

One Fine Trick

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If you've spent any time perusing my site at all, you probably know that I'm a big gentoo fan. It's my very favorite and my everyday operating system. If you'd looked around any, you might also have noticed that I love screenshots. Since spending so much of my spare time on this site now, my ex-favorite hobby of helping on [gentoo forums](#) [1] becomes more and more neglected. However, I manage to at least squeeze in time to peruse the Monthly Gentoo Screenshots thread, now banished to [off-the-wall](#) [2]. The link changes each month, but for June it's [here](#) [3]. I urge folks to visit that thread. So many people post screenshots of their desktops that just smoke mine. Sometimes I'm just amazed.

Which leads to the point of this diatribe. One gentlemen nic'd elvisthedj, whose permission I failed to get, has posted his [here](#) [4]. Do you see those icons on the right? That is the subject of this blog.



[4]Those cute Southpark icons represent folks in his instant messenger list. They change coloration to indicate their online status. Ain't that the neato-ist thing? He has written a script that polls his kopete dcop to get their status and displays the appropriate icon. To quote his better explanation, "Made the avatars (3 for each contact), made a widget for superkaramba that uses the avatars. Have a bash script that queries koptete via dcop to get the contact status and copies the appropriate avatar to the folder where the widget looks for them."

What a wonderfully creative and imaginative idea! He has posted his script in the forum, so I think it'd be okay to link to it [here](#) [5] as well. We still need the superkaramba widget he spoke of to implement it on our desktops. Better yet I think he should package this up and submit it to kde-apps.org.

Source URL: <http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/1176>

Links:

[1] <http://forums.gentoo.org>

[2] <http://forums.gentoo.org/viewforum-f-10.html>

[3] <http://forums.gentoo.org/viewtopic-t-343931-highlight-.html>

[4] <http://woundedninja.com/images/gentoojune.jpg>

[5] <http://forums.gentoo.org/viewtopic-p-2460171.html#2460171>