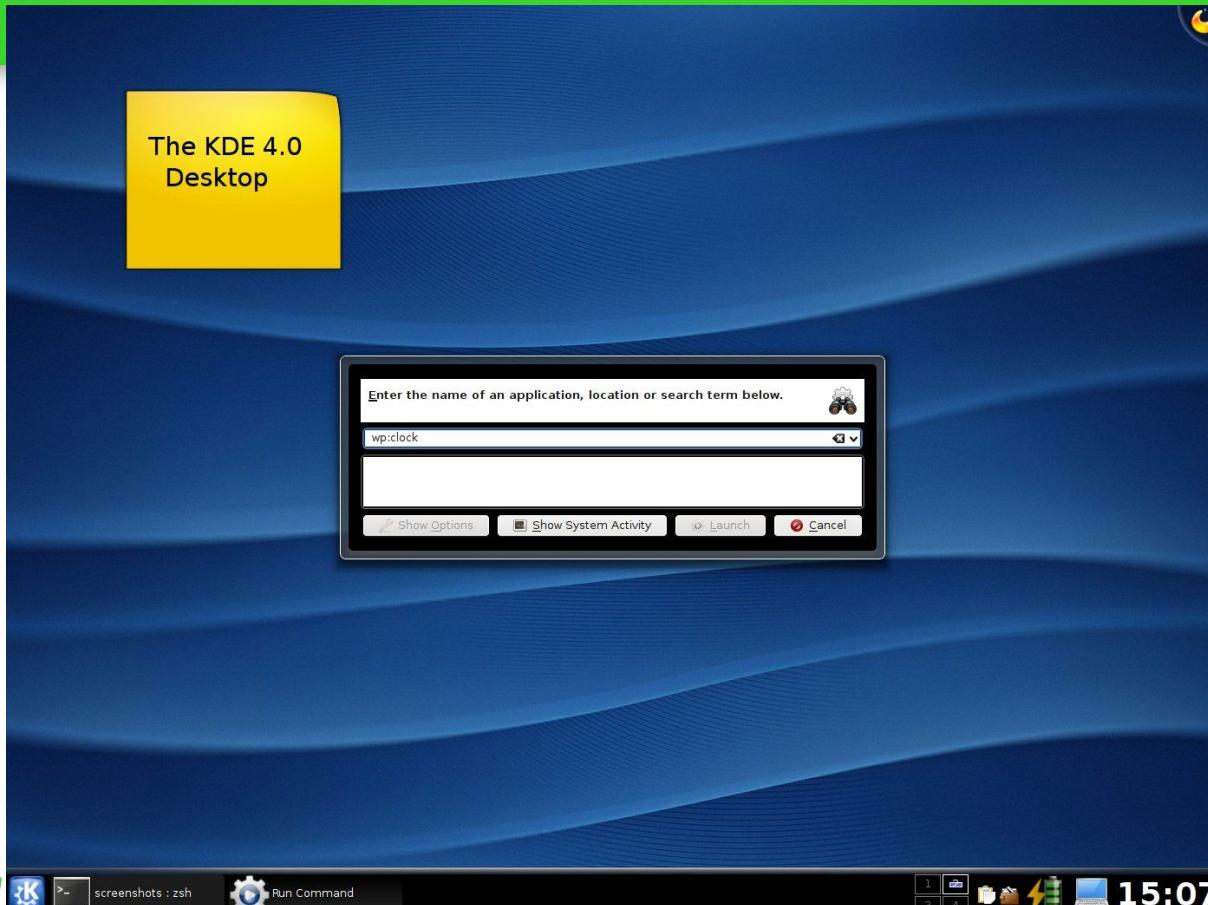
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Technologies



KDE 4.0?



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KDE 4.0?

