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1 The Battery Monitor Panel

1.1 Introduction

This panel controls whether or not a battery state icon appears in KDE's panel.

Once enabled a battery will appear in your docking bar as one of 3 icons - a battery with a red X through it indicates that APM has not been installed (in particular `/proc/apm` can't be read).

The other two icons indicate the battery state - a small plug with a bar beside it indicates your batteries are charging - the height of the blue portion of the bar indicate how full your batteries are. A small battery in the dock indicates you are running on batteries, the amount of blue in the battery indicates how full your batteries are.

If you left click on the docked icon a pop-up will tell you how much time you have left in minutes.

If you right click you get a pop-up that lets you put your laptop into suspend or standby modes - or to bring up the laptop configuration widget.

All features of Battery are configured from the Setup dialog.

1.2 Use

The configuration window can be divided into 3 parts.

Show Battery Monitor This controls whether or not the battery icon appears. This is disabled by default.

Poll This setting controls how often, in seconds, the battery is updated. The default is 20 seconds.

Icons The battery monitor uses three icons to represent the three states: No APM, Charging, and Not Charging. The icons shown are the 'large' icons. To select new ones, click on the buttons and a icon loader dialog will pop up.

NOTE

If you create your own icons - they will work with the battery monitor - but be careful.

All the exactly white pixels in the icon get filled by blue for the battery meter - if you want some white looking pixels to stay choose a slightly off-white or gray color for them.

The author does not claim to be a graphic artist and would love for someone to donate some better looking icons to the cause.

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