

The KPager Handbook

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Abstract

KPager gives you a thumbnail view of all virtual desktops.

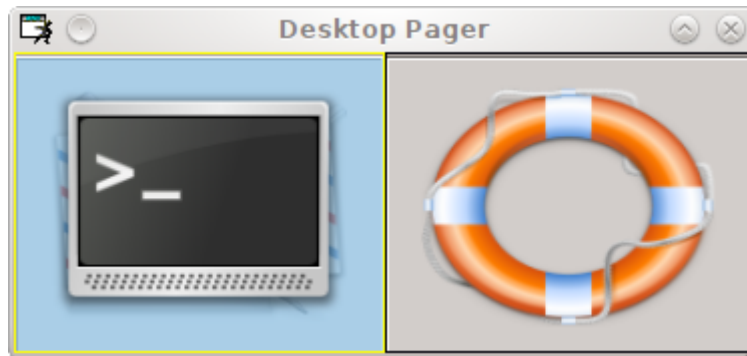
Chapter 1

Introduction

KPager gives you a thumbnail sketch of all your desktops. It is a handy tool to let you see, resize or close windows on any desktop and move windows around within or between desktops.

Chapter 2

Using KPager



2.1 More KPager features

KPager can show all virtual desktops and the applications within them. It can be used to choose an application or even to move applications within virtual desktops or to others.

Chapter 3

Command Reference

3.1 The main KPager window

3.1.1 Using the mouse

In KPager you can activate applications by clicking them with the left mouse button.

The middle mouse button can be used for dragging applications within KPager. Applications can either be moved within a virtual desktop or to another one.

Clicking with the right mouse button anywhere in KPager will open a context menu.

3.1.2 The Context Menu

The context menu depends on where the right mouse button is clicked: If it is clicked on the empty background of KPager, it only has two items: **Configure KPager** and **Quit**. Otherwise, if clicked on a window, there are also the name and the icon of the application, and **Minimize**, **Maximize**, **Sticky/Unsticky**, **To Desktop** and **Close** are displayed. See below for a detailed description of the menu items.

Maximize

Maximizes the application window to the whole desktop. This item only appears if right clicked on an application window.

Minimize

Iconifies the application. This item only appears if right clicked on an application window.

Sticky/Unsticky

Makes the application sticky or unsticky. This item only appears if right clicked on an application window.

To Desktop

Sends the application window to the chosen virtual desktop, or to all the desktop if choosing **All Desktops**. This item only appears if right clicked on an application window.

Close

Closes the clicked application. This item only appears if right clicked on an application window.

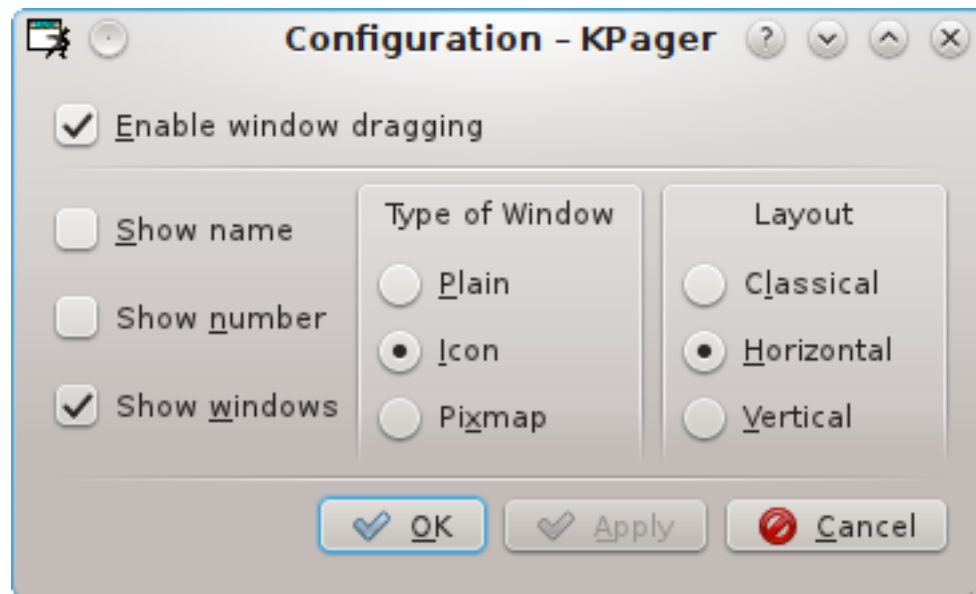
Configure KPager

Opens the [settings dialog](#).

Quit

Quits KPager.

3.2 The Settings Dialog



In the settings dialog you will find four check boxes and two groups of radio buttons.

Enable Window Dragging

If this box is checked, you can drag windows inside of KPager with the middle mouse button. Windows can be dragged over the desktop or even to another desktop.

Show Name

If this box is checked, the names of the desktops are shown in the main view of KPager.

Show Number

If this box is checked, the numbers of the desktops are shown in the main view of KPager. If it is checked together with the **Show Name** box, the name is displayed with ordinals, e.g. **1. Desktop**.

Show Windows

If this box is checked, the applications on the desktops are shown in KPager as small views. Otherwise, KPager will remain empty, just for choosing the virtual desktops.

Type of Window

This group of radio buttons sets the kind of view for the application window views. **Plain** will show just empty rectangles with the proportions of the application window, **Icon** will show them with their standard icon and **Pixmap** with a small view of the contents of the application window. Note that using the pixmap mode is only recommended for very fast machines.

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In this group the layout of the KPager main view can be set. **Classical** will show KPager in a 2xN grid like pager applications in some other window managers, **Horizontal** will show the virtual desktops in a horizontal view and **Vertical** in a vertical row, which may perfectly fit on the side of the desktop.

Chapter 4

Questions and Answers

1. *Why could I need KPager?*

KPager can be used as an alternative to the pager applet in the panel. It has the advantage of being resizeable and within this able to show icon or pixmap views of the running applications, move the windows across desktops and run outside of the panel.

2. *How can I change the behavior of KPager?*

Clicking the right mouse button anywhere within KPager lets you chose **Configure** from the context menu for displaying the [settings dialog](#).

3. *Windows are transparent by default, how do I turn this off?*

Currently, you cannot turn that option off within the config dialog, but you can do it manually like this:

Open the file `$KDEHOME/share/config/kpagerrc` with any text editor like KWrite or vi. If you have no rights to write that file, you may need to do it as root or contact your system administrator. In this file you will have to add a new key with the name **windowTransparentMode** with a number as value. Values are:

- 0 - No transparent windows at all.
- 1 - Only maximized windows are transparent.
- 2 - All windows are transparent (default).

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Appendix A

Installation

A.1 How to obtain KPager

KPager is part of the KDE project <http://www.kde.org/> .

KPager can be found on the [download site](#) of the KDE project.

A.2 Compilation and Installation

For detailed information on how to compile and install KDE applications see [Building and Running KDE Software From Source](#)

Since KDE uses **cmake** you should have no trouble compiling it. Should you run into problems please report them to the KDE mailing lists.