We broke almost all of the stack

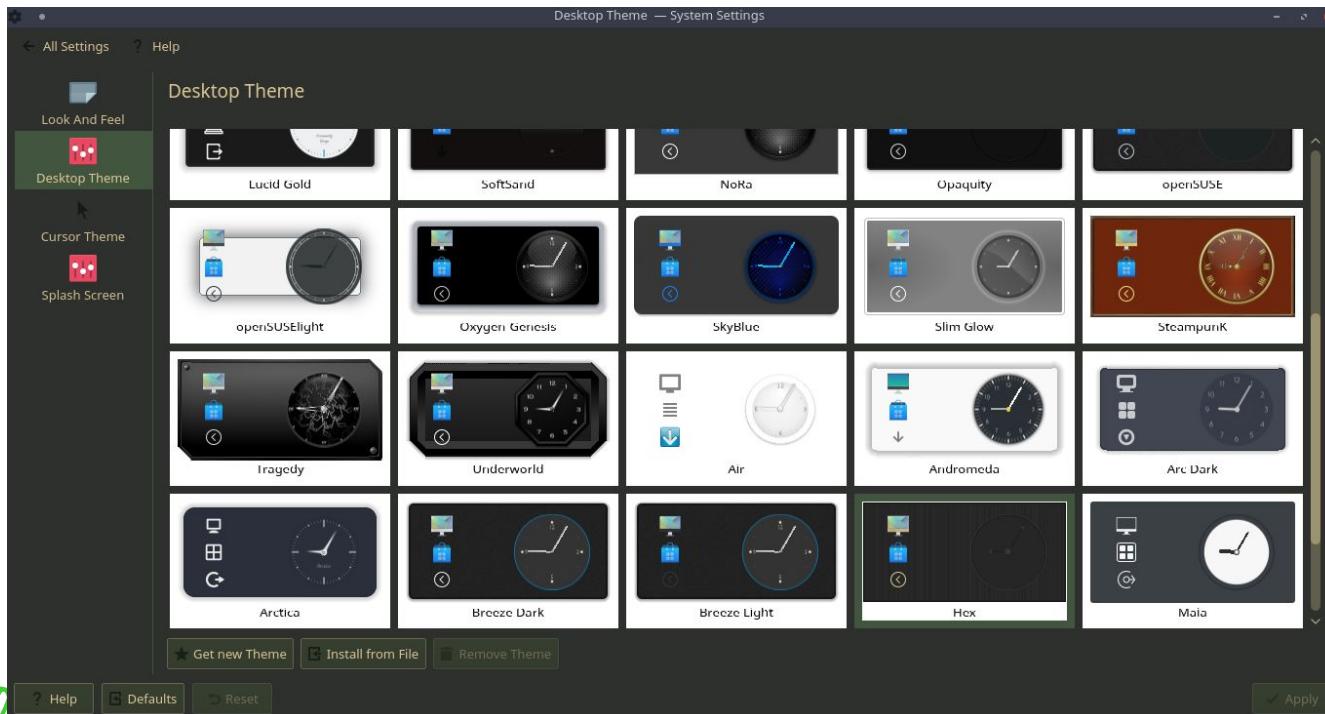
Graphics drivers were a pain

X11 compositing anyone?



KDE 4.0?

Consistent theming throughout the desktop



What problems did we find with QGV?

Only really basic items

QGraphicsItems are not QWidgets!

QGraphicsProxyWidget is.... UGH!

...but still

C++ applets were OK

Support for scripting (big <3 KDE Libs)

De-coupling the visualizations: **DataEngines** (remote!)



...most importantly

REALLY REALLY SLOW!
(depends what you do)

< 10-15 fps



...most importantly



October 13, 2010 at 11:42

muelalan

Will there be a point where I will be laughed at.. because all my QGraphicsView/-Item code became legacy ?



Qt *day*



What is QML

A new way to create user interfaces

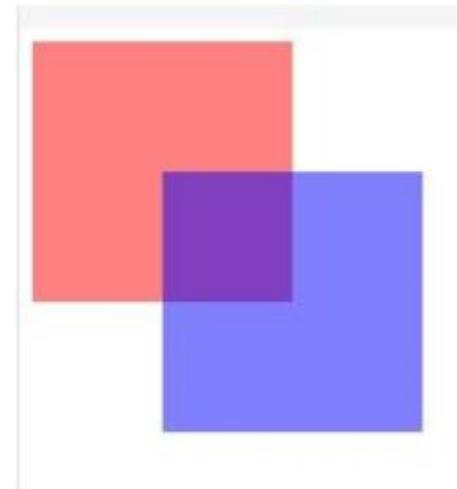
Just declare... we will take care of the rest

FAST! > 60 fps!



What is QML

```
Rectangle {  
    opacity: 0.5  
    color: "red"  
    width: 100; height: 100  
    Rectangle {  
        color: "blue"  
        x: 50; y: 50; width: 100; height: 100  
    }  
}
```



What is QML

Rectangle

Text

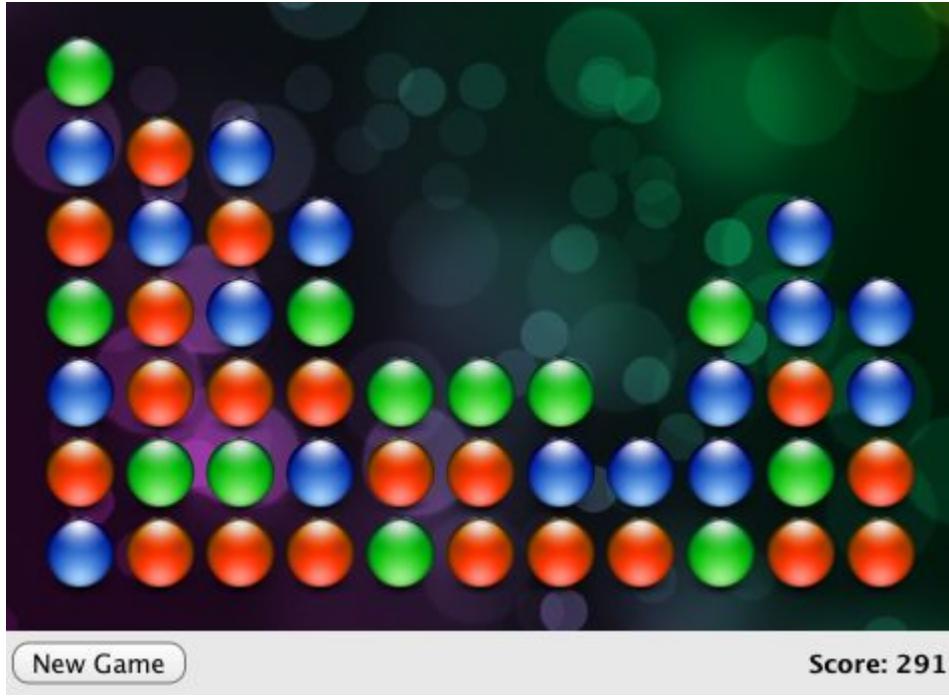
Image

MouseArea, ...

There are no “components”



What is QML



Qt day



What is QML

The screenshot shows a project dashboard interface with the following sections:

- Pulse**: Assigned Issues
 - #121 - [AppStore] Display reviews in columnflo... Project Dashboard
 - #117 - [GitHub] Provide a Trello-like view of iss... Project Dashboard
 - #114 - Add a grid view to the projects page Project Dashboard
 - #107 - [GitHub] Provide option to search for iss... Project Dashboard
 - #102 - Only display relevant plugins on the das... Project Dashboard
 - #101 - Fix failing Travis CI steps Project Dashboard[View all 23 issues](#)
- Inbox**: Recent Notes
 - Ideas for uData Syncing **7/4/14**
Some things we could try....[View all 1 notes](#)
- GitHub**: Upcoming Events
 - Finish 4-H app exhibit **0 days**[View all 1 events](#)
- Notes**: Recent Reviews
 - Victor Thompson **Fri May 9 2014** ★★★★☆
 - Nekhelesh Ramananthan **Fri May 9 2014** ★★★★☆
 - Niklas **Sat May 10 2014** ★★★★★
- Events**
- Store**
- Settings**

