

Advisory Board Working Group

Akademy 2020 - Report



Our Goal

- Ensuring good relations between KDE and its most important partners.

Who we are

- Adriaan de Groot
- Aleix Pol
- Cornelius Schumacher
- David Edmundson
- Eike Hein
- Helio Castro
- Kai Uwe Broulik
- Lydia Pintscher
- Neofytos Kolokotronis
- Sebastian Renard
- Tomaz Canabrava
- Thomas Pfeiffer

What we do

- Organize advisory board calls and making sure the organizations join and communicate.
- Act as contact persons for the members of the KDE Advisory Board
 - KDE's Patrons
 - Allied communities and NGOs within our ecosystem
- Available for the Advisory Board members for:
 - input and questions for KDE
 - getting them in touch with KDE projects or contributors when needed

Updates since Akademy 2019

- Collaborated with the Board of Directors to define the roles and responsibilities of our working group.
- Held 1 Advisory Board call with the Advisory Board members in June 30, 2020. The main topics included:
 - Status of Qt and the role of KDE Free Qt Foundation
 - KDE e.V. developments, including board changes, partners, staff & contractors
 - Events and Sprints
 - Infrastructure changes
- Welcomed two new members:
 - enioka Haute Couture (KDE Patron)
 - OpenUK (NGO)

Our key goals and plans for the coming year

- Hold at least 2 calls per year
 - Next one before the end of 2020.
- Become more active in reaching out to our contacts, with the goal of nurturing stronger relationships.
- Improving the collaboration with the participating organizations.

Talk to us!

- advisory-board-contacts@kde.org



Financial Working Group

— Akademy Report 2020 —

September 2020

Mission & Goals

- Support KDE e.V. Board in Financial topics.
- In collaboration with the Treasurer, propose financial decisions to the KDE e.V. Board.
- Support Board members in commercial activities.
- Support the Treasurer in communication actions related to financial topics.
- Evaluate financial reports submitted by the Treasurer.
- Help the Community implement the annual Budget Plan.

Members: Elected for two-year terms

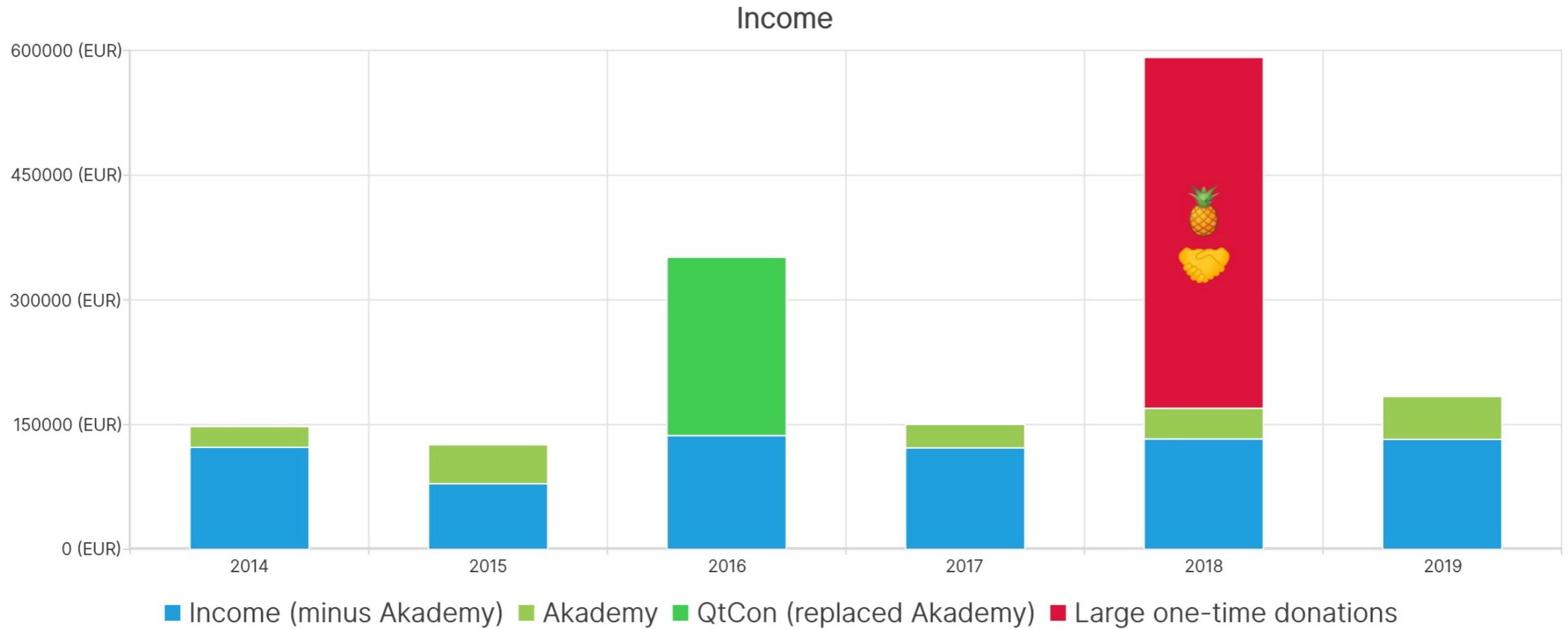
- Daniele E. Domenichelli ddomenichelli@drdanz.it
From May 19th, 2019.
- David Edmundson david@davidedmundson.co.uk
Re-elected for second term May 19th, 2019. **Active.**
- Roman Gilg subdiff@gmail.com
Until June 22nd, 2020.
- Eike Hein hein@kde.org (Treasurer)
Active.
- Neofytos Kolokotronis neofytosk@posteo.net
From May 19th, 2019. **Active.**
- Marta Rybczynska marta.rybczynska@kde.org
Until December 12th, 2019.

