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1 File Manager

In this module, you can configure various aspects of Konqueror's file manager functionality.

NOTE

Konqueror's web browser functionality has its [own configuration modules](#).

1.1 Use

The configuration options for the file manager are organized under tabs as follows:

Appearance This tab contains options for customizing the appearance of Konqueror windows, such as the default font text color.

Behavior This tab contains a couple of Konqueror global options.

Previews On this tab, you can customize when Konqueror should show previews.

1.1.1 Appearance

The following settings determine how text and colors are displayed in Konqueror File Manager mode windows.

Standard font: This is the font used to display text such as file names in Konqueror windows.

Font size: Lets you control the size of text, while the Standard Font setting determines the font face used.

Normal text color: Determines the standard text color.

Height for icon text: The maximum number of lines that can be used to draw icon text. Long lines are truncated at the end of the last line.

TIP

You can still see word-wrapped filenames by pausing the mouse pointer over the icon.

Width for icon text: The maximum width for the icon text when Konqueror is in multi-column view mode.

Underline filenames: When Underline filenames is checked, filenames will be underlined so that they look like links on a web page.

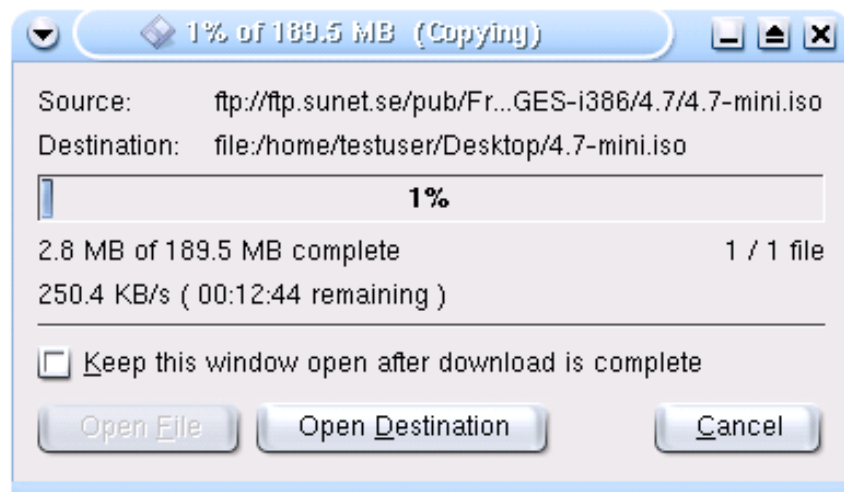
Display file sizes in bytes: The final check box on this page determines how Konqueror displays file sizes, when you are in one of the file manager modes that normally shows this information. If you check the Display file sizes in bytes box then file sizes are always shown in bytes. If you leave it unchecked then file sizes are shown in bytes, kilobytes or megabytes, depending on their size.

1.1.2 Behavior

MISC OPTIONS

Open folders in separate windows If this option is checked, a new Konqueror window will be created when you open a folder, rather than simply showing that folder's contents in the current window.

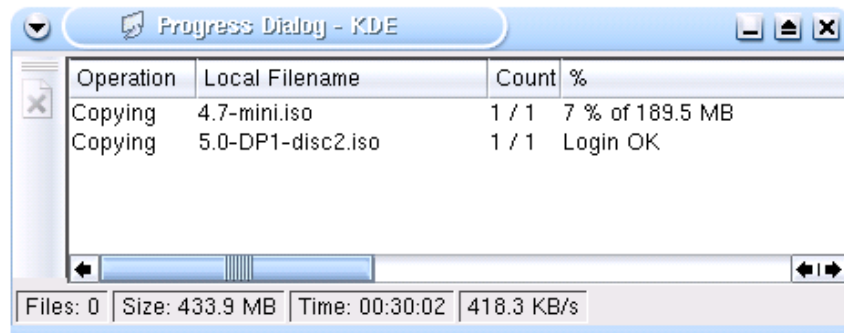
Show network operations in a single window If unchecked, and you download a file, a dialog box will appear that shows the status of the download.



Individual Download Dialog Box

If you start a new transfer, another dialog box will appear. (Netscape® users will be familiar with this behavior)

If checked, all transfer status windows will be grouped together under a single dialog box.



Collected Download Dialog Box

If you choose to use the Collected download dialog box, you can delete transfers by clicking once on the transfer you want to cancel, then clicking the Delete Button on the left.

Show file tips Here you can control if, when moving the mouse over a file, you want to see a small popup window with additional information about that file.

Show previews in file tips Here you can control if the file tip should show a thumbnail preview of the file.

Home URL This is the URL (e.g. a folder or a web page) where Konqueror will jump to when the Home button is pressed.

The default is the users home folder, indicated with a `~`.

You can set a path that is your Home URL by typing into the text field, or using the browse icon. The default is `~` which is a standard shortcut for your `$HOME` folder. When you choose the home icon on your panel, in a file open or save dialog, or from within Konqueror in file manager mode, this is the folder you will be shown.

The Ask confirmation for setting tells Konqueror what to do when you choose to 'Delete', 'Trash', or 'Shred' a file in a Konqueror window. If any box is checked, Konqueror asks for confirmation before performing the corresponding action.

1.1.3 Previews

Konqueror has a preview feature for many file types, including HTML files, images, PostScript® and PDF, sound, web archives (if you have the appropriate Konqueror plugin installed) and text files.

If you enable previews for one of these, files of that particular file type will not be represented by standard icons in the filemanager, but will instead be shown as miniature previews. On slow computers, the previews can take some time to show up, so you might not want to enable this feature.

In this module you can specify which 'protocols' you wish the previews to be available for. Creating the previews requires that Konqueror download at least part of the file, in order to create the preview. Konqueror, like the rest of KDE is entirely network transparent, and will treat a remote FTP folder just as if it was on your local hard drive. This can result in a delay, especially if you are viewing, for example, a folder full of images over a slow network connection.

For each protocol, you can independently enable or disable previews. For example, you might enable previews for NFS mounted drives if you have a fast network, but disable them for FTP because your Internet connection is via a modem.

You can further refine the maximum size file that Konqueror will attempt to show a preview for. The default is 1 MB. In other words, by default, if a file is 900 kB in size, and the protocol you are viewing the folder with is enabled, then Konqueror will create a preview icon for it. If the file is 1.1 MB in size, Konqueror will not make a preview, even if the protocol is enabled.

You can turn on and off previews 'on the fly' from within Konqueror, using the View menu. For example, if you normally want to see image previews on every protocol, but find a particular server is very slow to send you the data, you might turn it off for the present, and turn it on again later.

You may also like to enable the checkbox Increase size of previews relative to icons, in order to see more information in the thumbnails.

Many image files already contain a thumbnail. You can enable the Use thumbnails embedded in files to make use of these. This will save time waiting for thumbnails to be created when viewing a folder full of images you have not previously seen in Konqueror.