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## [The First Release Candidate of KDE 4.1 Now Available](#)

*The final release to be launched on July 29*

The first release candidate of KDE 4.1 was [announced](#) yesterday by the KDE Community. The final release of KDE 4.1 will be available at the end of this month, on the 29th. KDE 4.1 RC1 was released for testing purposes and for finding the remaining bugs, so that KDE 4.1 be ready for production use. If you have an NVidia graphics card and are using the binary driver from NVidia, you might encounter some problems related to window switching and resizing. As you probably know, KDE 4.1 applications are written in C++, but the language bindings offer the functionality of the KDE libraries to application developers that use a different programming language. Two of the supported languages are Python and Ruby. On July 29, we will have KDE 4.1, which many persons are probably awaiting, taking in consideration the fact that there was some bad criticism addressed to KDE 4.0, and that KDE 4.1 will surely improve the image of this wonderful desktop environment. For the time being, let's have a look at the release schedule for KDE 4.1, starting with the first Alpha edition of the popular desktop environment. **The KDE 4.1 release schedule:**

- April 29, 2008: KDE 4.1 Alpha 1 Release
- May 27, 2008: KDE 4.1 Beta 1 Release
- June 24, 2008: Release KDE 4.1 Beta 2 Release
- July 15, 2008: Release KDE 4.1 RC 1 Release
- July 29, 2008: Release KDE 4.1 Release

Would you like to see KDE 4 in action? Download the openSUSE-based KDE 4 Live CD based on this development release right now from [Softpedia](#). Are you a console freak and you want to compile KDE 4.1 RC1 yourself? Download the KDE 4.1 sources right now from [Softpedia](#).