

Plasma Media Center 1.1 and digiKam 3.3

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Plasma Media Center 1.1 was released today August 20, while digiKam 3.3 was released on August 6. Plasma Media Center is a promising media center application for the K Desktop environment, while digiKam is a popular KDE photo management application, with some editing capabilities.

In terms of features, Plasma Media Center (PMC) is not yet at the level of XBMC, but it looks really nice and appears to have a lighter footprint than XBMC. The keyword here is 'appears,' because when I checked the memory used for just running, without any activity, PMC uses almost twice as much memory as XBMC. However, XBMC is heavier on CPU usage.

Plasma Media Center provides local audio, video, image viewing capabilities, and has Flickr, Picasa and Youtube integration. Installation packages should be available in your distribution's repositories. More information about it is available here. Here are a few screen shots to show the features of Plasma Media Center.

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