

[SLE] Info vs. Man -- Konqueror to the Rescue!

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Hi,

I wanted to share with the list a "discovery" I made recently. As some may already know but I only just learned, the list of protocols / schemes (as in the label preceding the ':' in an address entered in the Konqueror location bar) is not only extensible, but quite extensive.

In particular, there's a scheme for displaying "info" files.

Those who routinely resort to the "man" command (often following the use of the "apropos" or "man -k" command) will often find themselves remanded to the info entry for complete documentation.

Furthermore, those who, like me, dislike the "info" program as a viewer for info files may be pleased to know that Konqueror has a protocol specifically for presenting info files. It presents info files in a form far more accessible than the info command itself. You can think of it as being an HTML conversion of a command's info files.

(At this point, I'll shamefacedly admit that until just today, when I decided to check out its info entry, I was laboring under the assumption, reinforced by the limited information included in its man page, that the Gnu "sed" command did not support extended regular expressions. Oh, how hard I've made my life by not looking into this much sooner!)

To see the complete list of Konqueror protocols configured for your system, run "kinfocenter" and select the "protocols" category. Some of the protocols include a documentation string that explains their use. If there's a KDE Menu entry for this, I don't know what it is. If someone out there does, please enlighten me.

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