Qt **du**   



Beautiful Developer Design



UI

Game: Angry Developer

SCORE:

12:31:24



Playing



Moving

Qt

NOKIA



QtQuickControls! (v1)

Nokia created Symbian/Meego Components



QtQuickControls 1

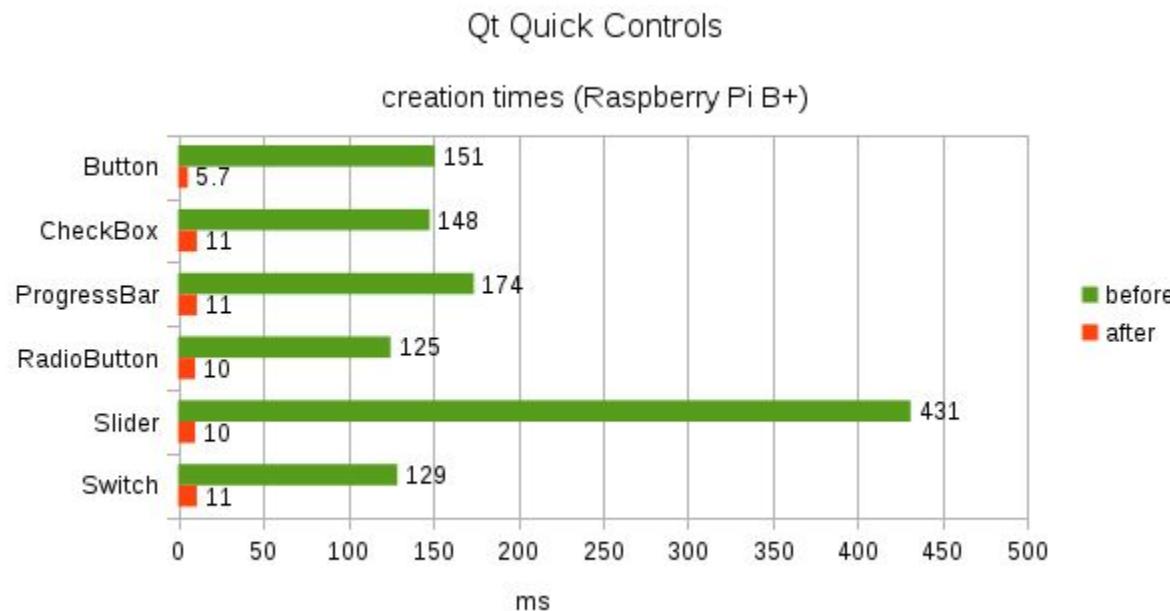
Everything implemented with QML + Javascript

... everything ...



