

Open letter to KDE and the Open Source community - Joint announcement

Nokia and Trolltech have today announced that we have agreed that Nokia will make a public tender offer to acquire Trolltech. Trolltech's management and board of directors support Nokia's offer. We felt it was important to directly inform you about this and to start an open dialog.

We will continue to actively develop Qt and Qtopia. We also want to underline that we will continue to support the open source community by continuing to release these technologies under the GPL.

Trolltech has benefited greatly from the feedback the community has been providing while using Qt to develop free software. We respect the symbiotic relationship Qt has with the community and we wish to continue and enhance this relationship.

This acquisition is still in a very early stage and as such we do not yet have all of the answers. In the coming weeks, Nokia and Trolltech employees will form a working group to identify ways of further improving our relationship with the open source community. We would appreciate your comments and ideas on how to achieve this at opensource@trolltech.com.

Nokia is committed to continue Trolltech's current open source engagements, including honoring the KDE Free Qt agreement, and we will seek to strengthen our support of KDE in the future. As a first step Nokia will apply to become a Patron of KDE*.

Sincerely,

Haavard Nord, CEO and co-founder, Trolltech

Eirik Chambe-Eng, Chief Troll and co-founder, Trolltech

Lee Williams, Senior Vice President, Nokia

For more information about Nokia's involvement in the open source community, please see: www.opensource.nokia.com

* More information on the Patrons of KDE can be found here:
<http://ev.kde.org/supporting-members.php>