

KDE and GNOME Buddy Up

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Who would have believed it in 2004? KDE and GNOME, the two major Linux desktop interfaces, buddying up and having their annual meetings together? It would have been easier to believe in cats and dogs signing a permanent peace treaty. Believe it.

The two once bitter rivals for the Linux desktop have agreed to co-host Akademy and GUADEC, KDE and GNOME's main conferences in the summer of 2009.

In a press statement, Cornelius Schumacher, director of KDE e.V., said the move to co-host the conferences: represents collaboration between the two communities which some believed could never happen.? As Behdad Esfahbodof, a Red Hat software engineer and director of the GNOME Foundation pointed out though, ?We have much more in common than we have differences. We share a love for the freedom which we give to our users through our software, and for the sense of community which binds us.?

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