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On Friday, December 21st, 2012, the world won't be ending. But something far, far more surprising will be happening. In fact, the most improbable event, in human history, will occur on December 21st.

That's right.

I'm talking about the release of Enlightenment 17 (aka ?E17?). Not familiar with E17? Here's a quick overview.

\*Clears throat\*

To tell this story, we'll need to travel back in time. Way, way back. Back before the XFCE desktop existed. Back before Gnome was a twinkle in any nerd's eye. Back to...1997, just a few months after the KDE project was first started.

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