

The KSig Handbook

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Abstract

KSig is an application specially designed to manage multiple email signatures graphically.

Chapter 1

Introduction

KSig is a graphical tool for keeping track of many different email signatures. The signatures themselves can be edited through KSig's graphical user interface. A command-line interface is then available for generating random or daily signatures from a list. The command-line interface makes a suitable plugin for generating signatures in external mail clients such as KMail.

Random signatures will pull signatures from the KSig signature file randomly. You can make every email more exciting and unique than the previous by creating multiple signatures with varying quotes, styles, and information.

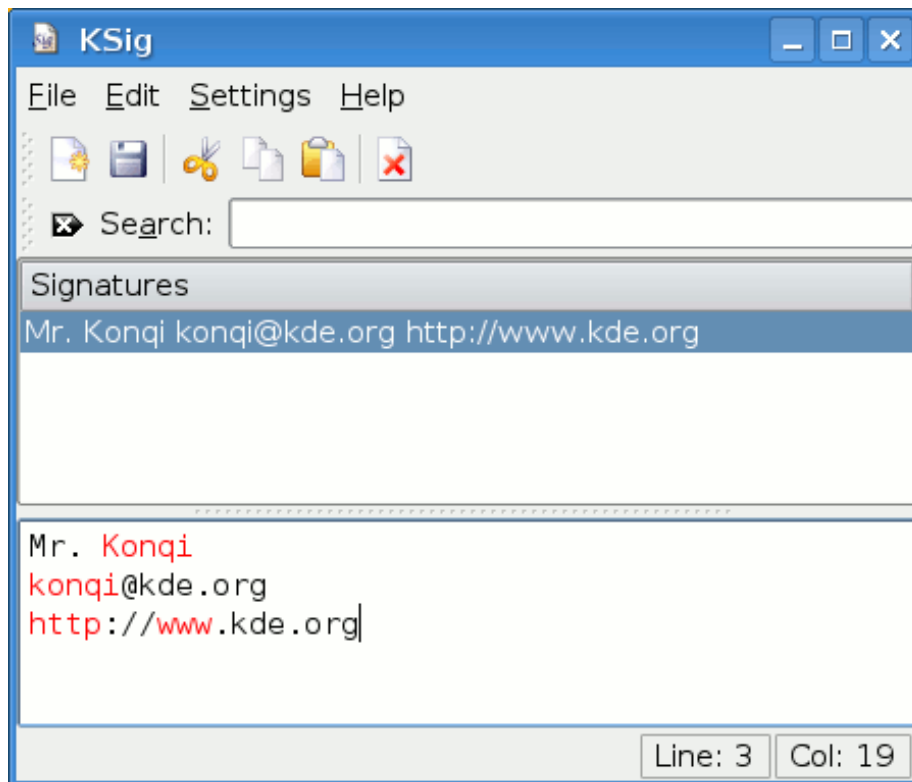
Daily signatures will pull signatures from the KSig signature file only using one signature for an entire day. Every day will provide a different signature, and just like the random signatures provide uniqueness to your emails.

Please report any problems or feature requests to the KDE mailing lists.

Chapter 2

Using KSig

Go to KMenu → Utilities → PIM → KSig Signature Editor



2.1 Creating a new signature

To create a new signature, go to File → New (**Ctrl+N**). This will create an <empty signature> in the Signatures section. Left click the <empty signature> and in the bottom section type in your new signature.

Example 2.1 Signature example

```
Mr. Konqi  
konqi@kde.org  
http://www.kde.org
```

Once you have completed your signature, save it by going to File → Save (**Ctrl+S**), or by pressing the Save button (floppy disc icon).

You can create as many signatures as you would like. Doing so provides you with a list of signatures to use in email applications such as KMail, so no matter how informal or professional you need to be, there will always be an available signature.

2.2 Deleting a signature

To remove a signature first select the signature that you want to remove and then click File → Remove, or by clicking the Remove button with the red x icon in the toolbar.

2.3 Adding daily signatures to KMail

Adding a daily signature is pretty straight forward. Open KMail by pressing Alt-F2. Enter **kmail** in the text box and then press Run. Once inside KMail, go to Settings → Configure KMail.... In the Identities selection, highlight the identity to add the signature to and then press the Modify... button on the right-hand side of the window. Select the Signature tab. Check the Enable signature box. From the Obtain signature text from drop down, select Output of Command. In the Specify command text box, enter **ksig --daily** and then press the OK button.

2.4 Adding random signatures to KMail

Adding a random signature, just like the daily signature, is pretty straight forward. Open KMail by pressing Alt-F2. Enter **kmail** in the text box and then

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press Run. Once inside KMail, go to Settings → Configure KMail.... In the Identities selection, highlight the identity to add the signature to and then press the Modify... button on the right-hand side of the window. Select the Signature tab. Check the Enable signature box. From the Obtain signature text from drop down, select Output of Command. In the Specify command text box, enter **ksig --random** and then press the OK button.

Chapter 3

Command Reference

3.1 The File Menu

File → **New (Ctrl+N)** Creates a new signature.

File → **Save (Ctrl+S)** Saves the signature.

File → **Remove** Removes a signature.

File → **Quit (Ctrl+Q)** Quits KSig.

3.2 The Edit Menu

Edit → **Cut (Ctrl+X)** Cuts the current selection.

Edit → **Copy (Ctrl+C)** Copies the current selection.

Edit → **Paste (Ctrl+V)** Pastes the current Klipper content.

Edit → **Clear** Clears the current selection.

3.3 The Settings Menu

Settings → **Toolbars** Toggles whether the Main Toolbar (KSig) or the Search Toolbar (KSig) is displayed.

Settings → **Show/Hide Statusbar** Toggles whether the status bar is displayed.

Settings → **Edit Standard Header** Edits the Standard signature header.

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Settings → **Edit Standard Footer** Edits the Standard signature footer.

Settings → **Configure Shortcuts...** Displays the Configure Shortcuts dialog box. This lets you choose shortcut keys for various menu items. To change a shortcut, select an action from the list, and then choose which keystroke to use. Clicking on the bottom right Custom button lets you choose which specific key to use. Just press the new key or key combo.

Settings → **Configure Toolbars...** Displays a KDE standard dialog where you can configure the toolbar icons.

3.4 The Help Menu

Help → **KSig Handbook (F1)** Invokes the KDE Help system starting at the KSig help pages. (this document).

Help → **What's This? (Shift+F1)** Changes the mouse cursor to a combination arrow and question mark. Clicking on items within KSig will open a help window (if one exists for the particular item) explaining the item's function.

Help → **Report Bug...** Opens the Bug report dialog where you can report a bug or request a 'wishlist' feature.

Help → **About KSig** This will display version and author information.

Help → **About KDE** This displays the KDE version and other basic information.

Chapter 4

Credits and License

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Appendix A

Installation

A.1 How to obtain KSig

KSig is part of the KDE project <http://www.kde.org/> .

KSig can be found in the kdeaddons package on <ftp://ftp.kde.org/pub/kde/> , the main FTP site of the KDE project.

A.2 Requirements

In order to successfully use KSig, you need KDE 3.5. To apply a signature to your emails you will also need a client such as KMail or any other client that can obtain the signature text from the output of a command.

A.3 Compilation and Installation

In order to compile and install KSig on your system, type the following in the base directory of the KSig distribution:

```
% ./configure
% make
% make install
```

Since KSig uses **autoconf** and **automake** you should have no trouble compiling it. Should you run into problems please report them to the KDE mailing lists.