

The System Settings Handbook

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Abstract

This documentation describes KDE's system configuration and administration center.

Chapter 1

Introduction

The KDE System Settings provides the user with a centralized and convenient way to configure all of the KDE settings.

System Settings is made up of multiple modules. Each module is a separate application, however the KDE System Settings organizes all of these applications into a single location.

TIP

Each System Settings module can be executed individually

See section entitled [Running individual System Settings modules](#) for more information.

System Settings groups all of the configuration modules into two basic categories:

- [General](#)
- [Advanced](#)

The modules that make up System Settings fall under one of the above categories, making it easier to locate the correct configuration module.

Chapter 2

Using System Settings

This section details the use of System Settings itself. For information on each individual module, please see [System Settings Modules](#).

2.1 Starting System Settings

The KDE System Settings can be started in one of three ways:

1. By selecting K Button → Applications → System Settings.
2. By pressing Alt-F2. This will bring up the KRunner dialog. Type **system settings**, and click Launch.
3. Type **systemsettings &** at any command prompt.

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

2.2 The KDESystem Settings Screen

When you start System Settings, you are presented with a window, which is divided into three functional parts.

Across the top is a toolbar. The toolbar provides the user with the ability to go back into the main view from within a module, or to search for something within all of the modules. You can also find a Help menu as well as a Configure icon which provides you a dialog with alternate view settings.

Underneath the toolbar are two tabs, [General](#) and [Advanced](#).

Underneath the tabs is an icon view of the individual modules that make up System Settings. By default, if your mouse stays a few seconds over an icon, a detailed tooltip appears, explaining the purpose of the module.

2.3 System Settings General Tab

The General tab consists of modules that allow you to make changes to typical KDE settings. This section is divided into the following subsections:

Look & Feel This section covers the settings related to configuring the way you want your KDE system to look and feel. Settings include the appearance, desktop, notification, and window behavior customizations.

Personal This section covers the settings related to the user. Settings include personal information about the user, accessibility, default applications, as well as regional and language settings.

Network & Connectivity This section covers the settings related to network and sharing configuration.

Computer Administration This section covers the settings related to typical system administration. Settings include data and time, display, fonts, game controllers, keyboard and mouse, as well as system sound.

2.4 System Settings Advanced Tab

The Advanced tab consists of modules that allow you to make changes to more advanced KDE settings. This section is divided into the following subsections:

Advanced User Settings This section covers the settings related to the more advanced system settings for the user. Settings include digital cameras, file associations, input actions, resources, services, sessions, and hardware management.

System This sections covers the settings related to specific system settings such as configuration of the login manager.

2.5 Exiting the KDESystem Settings

System Settings can be exited in one of two ways:

1. Press Ctrl-Q on the keyboard.
2. Click on the Close button located in the top right hand corner of the window.

2.6 Configuring System Settings

The Configure icon in the toolbar allows you to change some System Settings parameters. You can change from Icon View (default view) to Classic Tree View.

You can also turn off the detailed tooltips by unchecking Show detailed tooltips. You will then get only normal tooltips.

2.7 Running Individual System Settings Modules

Individual modules can be run without running System Settings using the command `kcmshell4` from the command line. Type `kcmshell4 --list` to see a list of the available KDE System Settings modules.

Chapter 3

The KDE System Settings Modules

In order to make it as easy as possible, the KDE System Settings has organized options into [General](#) and [Advanced](#) categories. In the main window, under each category, there are icons grouped together under subcategories. Each icon is called a module. When you click on a module icon, you will be presented with the options of the module in the main window.

Each module will have some or all of the following buttons:

Help This button will provide help specific to the current module. Clicking the button will open KHelpCenter in a new window providing detailed information on the module.

Defaults Clicking this button will restore this module to its default values. You must click Apply to save the options.

Reset This button will "Reset" the module to the previous settings.

Apply Clicking this button will save all changes to KDE. If you have changed anything, clicking Apply will cause the changes to take effect.

NOTE

You must either "Reset" or "Apply" the any changes before changing to another module.

If you try to change without saving or resetting your options, you will be asked if you want to save your changes, or discard them.

Chapter 4

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