

# Three reasons to use KDE

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Sal Cangeloso's writeup (three reasons to use GNOME) inspired me to talk about the flip side of the coin. Yes, I know it's smug to pretend that there's only KDE and GNOME; yet KDE is my desktop of choice, and here's why. Of course, Sal's right when he says lists are the effective way to convey information in writing, so I'll take a page from his book and do so:

A few weeks ago, I read a very interesting (and purportedly fair) analysis that compared memory usage among desktops, which featured GNOME, KDE, and a baseline "lightweight" desktop, plus "official" applications from each desktop suite.

The conclusions of the test appear, on initial glance, to be contradicting. The first and foremost conclusion is that, upon fresh start, the "lightweight" desktop (Xfce) consumed way less memory than the other two. Apparently, the Xfce guys have done a great job in keeping their feature set and memory usage to a minimum

But then, the big surprise. When real productivity applications were opened, it turns out that the winner is KDE.

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