

BoF Edu Meeting

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Edutainment && Games

Edutainment -> Education in the K menu: to follow FreeDesktop guidelines

Edutainment was trendy in the early 2000, it is not anymore. Furthermore it's typically an English word which is hard to translate in french and Italian for example.

So in the K menu Education is now replacing Edutainment.

=>Mario will research about classification for the K menu: by age, by categories as it is now

It was discussed the frontier between kdegames and kdedu. Some applications can belong to both like KHangMan, KAnagram and Blinken.

Artwork

- Oxygen background as default for KHangMan, KLetres, KAnagram

- lots of icons are missing

==> get all that to the artists and maybe find an artist doing our artwork.

Games and Edu usability

Menus like levels should be at the same place in games and Edu

Zoom in Marble and Kalzium are not implemented the same way.

Questions about having a menu and toolbar in all apps: Blinken and KAnagram have no. Mario will try to research if studies has been done about such interfaces and what is the best for learning tools.

KEduca

Teachers like Hot Potatoes which does not run on Linux and is not free for Windows (free to use for educational purposes).

A KEduca replacement should be a client - server application, web based.

Agustin from mEDUXa project agreed to send the guidelines they made when they were thinking of putting some students in the project.

The idea of getting students to work on such a project (close to eLearning) such as the experiment conducted by Kévin Ottens in Toulouse is presented.

Plasmoids

- kalzium has a chemical plasmoid

- kiten is thinking to become a plasmoid (should it stay an app as well?)

- KHangMan can become one

- we can have a kvtml based plasmoid

- a wikipedia plasmoid

CONS to have plasmoids in the kdedu module

- they depend on kdebase

- they are a different thing to maintain

- they might use ressources schools PC don't have

- users might not want them on their desktop

- there is going to be hundreds of them