QtQuickControls 2

Everything re-implemented in C++



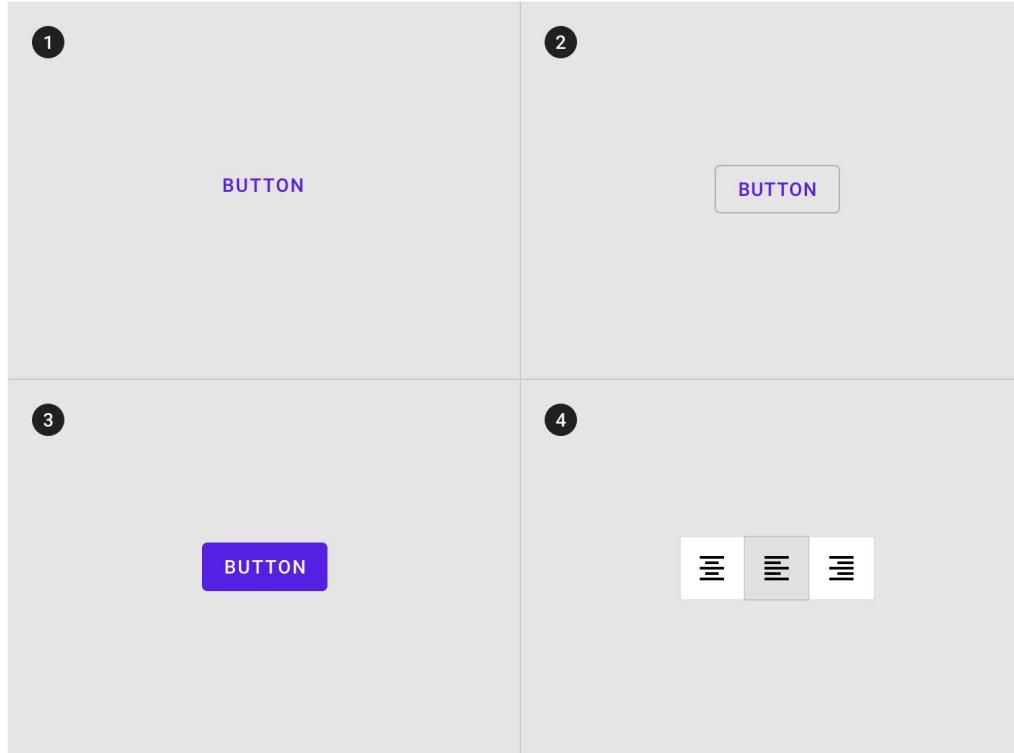
Material Design



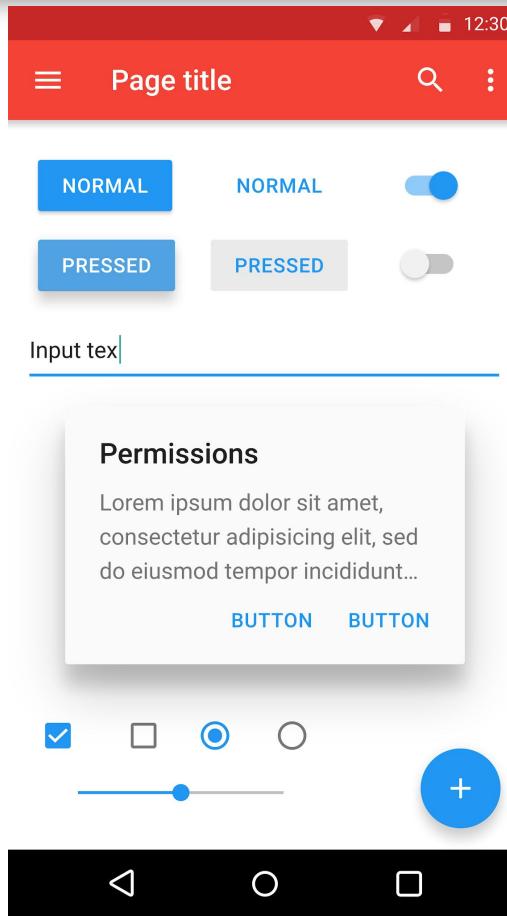
Qt *day*



Material Design



Material Design



Material Design: cards

The diagram illustrates the components of a Material Design card:

- Rich media**: Points to a large gray area containing a pie chart and a triangle.
- Primary title**: Points to the main title "Title goes here" and its subtitle "Secondary text".
- Supporting text**: Points to the descriptive text "Greyhound divisively hello coldly wonderfully marginally far upon excluding."
- Actions**: Points to the call-to-action buttons "ACTION 1" and "ACTION 2".

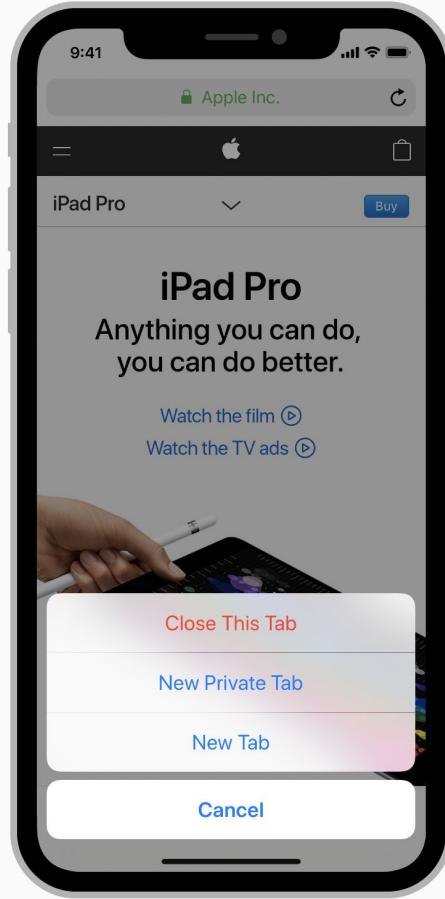
The screenshot shows two cards on a desktop:

- Card 1 (Top):** Title: "remember," Subtitle: "it's Suzan's Birthday !", Action: "send Suzan a mail".
- Card 2 (Bottom):** Title: "remember," Subtitle: "you have a meeting scheduled within a few minutes (at 10:10 AM).", Action: "open kOrganizer".

The desktop interface includes a clock (10:05), date (06-01-2005), and a window control menu.



Apple Design Guidelines



Qt day



KIRIGAMI

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Kirigami UI

Bring the same abstraction and complexity on top of components to Qt and the “free world”



Inqlude

inqlude.org

#inqlude
The Qt library archive



KDE Frameworks

Every Framework has a **Tier** and a Type

Tier 1: No other dependency other than Qt

(Kirigami is Tier 1)



Design phase, HIG work in progress

- Based upon Design guidelines of visual Design Group
<https://hig.kde.org>
- The fastest way to have consistent apps with the HIG is to have pre-made GUI components/controls
- You can find the controls in `kirigami.git`
- Plan: make it a tier-1 framework
- Multiplatform: has to work on Desktop Linux, Plasma Mobile, Android, Ubuntu Phone, Windows, iOS...



Basic assumptions behind the design

- Convergence with optimized UIs
- Focus on content consumption instead of creation
- Give as much space to content as possible
- Optimize for one-handed use
- Optimize for hierarchically organized content

What Kirigami is NOT about

What Kirigami is NOT about:

- Buttons, checkboxes etc:
- Not in topic, use QQuickControls2



ApplicationWindow

- Base class for applications
- Derives from QQC ApplicationWindow
- Implements some of the central UI elements
- Properties for Drawers
- Passive notifications
- The page navigation looking like a scrollable row (our main way to go back between pages is through gestures, very effective except corner cases)

Page

- The application is divided in “pages”
- The class sets a standard behavior
- Exposes “actions” properties
 - main: main Primary Action Button action
 - left: optional smaller button at left of Primary Action Button
 - Right: optional smaller button at right of Primary Action Button
 - contextualActions: list that will go in the contextual drawer

