**Subject: Nokia has bought Trolltech with it's QT framework**
Posted by Mindtraveller on Mon, 28 Jan 2008 13:52:06 GMT

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Posted by mirek on Mon, 28 Jan 2008 16:09:26 GMT

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Depends on for whom

IMO, good news for Qt. Maybe bad news for KDE...

Mirek

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**Subject: Re: Nokia has bought Trolltech with it's QT framework**
Posted by bytefield on Mon, 28 Jan 2008 22:55:42 GMT

Seems good new for Gnome. Sorry for KDE guys. (Maybe Nokia want to make QT 100% open

source   )

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## Subject: Re: Nokia has bought Trolltech with it's QT framework
Posted by cbpporter on Mon, 28 Jan 2008 23:42:19 GMT
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If you look a kde4 presentation video speech, except the shameless propaganda, you can see a lot of great ideas which could have great impact on open-source and cross-platform apps. Also, I'm running in a quite beta state a number of kde4 apps on Windows, and I hear it even works on Mac without an X server, so I hope there will be no way for Nokia to imped KDE's development.

Anyway, maybe they'll get rid of the silly MOC objects and replace them with a proper template based C++ signal/slot implementation .

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Posted by mirek on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 06:52:24 GMT
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I am afraid that this will not matter. A lot of thing is not decided on technical/licensing matters. IMO, a lot of people, before choosing desktop environment, will take these news as drawback.

Besides, my feeling is that Gnome was a winner recently anyway. Nokia might be just last nail in the coffin...

Mirek

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Posted by mdelfede on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 07:27:26 GMT
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luzr wrote on Tue, 29 January 2008 07:52

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Ciao

Max

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Posted by cbpporter on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 09:09:52 GMT
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Subject: Re: Nokia has bought Trolltech with it's QT framework
Posted by mdelfede on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 22:53:57 GMT
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cbpporter wrote on Tue, 29 January 2008 10:09
I thought that KDE 3.5 was quite stable.

Well, I tried in the past Red Hat + KDE, Suse linux (based on KDE),  and recently Kubuntu, also on KDE.
IMO, latest Gnome is more stable and seems (but it can be only a feeling) much more responsive to user commands.
Of course, KDE has more technology inside, more apps and some more integration over Gnome, but..... That's the 4th time I try to go from windows to linux, and the first I stay with linux, thanx to ubuntu and gnome.
I'm using it at work too, with vmware (sigh) just to run my cad application that requires windows and I'm very happy with it.
After one year not a single crash, not in system nor in applications.
KDE apps used to crash often on my previous experiments.
I did even a KDE install on my ubuntu, but I removed it after a while....

I had the feeling that kde was spreading resources to get too many apps inside, loosing on stability... but I can be wrong.

Ciao

Max

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## Subject: Re: Nokia has bought Trolltech with it's QT framework
Posted by tvanriper on Wed, 30 Jan 2008 14:13:57 GMT
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Ubuntu, as a distribution, works extremely well.  I do not know if Gnome should claim the credit for this as much as the careful efforts of the Ubuntu team, but it's certainly a very compelling alternative now to Windows.

Still, I have always had some concern about KDE's licensing.  Perhaps, now, we will see if the Gnome folks were correct to make that enough of an issue to maintain the fork between window managers for posix systems.

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Posted by cbpporter on Wed, 30 Jan 2008 14:26:26 GMT
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Well, my main WM is KDE whenever I work under Linux (haven't worked in about 4-5 months). I use it because it very configurable, has a lot of useful applications (I don't like 1000 apps doing the job of one). I did get some very rare crashes of apps, but the KDE was completely uncrushable. If KDE is not available, my second choice is fluxbox or enlightenment.

But I'm biased anyway, because I absolutely hate the layout of the windows manager from Gnome (and I'm not too fund of Ubuntu).

Anyway, if Nokia goes through with it, maybe it will have a positive impact? Only time will tell.

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## Subject: Re: Nokia has bought Trolltech with it's QT framework
Posted by bytefield on Wed, 30 Jan 2008 21:15:41 GMT
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Have a look at that.
Quote:
"Chief Trolls and Nokia VP are now asking for ideas and comments on improving their relationship with the open source community."

Let's take a look at the first item on the agenda:

http://www.google.com/search?q=Nokia+software+patents

Bad news

Subject: Re: Nokia has bought Trolltech with it's QT framework
Posted by mr_ped on Wed, 13 Feb 2008 09:56:23 GMT

Hmm, ahead of this Sun bought MySQL AB, now Sun is buying the VirtualBox creators.

That's 3 big pieces of OSS which are in my every-day vicinity (VirtualBox not really, I was only looking forward to start to use it in near future, but KDE and MySQL is something I use daily) bought by larger company.

I'm not going to speculate how it will change the life (of those applications, and maybe my own too), because I have really no idea, I will just wait and see. But curious times we are living in.