New Call for
Members soon!

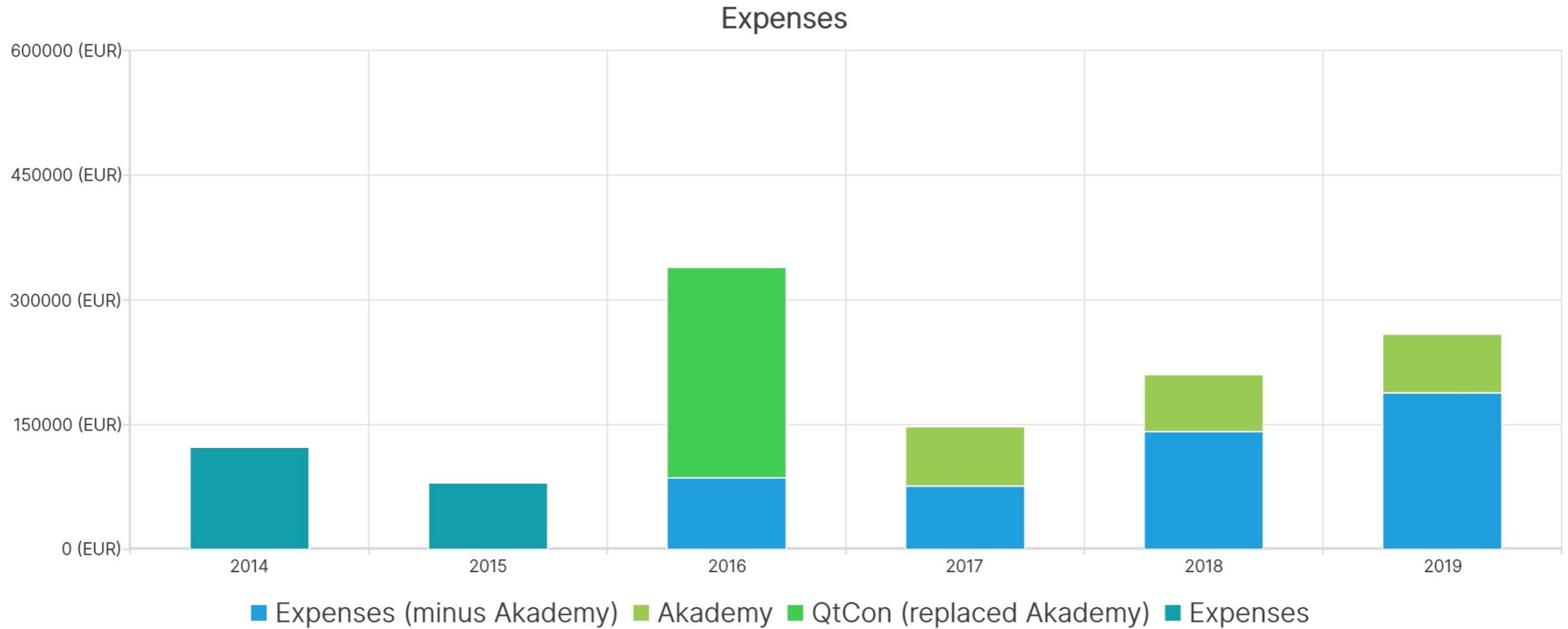
2019 Financial Overview

- 2019 income has remained very stable. Despite:
 - In 2018, we decided to put campaign-based fundraising on hold
 - Several corporate supporting member payments for 2019 slipped to 2020.
- We gained a new corporate supporting member: enioka Haute Couture.
- We outspent our income significantly.
 - ... but not by as much as we had hoped, actually.
 - Our main expenditures were events and contractors.
 - We have a new large event in our budget: Linux App Summit.
 - We are legally obligated to apply our resources toward our mission.
- Akademy sponsorship developed very positively. Thank you!