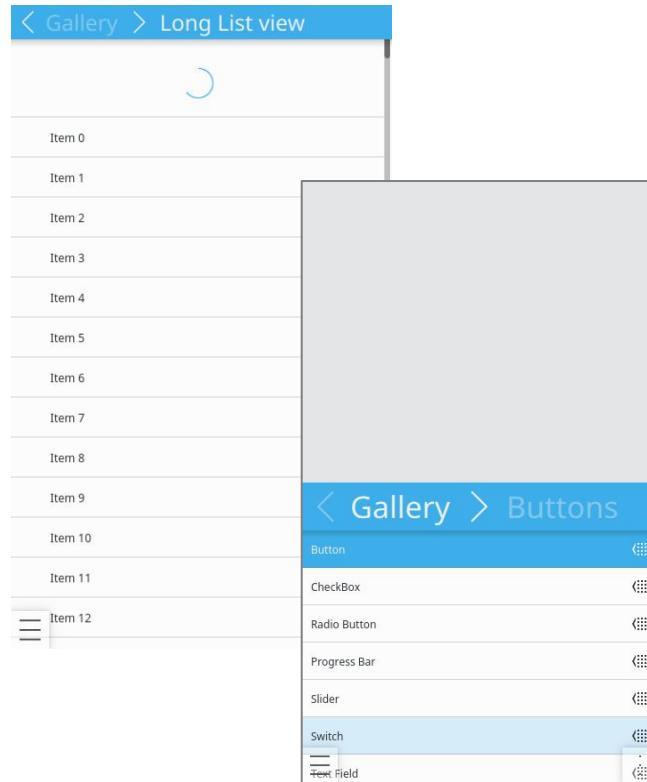
Page

```
Page {  
    id: page  
    title: "Page Title"  
  
    actions {  
        main: Action {  
            iconName: : "document-edit"  
            text: "Main Action Text"  
            onTriggered: ...  
        }  
        left: Action {...}           }  
        right: Action {...}         }  
    contextualActions: [  
        Action {  
            text: "Action for buttons"  
            iconName: "bookmarks"  
            onTriggered: ...  
        },  
        Action {  
            text: "Disabled Action"  
            iconName: "folder"  
            enabled: false  
        }  
    ]  
    //Page Contents...  
}
```



ScrollingPage

- Many Pages on mobile devices are scrollable controls, either lists of items or just complicated layouts that don't fit in the screen
- ScrollingPage manages that without the need of explicitly including Flickables
- Supports the popular “pull down to refresh” gesture present in many mobile apps
- By overpulling, the whole UI gets dragged down making it reachable by thumb



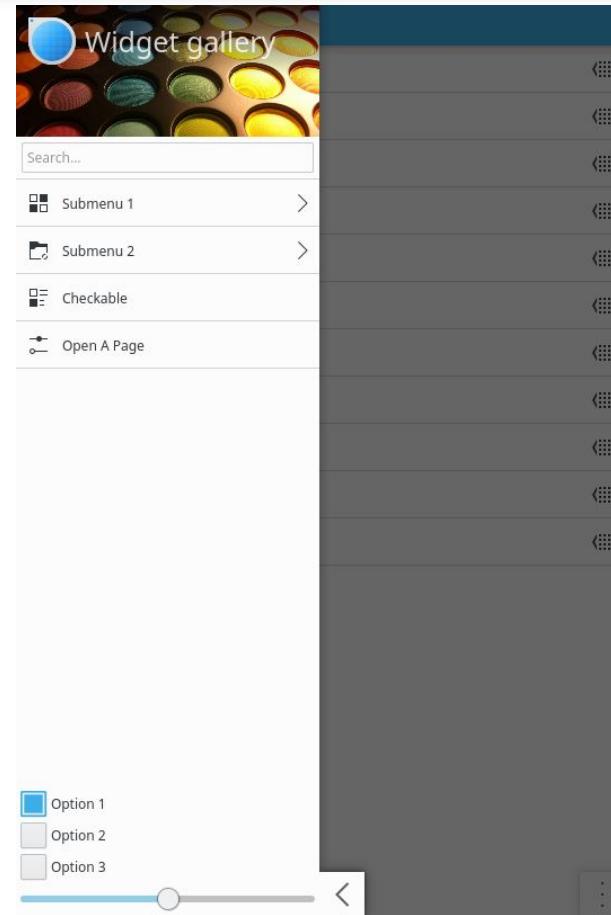
Drawers

- ApplicationWindow supports two drawers that will be overlaid on top of the application contents
- Base class: OverlayDrawer
- It's empty, can be used everywhere
- It can have 4 orientations: left, right, top, bottom
- API compatible with QQuickControls2 Drawer
- Edge slide from left and right, and from bottom on platforms that have sides reserved for the system (Ubuntu, Windows 8-10)



GlobalDrawers

- Edge slide from left (screenedge or Primary Action button)
- Big pretty title
- Navigable menu, like a menubar
- Bottom and top areas to put arbitrary controls



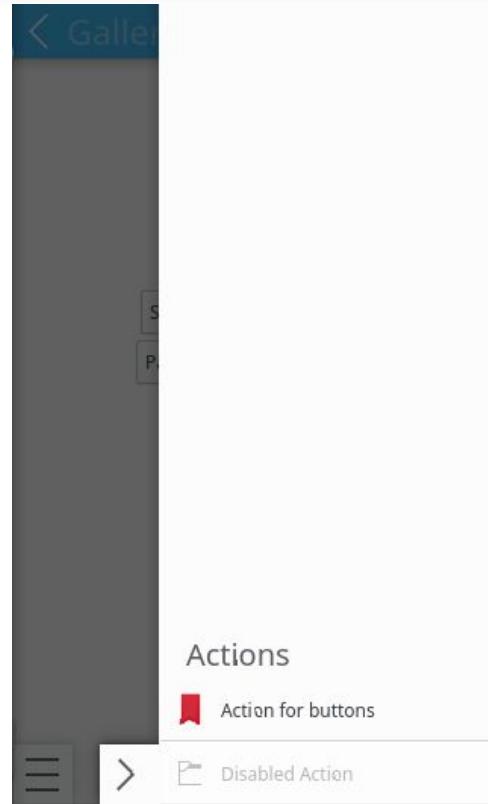
GlobalDrawer

```
Kirigami.ApplicationWindow {  
    globalDrawer: Kirigami.GlobalDrawer {  
        title: "Widget gallery"  
        titleIcon: "graphics"  
        bannerImageSource: "banner.jpg"  
  
        actions: [  
            Kirigami.Action {  
                text: "Submenu 1"  
                iconName: "view-list"  
                Kirigami.Action {  
                    text: "Action 1"  
                    OnTriggered: ...  
  
                }  
            }  
        ]  
  
        //Arbitrary content  
        Item {...}  
    }  
}
```

```
Kirigami.Action {...}  
Kirigami.Action {...}  
,  
Kirigami.Action {  
    text: "Checkable"  
    checkable: true  
    onCheckedChanged: ...  
}  
]  
  
//Application content  
}
```

