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1 Colors

1.1 Introduction

The Color Selection module is comprised of 4 sections:

1. The color scheme preview.
2. The current Widget Color.
3. The available Color Schemes.
4. The contrast slider.

NOTE

A *Widget* is a commonly-used programmer's term for referring to User Interface elements such as buttons, menus, and scroll bars. You can think of them as the fundamental pieces that are assembled to make your application.

1.1.1 Preview

This section of the dialog demonstrates how a color scheme applies to a sample selection of widgets. It provides you with a preview of your current color choices.

A color scheme consists of a set of 18 colors.

Each of the widgets is labeled to help you identify how your changes will impact the color scheme.

1.1.2 Widget Color

The currently selected member of the color scheme is shown in the combo box. This widget color can be changed by clicking on the colored box below the combo box. A color selection dialog will then appear, from which you may select a new color. When you are happy with your color selection, press OK in the color selection dialog. The color will be updated in the Preview Area.

You may select any member of the color scheme from the color combination box.

1.1.3 Contrast Slider

The Contrast slider allows you to change the contrast between different shadings of the selected colors.

The preview area instantly updates to show the effect of your change.

1.1.4 Color Scheme

Various color schemes are supplied with KDE, and you are free to define your own.

The three major color components of each scheme are shown beside the name in the list. To preview a scheme in the larger preview area, click on its name in the list box.

You can use the KDE-supplied Color Schemes as a starting point to devise your own Scheme. Click on the Save Scheme... button to store the color scheme under a new name, then modify it.

When such a user-created Color Scheme is selected, changes to it (as shown in the Preview) can be saved with the Save Scheme... button; it can also be deleted with the Remove Scheme button.

NOTE

The KDE-supplied Schemes themselves cannot be changed or deleted.

You can use the Import Scheme... button to add new entries to the list. This might be color schemes that you have created on another computer and saved, or color schemes you have downloaded from a website.

You can choose if you want KDE to apply the color scheme even to non-KDE applications by enabling the Apply colors to non-KDE applications. Not all applications will allow this, but most do.