Income 2014-2019

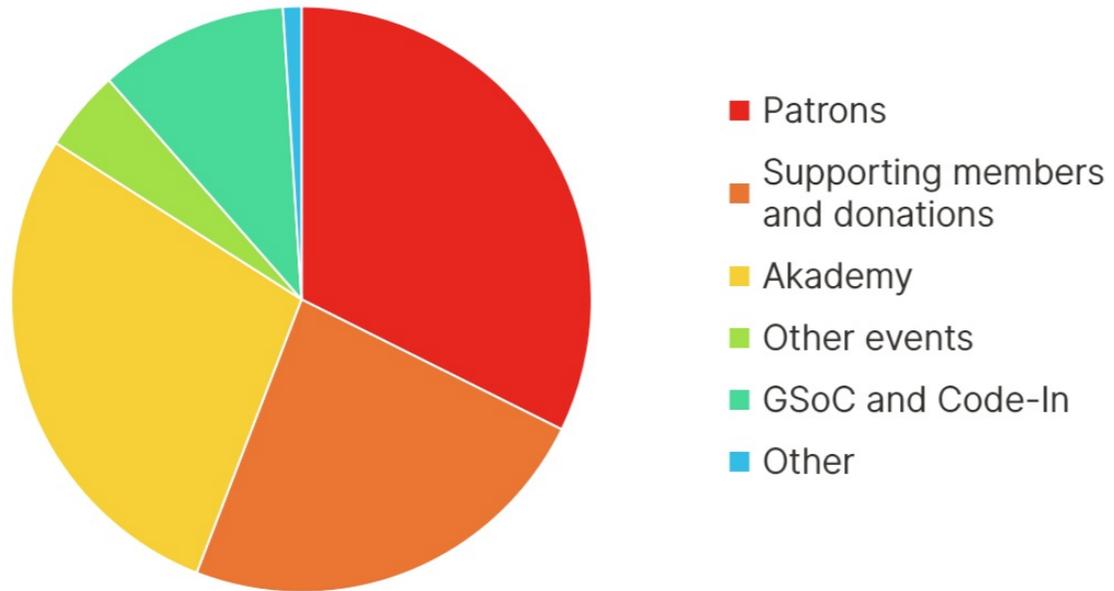


Expenses 2014-2019

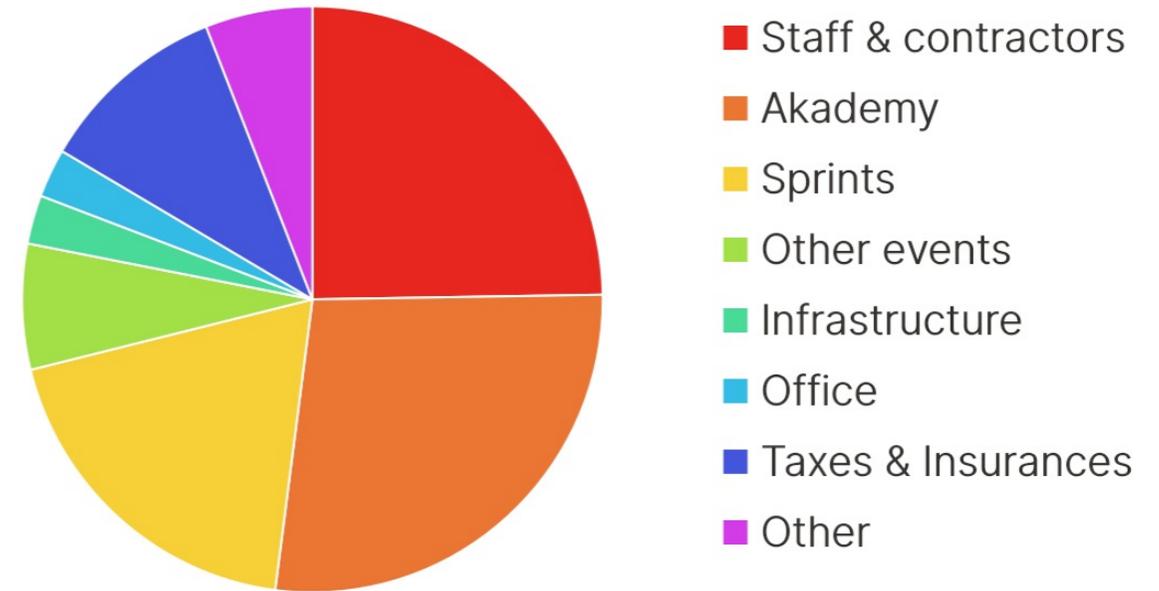


2019 in Detail

Income



Expenses



2020 Budget Plan

- Done in collaboration.
 - Drafted by the Treasurer with input from the KDE e.V. board & other stakeholders.
 - Reviewed and improved with feedback by the Financial Working Group.
- 2020 financial strategy stays true to the direction adopted in 2019.
 - Make resources available to the community. Stimulate spending.
 - Growth in our core areas of community support.
 - Give room to try new things, following community mandates (KDE Goals initiative).
- Adapt to the Covid-19 world.
 - We held publication back until we had a handle on the situation.
 - With travel reimbursement demand reduced & based on updated income projections, we decided that we can afford to keep spending elsewhere (e.g. on contractors).
 - We shrunk event budgets (income & expenses) and focused on re-usable virtual event infrastructure.

2020 Mid-Year Review & Future Outlook

- Donation income remains solid.
- We gained a new corporate supporting member: Kontent GmbH. Welcome!
- We lost a corporate supporting member: Private Internet Access.
 - Acquired by new owners.
- Akademy is in the green in 2020. Thanks to all our sponsors!
- We hired contractors for two new positions: a project co-ordinator and an event organizer.
- Travel expenditure reduced massively year-over-year, as expected.
- 2020 will not break the bank. KDE e.V. end the current year financially very healthy and stable.
- In 2021, we expect expenses to increase if interest in physical meetups and travel resurge.

Q & A

Report of Fundraising WG

KDE e.V. AGM 2020



- Identify fundraising opportunities and coordinate the execution of fundraising campaigns
- Maintain and improve the technical infrastructure used in fundraising campaigns
- Coordinate the production and outreach of promotional material for campaigns

What we do

Who we are

- Kenny Coyle
- Lays Rodrigues
- Scarlett Clark

New members!

- Nate Graham
- Carl Schwan



Our work of the past year

- e.V working on the NDA for FWG
- We've not been that active over the last year
- Still trying to improve our CiviCRM infrastructure:
 - ◆ Our work with our current contractor was not delivering the results as expected, so we ended the contract with them, and we are on the process to sign with a new contractor



Lessons learned and success stories

- We've got new members! (Yay)
- We've been maintaining contact with the Fundraising working group weekly on our Telegram chat



Where we need help

- Technical Infrastructure Expertise (CiviCRM, digital payment systems)
