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Dear KDE e.V. member,

The close of another year brings with it new promise for the new year. Traditional January activities supported by KDE e.V. such as the KDE PIM meeting in Osnabrück and the KDE-NL New Year's Party show the strength of the community around KDE. KDE e.V. is proud to support the efforts of the community in creating great software and good vibes.

The first quarter of 2007 also saw the first results of our developer meetings initiative. The KDE PIM meeting in Osnabrück was supported by the KDE e.V. and was reported to be a very productive and successful event. More meetings are under heavy planning, covering topics like ODF, Akonadi and Amarok. We are very happy that the e.V. is able to make a contribution to these events which result in a strengthened community and amazing amounts of great code being written. Our special thanks go to our Supporting Members and all the donors who make this possible.

One of the traditional events of the early year is CeBIT, the leading IT trade show taking place in Hannover, Germany. As in previous years, KDE also had a booth there in 2007. The KDE e.V. supported the KDE presence by taking over travel costs and providing the booth box and marketing materials. The event was a full success and allowed KDE to reach out to industry partners and the interested public.

Signed,
The KDE e.V. Board <kde-ev-board@kde.org>

Status Report

Copyright Assignment (Fiduciary License Agreement)

The board is continuing work with the Free Software Foundation Europe (FSFE) in order to provide contributors to KDE a way to assign some of their rights as copyright holders to the KDE e.V., for the long-term protection of the KDE project. Current work looks at laying down the guidelines for actions by KDE e.V. with respect to the assigned works.

KDE PIM Meeting at Osnabrück in January 2007

On Friday 14th January 2007, members of the KDE PIM developer group came together for the fifth year in a row in Osnabrück, Germany to review the state of the project. Important topics included Akonadi, KDE PIM maintenance and enterprise usage. A record number of attendees were welcomed to the Intevation office and made at home by Bernhard Reiter, Jan-Oliver Wagner and the rest of the team.

The KDE PIM team would like to thank the KDE e.V. for supporting the KDE PIM meeting at Osnabrück with the help of its supporting members and Trolltech. Our gratitude goes also to Intevation for kindly hosting us again, and KDAB and the Kolab Consortium for a fine Mongolian meal.

Human Computer Interaction Working Group Report

The Human Computer Interaction Working Group (HCI) consists of representatives from the fields of accessibility, artwork, documentation, internationalization and usability. Its goal is to create a more compelling, usable, and understandable interface for all people.

In this quarter, the HCI concentrated on the following tasks:

- **Oxygen Icon Set:** The artists further developed and refined the Oxygen icon set. In collaboration with usability an excerpt of the icons was evaluated in an online survey. Results were reported to the Oxygen team.
- **Usability testing:** Digikam and Ubiquity, the (K)Ubuntu installation process were evaluated in usability tests. Results will be available by the end of May.
- **Human Interface Guidelines (HIG):** Several sections in the HIG were finished. Major changes comprise dialog layout, configuration dialogs and an extended keyboard navigation scheme which allows for full keyboard access.
- **HIG Hunting Session:** The KDE 4 usability and accessibility review cycle started on May 9th and will continue until the beta release. The HCI working group started an experiment to include the community in the search for obvious infringements of the Human Interface Guidelines. Every week, checklists are released through which applications can be reviewed. Problems are reported in the bug system.

The primary method of communication with the HCI working group is through the kde-hci@kde.org mailing list.

We especially encourage members of the internationalization and documentation teams to join and represent their needs.

Report from the Marketing Working Group

The Marketing Working Group (MWG) is a group of KDE contributors (not necessarily e.V. members) who have a common interest in helping to promote and market the project.

MWG highlights from this quarter include:

- The Marketing Working Group began consolidating the events mailing lists this past quarter. The German and Benelux events lists have been combined into one list to ease collaboration between geographically close teams. From the events mailing list: work on a more coordinated merchandising effort has begun; contact with possible suppliers has been made; and products are being developed.

- A meeting was held with the Trolltech marketing department with the aim of improving collaboration and doing more consistent joint marketing. Direct plans include emphasizing accessibility more within KDE. Longer term, work on market segmentation and strategy will be aligned. Another larger meeting is planned for the second half of 2007.

- Work of the renewal of KDE's Guerilla Marketing platform SpreadKDE.org is continuing, and an integrated events planning system is being created.

- The promotion of KDE 4 is going well. Series of Dot articles such as "The Road to KDE 4" and "The Pillars of KDE 4" continue to make an impact in the media: journalists are very interested in what's going on in KDE. With the KDE 4 release schedule being available, the focus has changed somewhat from hyping KDE 4 to managing public expectations by making a distinction between the KDE 4 release cycle and the 4.0 release.