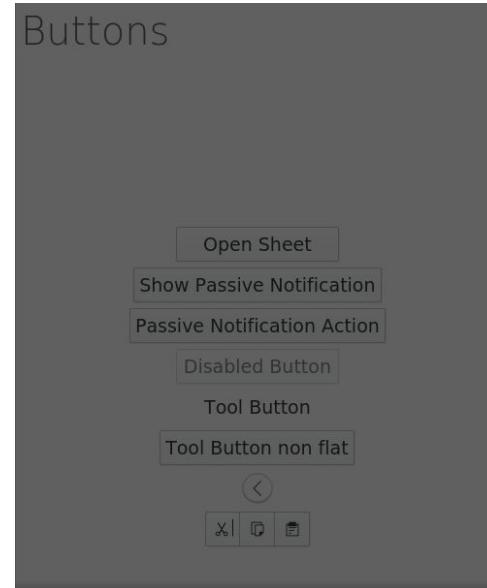
ContextDrawer

- Edge slide from right (screen edge, Action Button or bottom-right gesture)
- Actions that depend from the current app page: context-dependent
- Bottom-aligned to be thumb-friendly



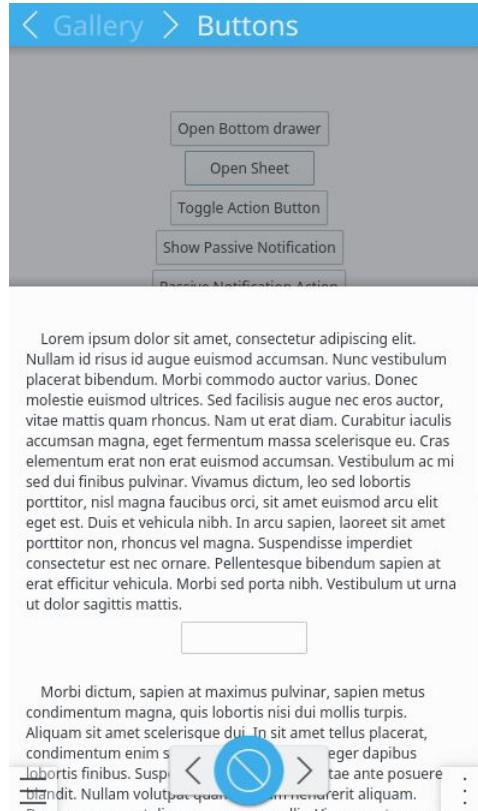
Custom Drawers

- The developer can use an arbitrary number of custom drawers
- Drawers from bottom useful to be used as a kind of “dialog”
- If you know your content will always just take a tiny portion of screen



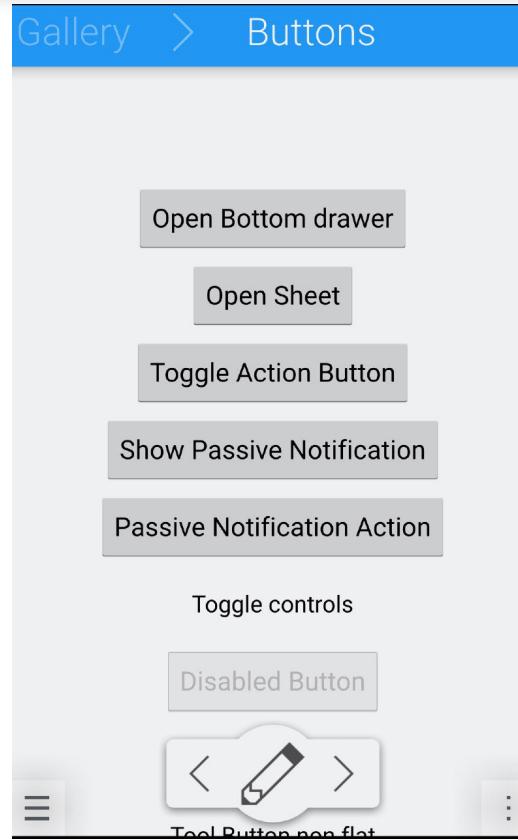
OverlaySheet

Better than drawers - if it's needed big, scrolling dialog-like pages that can be dismissed by gesture, use OverlaySheet



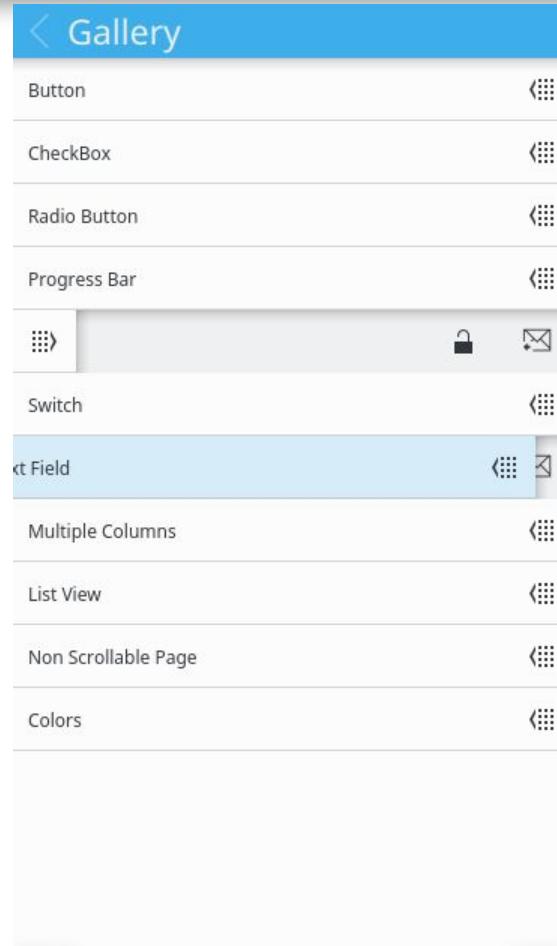
Primary Action Button

- Not a class that can be directly instantiated
- Triggers actions and acts as an handle for the side drawers
- The Page provides the actions as a model, Kirigami decides how to visually represent them



