The KGet Handbook

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Abstract

KGet is an advanced download manager by KDE
Chapter 1

Introduction

1. Start KGet (you should see a Drop Target)
2. Drag and drop the required URL in the KGet window/Drop Target.
Chapter 2

KGet Drop Target

The KGet Drop Target has four options.

2.1 KGet Drop Target options

Right click on the drop target to see the options.

Start / Resume All (Ctrl+R)
   To start a download or resume all the pending downloads. The shortcut for doing this is Ctrl+R

Show/Hide Main Window
   This option shows or minimizes the main window to the system tray.

Sticky
   Makes the KGet drop target undraggable.

Quit KGet
   Quits KGet
Chapter 3

KGet’s Configuration window

Settings → Configure KGet

Opens the KGet configuration window

3.1 Appearance

Appearance

You can modify the various appearance related stuff here.

Use Drop Target

Uncheck this if you do not want the KGet Drop Target.

Enable animations

Enables few fancy animations.
3.2 Groups

You can group downloads.

Use default folders for groups as suggestion
Tick this box if you want KGet to use default folders for your downloads.

3.3 Network

You can modify your network related settings here.
Limit Maximum Downloads Per Group
Check this box if you want Download limits to be implemented.

Speed Limit
Check this box if you want the Global speed limits to be used.

Global download limit
Set the maximum global download limit.

Global upload limit
Set the maximum upload limit.

Reconnect on Broken Connection
Check this box if you want KGet to reconnect after an error or a broken connection.

Number of retries
Set the maximum number of time KGet will try to reconnect.

Retry after
Set the retrying interval here (in seconds)

3.4 Web Interface
To enable the web interface, check Enable Web Interface; default port is 8080, and you configure any port higher than 1024. Then set User and Password. You can access your web interface at http://127.0.0.1:<port>. You will need to enter the username and password to get access.
Verify your downloads. Using the two methods Automatic checksums verification and Signature you can verify your downloads. You just have to tick the Automatic verification check box.
3.6 Integration

Use as download manager for Konqueror

You can set KGet as your download manager for Konqueror.

Monitor clipboard for files to download

You can turn on this feature that asks if you want to download URLs copied into the clipboard.

3.7 Advanced

Modify Advanced Options.

Enable system tray icon
This check box enables the KGet system tray icon.

Execute action after all downloads have been finished
Check this box to enable Quitting KGet after all downloads have finished. At startup you can choose to Restore Download state. Such as Stop All downloads/ Start All downloads.

History backend
You can choose your history backend as Sqlite or Xml.

Enable KDE global progress tracking
You can set KGet to show every single download or show overall progress.
3.8 Plugins

On this page you can select the transfer plugins to be used. Use the button to change the default settings for a plugin.
Chapter 4

Main Window

Overview of KGet’s Main Window

4.1 The File Menu

File → New Download... (Ctrl+N)
    Add a new file to download
File → Import Links... (Ctrl+L)
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This action brings up another window, where you can see and manipulate which file to download. Also you can make a selection based on Videos, Images, Audio and Archives. There is also a text box to filter out results.

**File → Import Transfers... (Ctrl+I)**


**File → Export Transfers List... (Ctrl+E)**

Export the highlighted links to a .kgt file, to be loaded later.

**File → Create a Metalink**

Select between creating a new Metalink and loading an existing Metalink. Click the **Next** button to proceed.
Here you can choose to enter some general optional information. Such as where can this metalink be obtained from (Enter the URL in the text box next to Origin).

Here you have to enter the URL from where you are trying to download the file. Also you can enter some optional information such as Preference (Priority) for a particular mirror if you are adding more than one mirrors, for the file you want to download.
You should be able to see a new window where all your files which will be imported will be shown.

File → Transfer History (Ctrl+H)

Opens a new window where you can see all the files downloaded using KGet. You can manage your history here, including filter and clear the history.

File → Quit (Ctrl+Q)

Quits KGet
Chapter 5

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