

A Week with KDE 3.4beta2

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[4]Amidst all the interest in kde's 3.4beta2, introductions and screenshots were popping up all over the net, including my [own](#) [5]. The [latest](#) [6] from osnews is giving a quick overview of some of the newer features and their preliminary experiences. However after running the beta for about a week I must say I've been plagued with a few buggy annoyances that I hope get resolved before final or even any rc is released.

The most annoying bug I've run into is it's constantly losing my settings and customizations. Too many times now after I log in, I'm presented with the unanti-aliased setup applet again. No matter what you do now, your .kde directory is overwritten. Continue to set it up or restore a backup are about your only choices. Very annoying I must say.

Another small problem in my book, but found to be quite annoying by others is it's handling of ogg files by arts. The ogg system and window notification sounds are just not played. Some are even reporting arts crashes upon execution. wavs continue to function as designed, but unless you have a nice wav directory saved you might be sol.

And I guess one of the most worrysome bugs is this apparent memory leak or resource hogging condition that renders the responsiveness of my mouse, windows and even desktops to nearly non-existent. If I wait a little while it'll sometimes come back to life while at other times kde will just stop responding at all forcing a ctrl+alt+backspace, or worse I've had to hit hard reset more than once.

In conclusion, 3.4 promises to surpass any linux windows manager/desktop environment in existence and I look forward to final with baited breath. But if you are the type to wait til all the votes are in, keep an ear open for news that these bugs have been addressed. Of course for me, I'm the type to damn the torpedos and live with bugs to be on the bleeding edge of design and technology. I'm used to the bugs, but you may want to wait.

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