

KDE, when's my next flight? Exploring free alternatives for digital travel assistants

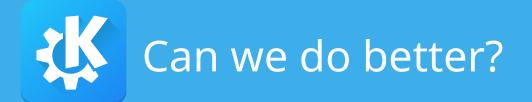
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- TripIt, Google, Apple, etc.
 - Extract booking information from email
 - Show unified itinerary
 - Calendar integration
 - Monitor for delays/changes
- Price: "free" (ie.: your privacy)



- Privacy by design
- Free software, open data
- Budget: a bit of spare time



- This is more about data than code
- Personal data
 - Booking emails
- Static data
 - Where is airport "VIE"?
- Dynamic data
 - Is flight OS 232 on time?



- De-facto standard data model: schema.org
- Email
 - Structured data (JSON-LD, Microdata)
 - Unstructured data (text, HTML, PDF)
- Apple Wallet passes
- Barcodes (IATA BCBP, UIC 918.3, etc)



- Unicode CLDR
 - Localized country/region information
- OpenStreetMap
 - Timezone maps
- Wikidata
 - Every data we ever wished for



- No free data sources
- Few (pseudo) standard formats
 - GTFS (see kde:publictransport)
 - Apple Wallet passes
- Vendor-specific REST APIs exist
 - varying terms and conditions
 - API keys required

So much for the theory...



- kde:kpkpass (part of KDE PIM 18.08)
 - Library for reading Apple Wallet passes
- kde:kitinerary (part of KDE PIM 18.08)
 - schema.org data model
 - Structured data extraction
 - Unstructured data extraction
 - Augmentation with Wikidata knowledge



• Data extraction plug-in since KDE PIM 18.04

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kde:itinerary

My Itinerary

🛗 Friday, 10 Aug 2018

Temperature: 20.1 °C / 26.3 °C Precipitation: 0 mm					
→ OS 232 TXL → VIE	17:0	05:00			
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Sonnwendgasse 11 1100 Wien					
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Departure from Berlin-Tegel: 12:55



- It's possible!
- It's necessary: a lot of personal data involved
- Forget those privacy concerns for a minute, we need test data ;-)
 - Flights, trains, rental cars, hotels, buses, event tickets, restaurants, etc.
- More integration needed

Questions?



- Airline boarding passes
 - "Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego? Becoming a secret travel agent", Karsten Nohl, Nemanja Nikodijevic, 33C3, 2016, video
 - "How to get good seats in the security theater? Hacking boarding passes for fun and profit", Przemek Jaroszewski, DEF CON 24, 2016, slides (has tons of further references)
- Data Model and Formats
 - https://schema.org
 - https://developers.google.com/gmail/markup/reference/
 - Apple Wallet pass files
 - GTFS: https://developers.google.com/transit/