Contact this group with your KDE marketing input by sending email to kde-ev-marketing@kde.org.

Report from the System Administration Team

Sysadmin is a group of long-term KDE contributors and KDE e.V. members who are running the KDE server infrastructure. This includes services such as managing our Subversion source code repository; granting access to new contributors; keeping the bugs database operational; and, of course, keeping all our mission critical servers running smoothly.

Highlights of this quarter's system administration tasks:

- made kdemail.net work again, at least as a forwarding service (no IMAP accounts) for now.
- reorganized a few bits on kde.org
- upgraded KDE SVN to Subversion 1.4
- found a nice hack to reduce the amount of incoming spam for kde.org by about 40%, which helped our server load significantly.

- created Subversion accounts for 76 new contributors and disabled 3 Subversion accounts.

- created 3 email aliases and disabled 1 email alias.

- created 15 new mailing-lists:

· kde-freebsd	· kde-press-announce-pl
· www-pl	· release-team
· kde-sonnet	· kdepim-bugs
· akademy-talks-2007	· kde-china
· kde-research	· kde-ev-hiring
· amarok-devel	· magazine
· kdepim-maintainers	· akademy-sponsoring
· kde-events	

- and disabled 10 mailing-lists:

· akademy-talks-2006	· kde-i18n-tr
· appeal	· kde-ev-twg
· kde-usability-issues	· kde3alpha
· kde-edu-news-french	· appeal-pr
· kdeleague-support	· kde-worldwide

The first source code change of the new year (UTC) was r618293 in the Arabic translations. There were over 30,000 commits in this reporting period, of which around 26,000 were by humans.

Contact this group with your system administration requirements by sending email to sysadmin@kde.org.

Future Plans

SQO-OSS

Board members Adriaan de Groot and Sebastian Kügler traveled to London for a SQO-OSS meeting regarding the participation of KDE e.V. in this European research project. The next stage in the project is software design, to be carried out primarily by the university partners in Athens and Thessaloniki. Talks were started in reusing the eventual software for quality checking Debian packages as well.

aKademy 2007

Adriaan carried on to Glasgow for a meeting with this years aKademy organization team, headed by Kenny Duffus of the department of Computer Science and Information Services of Strathclyde University and Jonathan Riddell of Kubuntu. Many plans for aKademy including the top-secret day trip were finalized during these meetings. Confidence in the organization is high and we look forward to seeing a content-rich and enjoyable aKademy this year.

HCI Working Group

The HCI Working Group is preparing an HCI day at aKademy. Main focus will be the Human Interface Guidelines and HCI-related plans for the development of KDE 4.1.

Marketing Working Group

Plans for the next quarter include an improved promotion of aKademy, start of the implementation of a corporate partnership programme to share marketing tools with companies and organizations who might not have the resources otherwise, organizing a KDE 4 release party at Google headquarters, the Googleplex in California and others all over the world.

See the membership list page for more information, and instructions for how to join the e.V.

Finances

At the end of this reporting period the KDE e.V. has a positive balance of €80,670.

Income during the past quarter included:

- €10,000 Supporting Membership fees
- €5,200 Donations (approximate)

While our expenses included the following activities:

- €4,150 SQO-OSS Server
- €2,700 CeBIT
- €2,100 Developer Meetings
- €1,500 Miscellaneous Travel
- €500 Business Cards

The SQO-OSS server was purchased by KDE e.V. as part of its participation in the SQO-OSS (sqo-oss.eu) project; this server continuously collects KDE project data (SVN, mailing lists, etc.) and keeps it for analysis by the SQO-OSS project. The server also does other quality-related support for the KDE project, such as hosting the EBN code-style checker and its surplus capacity is used for work on KDE 4 on FreeBSD.

If you or your company is interested in providing financial support to the KDE project on a continuing basis please visit the Supporting Members pages on the KDE e.V. website.

Welcome New Members

The KDE e.V. is pleased to report that Trolltech (trolltech.com) is now a Patron of KDE. BasysKom (basyskom.de), Medas (medas.de) and Sirius (siriusit.co.uk) are now Supporting Members of KDE.

In this quarter we added 2 new members, growing the total number to 182. The new members are:

- Valerie Hoh
- Karol Szwed

Welcome to the KDE e.V.!

For donor and sponsorship information please see the "Supporting KDE" website.

Signed The e.V. Board:

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