

# KDE Receives USENIX STUG Award

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On Tuesday at the USENIX Annual Technical Conference, KDE founder Matthias Ettrich was awarded the Software Tools User Group award, shared jointly with Miguel de Icaza of GNOME. The award is in recognition of the impressive work of the Unix desktop projects over the last 9 years.

For thirty years, the USENIX Association has brought together the community of engineers, system administrators, scientists, and technicians working on the cutting edge of the computing world.

In the award speech the Usenix Board director mentioned that only when Matthias Ettrich, together with an ever growing number of open minded developers and contributors, started the KDE project that the inferior UNIX GUIs started to compete with and overtake those of other platforms.

A primary strength of KDE is how it allows the traditional philosophies of UNIX to map nicely to a modern graphical interface, providing easy access to underlying features.

Martin Konold, who received the award on behalf of Matthias, was pleased at being greeted with Konqueror equipped workstations running KDE at the USENIX registration desk and the ongoing appreciation of the KDE project.

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