

The KInfoCenter

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Abstract

This documentation describes KDE's information center.

Chapter 1

The KInfoCenter

The KInfoCenter (from now on referred to simply as 'the information center') provides you with a centralized and convenient overview of your KDE and system settings.

The information center is made up of multiple modules. Each module is a separate application, but the information center organizes all of these programs into a convenient location.

Chapter 2

Using The KInfoCenter

This next section details the use of the information center itself. For information on individual modules, please see [Info Center Modules](#)

2.1 Starting the KInfoCenter

The KInfoCenter can be started 3 ways:

1. By selecting K Button → System → Info Center from the KDE Panel.
2. By pressing Alt+F2.
This will bring up a dialog box. Type **kinfocenter**, and click Run or press **Enter**.
3. You can type **kinfocenter &** at any command prompt.

All three of these methods are equivalent, and produce the same result.

2.2 The KInfoCenter Screen

When you start the information center, you are presented with a window, which can be divided into 3 functional parts.

Across the top is a menubar. The menubar will provide you with quick access to most of KInfoCenter's features. The menus are detailed in [The KDE Info Center Menus](#).

Along the left hand side, is a column. This is a where you choose which module to investigate. You can learn how to navigate through the modules in the section called [Navigating Modules](#).

The main panel shows you some system information.

2.3 The KInfoCenter Menus

This next section gives you a brief description of what each menu item does.

2.3.1 File Menu

The File menu has a single entry.

File → **Quit (Ctrl+Q)** Closes the info center.

2.3.2 Help Menu

Help → **KInfoCenter Handbook (F1)** Invokes the KDE Help system starting at the KInfoCenter 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 KInfoCenter 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 KInfoCenter** This will display version and author information.

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

2.4 Exiting The KDE Information Center

You can exit the info center one of three ways:

- Select File → Quit from the menu bar.
- Type Ctrl+Q on the keyboard.
- Click on the Close button on the frame surrounding the info center.

Chapter 3

The KInfoCenter Modules

3.1 Navigating Modules

This is a list of the *standard* configuration modules (sorted by category) provided by the KDE base package. Please note that there may be many more modules on your system if you have installed additional software.

- Devices
- DMA-Channels
- Interrupts
- IO-Ports
- Memory
- Network Interfaces
- OpenGL
- Partitions
- PCI
- PCMCIA
- Processor
- Protocols
- Samba Status Information
- SCSI
- Sound
- USB Devices
- X-Server

Chapter 4

Credits and License

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