

Kubuntu Focus, Techpaladin Software, and KDE e.V. Announce the 'bullet-proof' KDE Software Initiative

Designed for individuals, professionals, companies, and public institutions

TRAVERSE CITY, MI, UNITED STATES, August 13, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Kubuntu Focus, Techpaladin Software, and KDE e.V. announced today the "bullet-proof KDE Software initiative", designed to provide a minimum of three years of bug fixes and security updates for Plasma 6.6 LTS and related KDE software. The goal is to provide the capability and stability that professionals, companies, and public institutions require to replace proprietary operating systems with one that respects their autonomy, privacy, and security.

A \$100K Commitment for Stability and Reliability

To spearhead this initiative, Kubuntu Focus has committed over \$100K in direct payments to Techpaladin, KDE e.V. and developers over 3 years. This funds the continuous improvement and support of Plasma 6.6 LTS (Long-Term Support) and the associated Frameworks

libraries and Gear apps. It also includes payments to KDE e.V. to sponsor three additional nodes on their continuous integration (CI) infrastructure to validate KDE software on Kubuntu 26.04 LTS over the support period. Together with Kubuntu and the Focus team, they are already identifying, improving, and releasing bug and security fixes.

Why This Matters

Users wanting the KDE desktop can select a distribution featuring the newest release or one providing an older release. While the newest release may bring new features and fixes for old bugs, it can also introduce new bugs and regressions — a risk for all new software. If a user



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selects a distribution with a fixed KDE release, it can be quite stable, but if that release is no longer supported, it may not receive security or bug fixes. This initiative offers an option that provides the best of both: a stable, sponsored KDE release with active security and bug fixes throughout the 3-year Kubuntu 26.04 LTS support period.

Where to Get It

The "bullet-proof KDE Software Suite" is currently distributed with Kubuntu 26.04 LTS.

However, the open-source initiative is designed as a collaborative effort, and other vendors are encouraged to sponsor, distribute, and contribute to this project to further strengthen the ecosystem. Interested parties can contact: contact@techpaladinsoftware.com or bizdev@kfocus.org.



Executive Commentary

"Kubuntu Focus now ships all our systems with the "bullet-proof KDE Software Suite" as part of Kubuntu 26.04 LTS," says Michael Mikowski, Technical Product Manager. "When combined with hardware integration and support, this provides convenience, performance, and reliability that rivals proprietary systems. Unlike those proprietary systems, however, there is no forced AI, desktop ads, OS surveillance, or required cloud accounts."

"KDE already offers one of the fastest, most mature, efficient, and feature-rich desktop software suites available. This initiative takes its long-term support to the next level, and makes switching from a closed-source OS a much more compelling option for many users and organizations. We are proud to be part of this effort."

"Techpaladin Software's north star is KDE, so we're always very excited to partner with companies bringing KDE's software to the general public through retail products, as Kubuntu Focus is," says Nate Graham, CEO. "Offering long-term support for Plasma 6.6 is a great way to ensure those products provide the KDE experience that people deserve."

KDE e.V. president, Aleix Pol, says "It's good to see KDE's patrons rallying around to collaborate on something as fundamental as stability. In KDE and Plasma we know how important it is to offer a system that can be trusted. I'm looking forward to seeing the very tangible impact this project will have."

[About Kubuntu Focus](#)

Mindshare Inc. is the company behind Kubuntu Focus. Its mission is to replace proprietary systems with open-source solutions that respect user autonomy, privacy, and security. Kubuntu Focus provides high-performance, validated systems augmented with sophisticated tools like

automatic system snapshots, curated apps, and deep system integration to help users take full advantage of their hardware and save time.

[About Techpaladin Software](#)

Techpaladin Software is a consultancy advancing the state-of-the art in KDE, from topics ranging from software development through OS engineering and release management. If you've adopted KDE software in your organization or products, we'd love to help you make it great!

[About KDE](#)

KDE is a worldwide technology community, creators of the Plasma desktop environment and an ever-growing range of free and open-source applications that put you back in control of your digital life.

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