

> Who is Sebastian Kügler? Would you introduce yourself briefly?

I'm a Plasma hacker, and have been active in KDE for about 5 years. My activities are quite diverse, I've been doing marketing work in KDE, I'm active in the KDE e.V.'s (the foundation to support the KDE community) board of directors. I'm working for KDAB, a company doing expert Qt consultancy.

> What do you think about music, love and politics?

I like music, though I hardly ever listen to music while working or coding, I just don't hear it then because I'm too focused. As to love, I'm living with my partner Kim in the Netherlands. I'm trying to keep myself out of politics, though that's not always possible.

> What's your favorite thing about Turkey?

Probably the food, I love Kebap. My favourites are the pistachio Köfte and Iskender Kebap. When I visited Turkey last April, I also enjoyed the Turkish hospitality a lot.

> What's your plans in future?

Keep doing cool stuff with KDE technology, and basically maintaining my life as it is now. I love it.

> Which part of KDE Team is he? How long have you been there?

I'm part of the Plasma team pretty much from the beginning. I'm working on the power management and network management components, and as those stabilize, I'm moving towards deeper integration of the web into KDE.

> Is there any project that you work for without KDE?

Not really, I've been doing a lot of kernel testing in the suspend2 project which implemented suspend-to-disk for the Linux kernel around the move from 2.4 to 2.6. Suspend works quite reliably to me nowadays, so I've moved to making it available in the user interface for "mortals".

> If you don't use KDE, which desktop environment do you use?

I do use KDE :-)

> Why KDE? And Why should people use KDE?

I'm using KDE because it actually helps me getting things done. Most people will have similar requirements. KDE's development is driven towards creating good user interface that make the complexity of what a computer can do, and at the same time leveraging the possibilities modern computers and the web give to the user.

KDE looks great, and it works well. I can only recommend people to try it. If you don't like it, that's OK. If you've never seriously tried it

> What's your opinion about KDE in Turkey?

I've recently visited Turkey, I was invited by the Pardus team to attend a Free Software conference. I've also got to visit the Pardus offices and talked a lot to the developers. I think the Pardus team is doing an outstanding job, I'm very impressed how they created a Free operating system with KDE as its user interface, and how well it integrates the UI and the OS -- it really feels like it's one, and not just a graphical shell slapped onto a Linux kernel. I'm also seeing an increasing influx of Turkish people into KDE, which I think is great. It's good to see the Turkish government investing in Free Software as well, and Pardus shows that it pays off.

- > What do you think about other desktop environments like Gnome, Xfce? And
- > what do you think about people that use Gnome, Xfce, etc. ?
- > What do you think about free software and GNU/Linux?

I'm a strong believer in choice, that's the reason why I'm working on Free Software. It allows me to change things, and to choose to use things differently, that's all my choice. How other people make their choices is their business obviously. I strongly prefer Free Software over proprietary software, so I consider XFCE people and GNOME people thinking alike (valueing Freedom), but making different choices doing that. It doesn't keep me from creating the best technology out there, to make it easier to choose Free Software. Among those you mention, KDE has the most promise, both technologically and from a user point of view.

Linux itself seems to be the most successful and most technologically advanced Free Operating system, and it happens to be the one I know best. I'm not religious about BSD, or Solaris either, I just don't know them really well.

- > Which GNU/Linux distribution do you use? How did you fall in love with
- > GNU/Linux :) ?

I'm using Kubuntu right now. I come from a Debian background, and that's the system I know best. Kubuntu being Debian-based makes it easy to apply my knowledge to this system. Kubuntu's release cycles allow me to keep up, dependency-wise, with KDE development.

That said, I'm not religious about the distribution, I care wether it's Free or not. It also doesn't really matter what kind of distribution you use, my use cases as a developer are probably quite different from those of 'normal' users.

- > Have you ever used or heard about Pardus? What do you think about it?
- > What's your opinion about the most defective things of GNU/Linux or Pardus
- > ?
- > What's Pardus' rank between the distributions using KDE?

It's the best integrated KDE distribution I know. Simple as that.

- > What's your favorite function in KDE 4 comparing to KDE 3 ?

Probably KRunner. I've written some of those to do things I use most, such as selecting my kate session from it.

- > What's philospoy of KDE?

KDE 4 takes a holistic approach, it combines UI design, artwork, and code into something that is beautiful and functional. On top of that, we make everything

platform independent, so it can run on a wide variety of Operating Systems and devices.

> What's aim of KDE in future?

The mainstream market, creating a Free system that can be used by everyone, and that does what the user wants, not what someone else wants the user to do.

> What's the future of the KDE in your dreams?

Finishing the KDE platform, and making Free Software the default choice on the majority of devices people use.

> Do you have any questions to our readers?

Not really a question, but a suggestion: If you're interested in Free Software, that's an excellent motivation to start getting involved. It's a chance to get to work with really smart and nice people, it's a way to see the world, and it's a way to create a safe future for yourself -- skills of Free Software developers and contributors in general are something that many employers are looking for.