- Experience in Fundraising Campaigns, Help us build out a strategy for the coming years.



Our key goals and plans for the coming year

- Sign the NDA
- Keep the communications on our channels
- With the help of the new contractors, get CiviCRM problems ironed out
- Improve the individual supporting membership experience



Talk to us!

kde-ev-campaign@kde.org

Sysadmin Working Group Report

KDE e.V. AGM 2020



Who we are and what we do

- Sysadmin looks after all the infrastructure we have, which:
 - Served over 40 Terabytes of data in July
 - Delivers over 300k of email each week (down from last year due to reviews no longer going to mailing lists)
- Our current members include:
 - Ben Cooksley
 - Nicolas Alvarez
 - Bhushan Shah
 - Kenny Coyle
 - As well as others who are involved with specific services/systems

Migration to Gitlab

- Occupied a significant amount of our time this year, both in planning and carrying out the actual migration of repositories.
- Worked to get Merge Request Approvals, Merge Request Reviews and Multiple Boards for Projects moved to CE
- Rewrote several parts of the involved systems including:
 - The `commits.kde.org` redirector
 - The `anongit.kde.org` tooling (now known as Replicant)
 - The GitHub mirroring system

Migration to Gitlab (Continued)

- Introduced new services:
 - The Identity Sync mechanism, to automatically grant developers access to our repositories and keep profile details in sync
 - Upstream repository mirroring, which is used to maintain our mirror of Qt at <https://invent.kde.org/qt/>
- Consolidated the private repositories we had previously maintained separately into Gitlab
- Performed substantial cleanup work to reduce the amount of long term maintenance required

Other Work Completed

- For domains:
 - Changed our domain registrar from Godaddy to Namecheap
 - Changed our service provider from Bytemark to CloudNS, improving latency for DNS resolution for all KDE domains
 - Rolled out support for DNSSEC, ensuring users only get authentic DNS responses.
- Changed providers from Incapsula to Cloudflare for our Web Application Firewall services

Other Work Completed

- Introduced Activity Filter, which allows people to subscribe to commits, merge requests, community tasks and bugs for their favourite projects (replacing what commit filter previously did)
- Upgraded the worker nodes supporting the CI system, increasing the available processing power to allow us to support additional builds going forward (and complete existing ones more quickly)
- Introduced BigBlueButton to support the operation of sprints and conferences in an online only environment.

