

# KDE 3.4 released

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A new version of the very good and popular desktop environment is now available for most Linux distributions. The distribution Kubuntu has made a live-cd with KDE 3.4 available for those two want to try it out before installing anything on their computer.

KDE 3.4 at a glance:

- Text-to-speech system with support built into Konqueror, Kate, KPDF and the standalone application KSayIt
- Support for text to speech synthesis is integrated with the desktop
- Completely redesigned, more flexible trash system
- Kicker with improved look and feel
- KPDF now enables you to select, copy & paste text and images from PDFs, along with many other improvements
- Kontact supports now various groupware servers, including eGroupware, GroupWise, Kolab, OpenGroupware.org and SLOX
- Kopete supports Novell Groupwise and Lotus Sametime and gets integrated into Kontact
- DBUS/HAL support allows to keep dynamic device icons in media:/ and on the desktop in sync with the state of all devices
- KHTML has improved standard support and now close to full support for CSS 2.1 and the CSS 3 Selectors module
- Better synchronization between 2 PCs
- A new high contrast style and a complete monochrome icon set
- An icon effect to paint all icons in two chosen colors, converting third party application icons into high contrast monochrome icons
- Akregator allows you to read news from your favourite RSS-enabled websites in one application
- Juk has now an album cover management via Google Image Search
- KMail now stores passwords securely with KWallet

- SVG files can now be used as wallpapers
- KHTML plug-ins are now configurable, so the user can selectively disable ones that are not used. This does not include Netscape-style plug-ins. Netscape plug-in in CPU usage can be manually lowered, and plug-ins are more stable.
- more than 6,500 bugs have been fixed
- more than 1,700 wishes have been fulfilled
- more than 80,000 contributions with several million lines of code and documentation added or changed

The Linux distribution [Ubuntu](#) has a [Live CD available](#) for Windows users who want to try the latest Linux desktop without touching their existing systems.

More:

- [KDE](#)
- [KDE 3.4 Announcement](#)
- [KDE download mirror page](#)
- [Kubuntu 5.04 Live and Install CDs](#)

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