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## inkscape tooltips unreadable

I am running inkscape on kubuntu 15.10 and the tootips are unreadable. The are white on a light gray background. Everything is quite vanilla.

Is there a fix? Or a configuration setting?

Thanks. --Len

I am running fvwm as my KDEWM. I checked and if I use fvwm directly (not under PLASMA) the tooltips are OK. I installed the menu package and tried accessing inkscape using the generated Debian menus. The tooltips are OK from there; however, when I launch inkscape from the KDE menu or the command line, I still have the white-on-light-grey problem. At any rate, no longer a show stopper.

kubuntu inkscape

edited Jan 26 '16 at 14:56

asked Jan 26 '16 at 0:18

LenB 136 6

I think you may have to install an alternate theme. I run Inkscape in gnome and the tooltips are fine. On the other hand, the Ubuntu Software Center is almost illegible.... – Charles Green Jan 26 '16 at 4:57

I checked on my laptop (kubuntu 14.04) and inkscape (0.48) tooltips are OK. On my desktop (kubuntu 15.10) and inkscape(0.91) has the tooltip problem as described. O.w. the two systems are comparable. Both uptodate. I'm not sure what you mean by changing the Theme. – LenB Jan 26 '16 at 14:07

Themes are the controlling aspect of how the desktop looks and feels on your computer. New themes can be downloaded from sites such as this one, and can be simple set of new icons or colors, or include new window styles and behaviours. I'm really surprised that your laptop and your desktop system look differently - do they display most colors the same? - Charles Green Jan 26 '16 at 15:10

I haven't noticed significant differences before. The thing that surprises me, however, is that running from the Debian Menu gives different results than running from KDE. — LenB Jan 26 '16 at 19:47

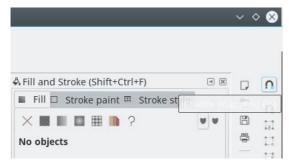
## 4 Answers

Disabling "apply colors to non Qt applications" worked for me.

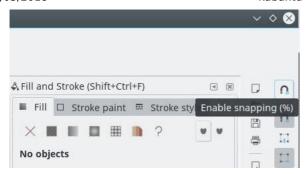
If you do not want KDE to override your GTK settings, select **Colors -> Options** in the System Settings and **disable** the checkbox **Apply colors to non-Qt applications** 

 $\textbf{Sources: https://bugs.kde.org/show\_bug.cgi?id=355540\ https://classicforum.manjaro.org/index.php?topic=29859.0}$ 

Before:



After:



answered Dec 7 '16 at 15:22

Carlos
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For me(on Kubuntu 15.10), it worked by using Oxygen-gtk theme for GTK2 as well as GTK3. Orion and Pearl themes did not work. Now the interface and tool tips, both look native.



```
style "gnome-color-chooser-tooltips"
{
bg[NORMAL] = "#FFFFAF"
fg[NORMAL] = "#000000"
}
widget "gtk-tooltip*" style "gnome-color-chooser-tooltips"
```

I found it in this discussion.



answered Nov 11 '16 at 16:16

MJD
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## Tryout this workaround:

- remove "gtk-tooltip" style "ToolTip" from ~/.config/gtkrc-2.0
- restart the gtk-application (no display manager)

