



Plasma Active Two

Reviewers Guide

In this guide you find some background information which can be handy for anyone reviewing Plasma Active Two.

Information Sources

We have put together a variety of information sources, find these via:

- <http://plasma-active.org> – our general landing page, providing a high-level overview
- <http://kde.org/announcements/plasma-active-two/> – the official release announcements
- <http://community.kde.org/Plasma/Active> – our wiki

If you have further questions or inquiries for additional material, please get in contact with us via the Plasma Active mailing list (active@kde.org), or contact Sebastian Kügler (sebas@kde.org, twitter: @sebasje) or Eva Brucherseifer (eva.brucherseifer@basyskom.de) personally. For quick inquiries, pop into our IRC channel #active on irc.freenode.net.

Media and Presskit

You can download our press-kit, including announcement text, screenshots and graphics of Plasma Active from <http://plasma-active.org/plasma-active-two-presskit.zip>

We have recorded a short demo movie, find it on Youtube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGbLQNNJISE>) or download it for further reuse from http://share.basyskom.com/contour/press-kit/plasmaActiveTwo_DemoVideo.ogv.

Hardware

When testing Plasma Active One, we recommend testing it on ExoPC hardware. A list of supported devices can be found here: <http://community.kde.org/Plasma/Active/Devices> Support for a wider range of devices and architectures is upcoming. Plasma Active runs best when installed natively onto the machine. For testing purposes, it can be used as a Live System as well, but will have considerably less performance than when run from an installed device.

In case you do not have such hardware available, Plasma Active can also be tested in a virtual machine.

Testing Plasma Active in a virtual machine

Please note that running Plasma Active in a virtual machine has the following limitations:

- Boot and start performance usually suffers
- Touch-screen optimized user interfaces can not be fully appreciated ergonomically with a mouse
- When no compositing is available, some functions will not work, translucency effects of the panel, its edge, screenlocking

We recommend using VirtualBox, and to enable hardware acceleration for the host. Please note that we have concentrated testing on real devices to make sure graphics perform well. As such we can not fully support usage of virtual machines. Detailed instructions to run Plasma Active in a virtual machine can be found here:

http://community.kde.org/Plasma/Active/Installation#Running_a_Plasma_Active_in_a_Virtual_Machine