

KDE narrowly avoids disaster

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KDE contributor Jeff Mitchell has written a blog post on what he says "almost became The Great KDE Disaster Of 2013" ? the project narrowly avoiding the loss of all of its Git repositories. The KDE Project hosts 1500 code repositories for a number of open source applications that are affiliated with the desktop environment and all of them were nearly wiped out last week due to a combination of a software fault and a problematic mirroring setup. The KDE developers are now looking into ways of avoiding such a potential disaster in the future.

KDE uses a main Git server at git.kde.org and a number of mirrored servers that provide the Git access for anonymous web users. The developers were treating these servers as backups of the main repository which turned out to be a mistake.

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