Where we need help

- Any of the items on the next slide

Our key goals and plans for the coming year

- Moving CI services to Gitlab (and retire Jenkins)
- Rework api.kde.org to replace the majority of the existing tooling
- Rollout a replacement to KDE Identity, to be known as MyKDE
- Potentially need to replace (or at least upgrade) Mirrorbrain to handle upcoming changes in Google Chrome that will make serving binaries over HTTP impossible
- General server upgrades due to Ubuntu 16.04 reaching end of life

KDE Free Qt Foundation

Annual Report 2019–2020

by Olaf Schmidt-Wischhöfer
with Martin Konold

Purpose

„**securing** the availability of
the **Qt** toolkit

for the development of
Free Software

and in particular for the development of
KDE software”

Purpose

The foundation has a
legal Agreement
with The Qt Company
to **ensure** that Qt
stays Open Source.

Activity in 2019/2020

1. Negotiations about updating the Agreement with The Qt Company

Activity in 2019/2020: Negotiations

Goals:

- ▶ continue **protecting Qt** as an Open Source library
 - ▶ allow the company to make the **paid version** of Qt **more attractive** without compromising Open Source
 - ▶ update from X11 to **Wayland** without harming the business of the company, e.g. “embedded” products

Activity in 2019/2020: Negotiations

Status:

- ▶ Negotiations have been **delayed** by a number u-turns from the company.
- ▶ We repeatedly **resisted pressure** to accept far-reaching changes on short notice “or else”.
- ▶ We are currently waiting for a signal from the company on **how to continue** with the talks.

Activity in 2019/2020: Negotiations

Our motivation for the future is unchanged:

- ▶ find **solutions** that are **good for all** stakeholders (KDE, company, Qt contributors, Qt users)
 - ▶ **protect** Open Source Qt
- ▶ help to keep the **ecosystem** of Qt business and Qt contributors **healthy**

Activity in 2019/2020

2. Resolving contradictions
between **paid** Qt terms of use
and the **LGPL**

Activity in 2019/2020: Qt terms/LGPL

- ▶ Qt customers were not allowed to use products **“created with”** Open Source Qt
- ▶ In October 2019, we **suggested changes** to the paid licensing terms.
 - ▶ By July 2020, these have been **partially** accepted by The Qt Company.

Activity in 2019/2020: Qt terms/LGPL

- ▶ It seems there is still a conflict between paid licensing terms and Open Source **contributions**.
- ▶ We believe it is in the best interest of The Qt Company to **fully resolve** this.
- ▶ **Qt itself incorporates** products based on Open Source Qt (example: Qt WebEngine is based on a khtml derivative).

Activity in 2019/2020: Qt terms/LGPL

Should the KDE Free Qt Foundation
continue to pursue this topic?

- ▶ It is only indirectly related to the legal Agreement with The Qt Company.
- ▶ It is in scope of the stated foundation **purpose**.

Comments and questions
are welcome on the (public)
kde-community@kde.org mailing list
or at the (non-public)
KDE AGM on Monday, 7 Sept 2020

Community working group

KDE e.V. AGM 2020



Who we are and what we do

We are the helpers and firefighters of the kde community.
Helping the project grow in a safe and warm environment.

Our work of the past year

Not a lot of issues happened, which is good.

Common issues:

Hard for newcomers to know where to start
(telegram,irc,matrix)

Misuses of the planetkde blog

Gitlab / phabricator / bugzilla frustrations escalating due to
miscommunication

Lessons learned and success stories

- Gitlab reduced the amount of frustration from newcomers, reducing emails to the cwg
- A telegram hotline helped quick action when needed
- Cooperation between cwg and the board increased during this year
- Face to face meeting with people helped to ease the tension.

Plans for next year

Increase the documentation and best practices to help newcomers and continue helping the community growth

Ensure communication is done in an effective and proper manner.

Talk to us!

Tomaz, Valoire and Lydia
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