

Desktop Data Manager: Promising, but not there yet

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Being mainly a GNOME user on the desktop, I have been waiting for two main utilities I can find in KDE: a font installer comparable to the one in the KDE Control Center, and a multiple item clipboard comparable to Klipper. I'm still waiting for the font installer, but Desktop Data Manager (DDM) may eventually be a Klipper replacement. In fact, DDM is more than that, since it also includes a screen capture program and provisions for other plugins, but a lack of stability and one or two key features makes it very much a work in progress.

Written by Lukas Einkemmer, DDM is currently at version 0.85. However, this version number is too liberal for the actual state of the software. Such a relatively high version number implies basic functionality, but in my testing, images inserted from DDM into OpenOffice.org consistently crashed when I clicked on them later for editing. At times, too, running DDM seemed to freeze the entire desktop, particularly when the maximum number of items were contained in the clipboard -- no matter how high or low that maximum is set.

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