SwipeListItem

- A list item with a standard look, plus a draggable handle to reveal actions
- Recommended when there is no contextdrawer
- The swipe gesture is mobile-specific, on desktop the actions will appear on mouse over, with no code changes



```
ListView {
    id: mainListView

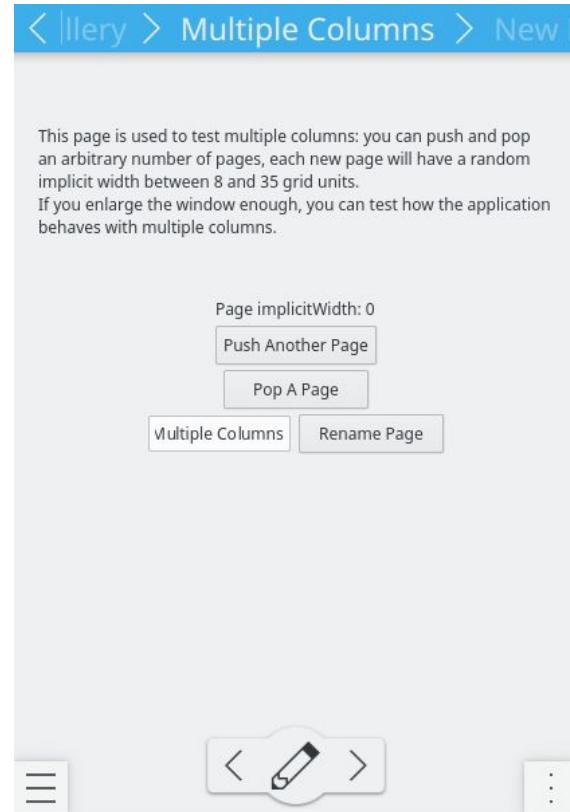
    model: //QAIM or simpler QML models
    delegate: KirigamiSwipeListItem {
        id: listItem

        Kirigami.Label {
            text: model.text
            color: listItem.checked ? listItem.activeTextColor :
listItem.textColor
        }

        onClicked: ...
        actions: [
            Kirigami.Action {
                iconName: "document-decrypt"
                onTriggered: ...
            },
            Kirigami.Action {
                iconName: "mail-reply-sender"
                onTriggered: ...
            }
        ]
    }
}
```

ApplicationHeader

- The top of the application is reserved to a “title” area that acts as a breadcrumb in the currently open page hierarchy
- Content can be customized using AbstractapplicationHeader instead





Other classes

- Action: “model” representation of an action
- ListItem/BasicListItem
- Heading
- Label
- SplitDrawer

Getting it built

- More than one way: what works on some platforms doesn't on others (plugins don't work on iOS)
- CMAKE
 - Build as a plugin (default)
 - Static
- QMAKE
 - Pro file, build as a plugin
 - Pri file, statically include
 - Global pri file, as a plugin and like any other KF5

Getting it built

- Cmake:
 - Plugin: find_package(KF5Kirigami CONFIG REQUIRED)
 - Static: cmake -DSTATIC_LIBRARY=ON
- Qmake:
 - Plugin: QT += Kirigami
 - Static: include (kirigami/kirigami.pri)



Quick and dirty qmake on iOS

- Clone kirigami.git in your project
- Clone breeze-icons.git in the kirigami folder

TEMPLATE = app

QT += qml quick

CONFIG += c++11

SOURCES += main.cpp

RESOURCES += qml.qrc

include(deployment.pri)

iphoneos {

 include (kirigami/kirigami.pri)

}



Quick and dirty qmake on iOS

```
#include <QGuiApplication>
#include <QQmlApplicationEngine>
#include "kirigami/src/kirigamiplugin.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    QGuiApplication app(argc, argv);
#ifndef Q_OS_IOS
    KirigamiPlugin::registerTypes();
#endif
    QQmlApplicationEngine engine;
    engine.load(QUrl(QStringLiteral("qrc:/main.qml")));

    return app.exec();
}
```



Static with CMake: iOS

```
add_executable(main main.cpp)
IF(CMAKE_SYSTEM_NAME STREQUAL iOS)
target_link_libraries(main
    ${CMAKE_SOURCE_DIR}/libkirigamiplugin.a)
ELSE()
#normal linking...
ENDIF()
```

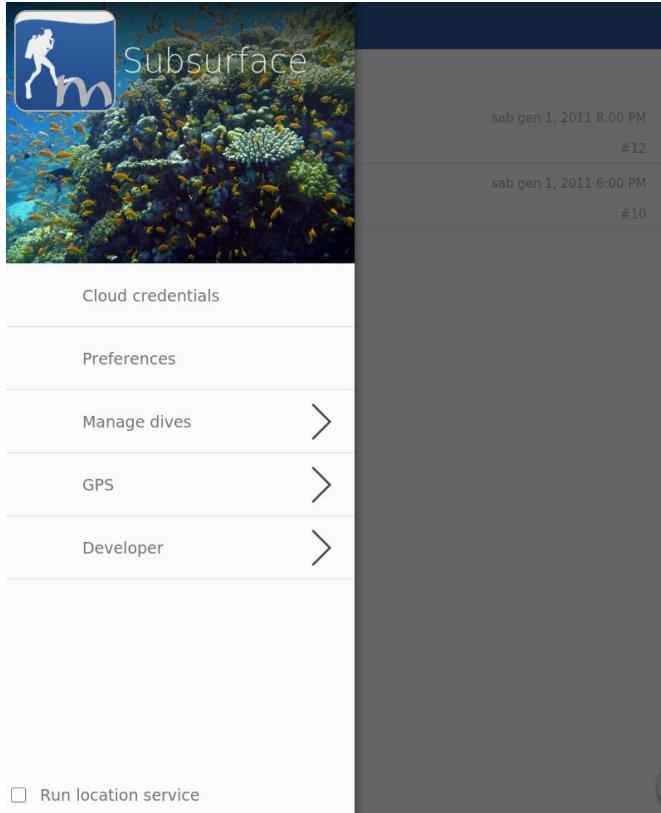


Success Story

- SubSurface
- Dive log app written by Linus Torvalds, Dirk Hohndel and others
- Desktop app
- Used to be GTK+, migrated to Qt
- Released mobile version for Android (iOS version in beta),
- Mobile version shares most backend code with desktop version, Android and iOS code almost identical
- Early adopter for Kirigami, very good collaboration including patches from Dirk



Subsurface-mobile



The image shows a detailed dive log entry screen for "Dive 12". The top bar has a menu icon, the title "Subsurface-mobile", and the text "12th test dive, 3 tanks, 3 tank changes".

The log details for Dive 12 are:

Date: sab gen 1, 2011 8:00 PM
Location: 12th test dive, 3 tanks, 3 tank changes

Use current GPS location:

Depth: 30m
Duration: 30min
Air Temp: 27.0°C
Water Temp: 26.0°C
Suit:
Buddy: --
Dive Master: --

Notes: Shows three pressure plots, each from 200 to 100bar and gaschange events at 10, 20 and 25 min mark. Last change is back to first tank.

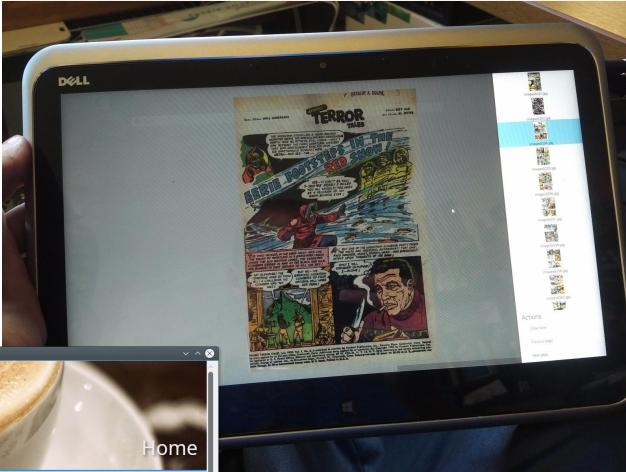
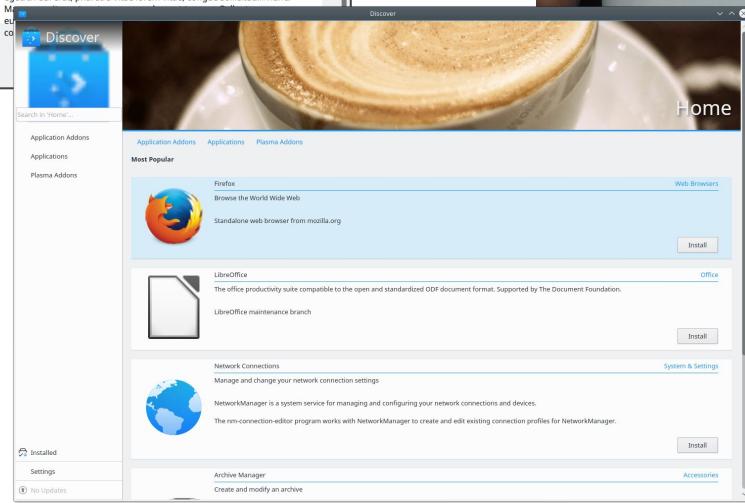
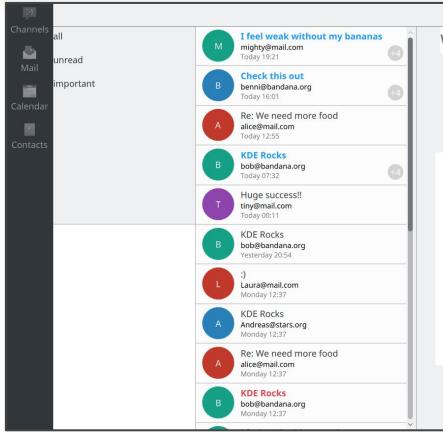
At the bottom right is a "Save" button, and at the very bottom is a navigation bar with a circular icon containing a circle with a diagonal line and a right-pointing arrow.

More Kirigami-Based Applications

- Peruse (released for desktop Linux and Windows, in development for mobile)
- Kube (in development for mobile and desktop Linux, Windows, OS X, Android)
- Discover (in development for mobile and desktop Linux)



More Kirigami-Based Applications



Feedback

“The Android demo "Kirigami gallery" is running surprisingly fluidly on my Nexus 7 tablet from 2012. Top.”

“I'm excited by the slick looking Kirigami and the possibility of building applications to deploy on Linux, Android, and Windows with C++.”

“It didn't take long to get used to swiping the central button, and it is easy and comfortable to use. It's also very efficient: one button has three actions (swipe left, swipe right, click). The user just has to know what to do with it.”

“Superb function, beautiful design” (feedback on subsurface-mobile)



Key Takeaways

- Kirigami is a **Tier 1** KDE Framework
- Ready for experimentation and wider usage
- Test the library, contribute feedback and patches!



Additional Resources...

- HIG: <https://hig.kde.org>
- API:
<https://api.kde.org/playground-api/libs-apidocs/kirigami/html/index.html>
- Gallery on Android:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.kde.kirigamigallery>
- IRC: #plasma or #kde-devel on freenode
- Mailing list: plasma-devel@kde.org or kde-devel@kde.org



Differenze con MD/Altro

<https://hig.kde.org/patterns/navigation/column.html>

<https://hig.kde.org/components/actionbutton.html>
(now added in MD!)

<https://material.io/design/components/app-bars-bottom.html>

Questions?

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