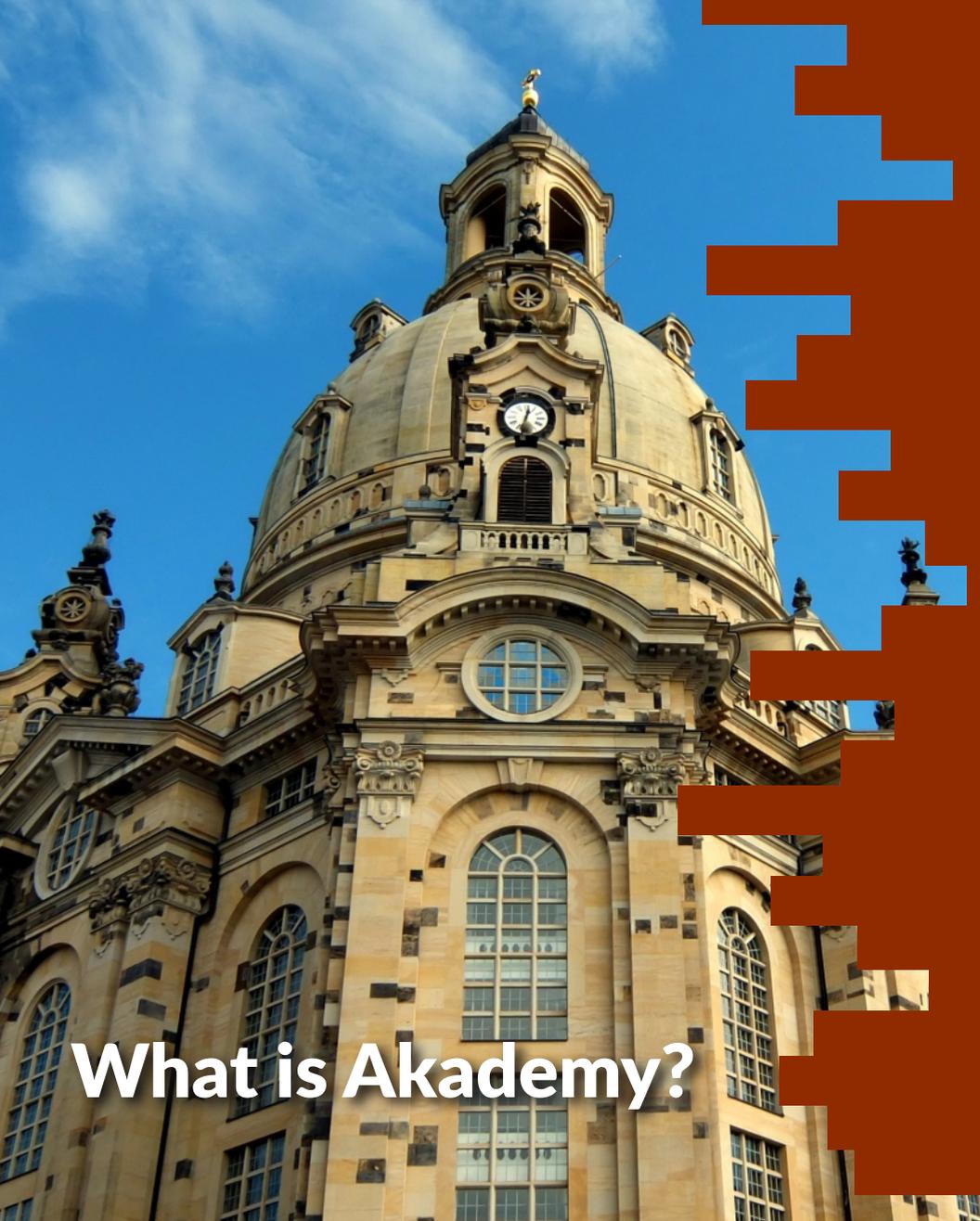




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Akademy

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# What is Akademy?

*Akademy is the annual gathering of the KDE community. KDE is one of the largest Free Software communities with more than 1800 contributors from all over the world.*

**A**kademy celebrates the collaborative efforts of KDE developers, translators, artists, writers, maintainers and users. It provides a platform where **KDE Community** Members can discuss the outcomes of their yearlong efforts through **talks, Bird of a Feather Sessions (BoFs), workshops, coding sessions and lightning presentations.**

Talks give an insight into the current state of different KDE projects, while BoFs and hacking sessions allow teams to reflect on current issues, set development goals for the coming year, and collaborate on them in real-time.

Attendees come from various backgrounds and include key technical and non-technical contributors, Free and Open Source industry leaders, educators, legal experts and students. As a result, Akademy is the prime hub for cross-project collaboration.

The Akademy program has always had a strong focus on **Qt** and we've been host to other Qt-related projects (like **VLC**) in the past. Akademy 2016 was organised as a part of **QtCon** in collaboration with the **VideoLAN Community, Qt Company, KDAB**, and the **FSFE**.

With over **50 talks and BoFs** on a diverse range of topics - from latest developments in FOSS and KDE technologies to Community Management, Design, Promotion and Outreach - the 6 days of Akademy are instrumental in growing and sustaining a community as diverse and widespread as KDE.

Visit [akademy.kde.org/2018](https://akademy.kde.org/2018) to learn more.



## What is KDE?

*KDE is a Free Software community dedicated to creating an open and user-friendly computing experience.*

**K**DE's vision is that everyone should have control over their digital life and enjoys freedom and privacy.

KDE's latest technology includes an advanced graphical desktop for Linux and Unix-like platforms (**Plasma**) and a wide range of applications for communication, digital art, office productivity, education, multimedia, entertainment, gaming, and development. KDE applications are translated into over **108 languages** and run on Linux, BSD, Solaris, Windows and macOS.

KDE is expanding its presence on mobile devices with **Plasma Mobile**, working with manufacturers with the aim of creating a truly open and free mobile ecosystem. But KDE is at the forefront of open source on mobile on more ways than one. **Kirigami**,

for example, allows developers create apps that will work on desktop and mobile environments. Games and utilities can be compiled to run on Linux, Windows, macOS, Plasma Mobile, Android or iOS. These apps provide users with a seamless operational experience on smartphones and tablets.

The **Halium** project will allow creators of free mobile environments, such as Plasma, Ubuntu Touch, or Sailfish, to run on top of Android kernels. This will open Free Software graphical environments to an enormous range of devices.

KDE is an ever-growing and vibrant community, that has a vision and is working to make it real.

Visit [kde.org](https://kde.org) to find out more.



## Where will Akademy 2018 take place?

*Akademy 2018 will be held from the 11th to the 17th of August at the Technical University of Vienna in Vienna, Austria.*

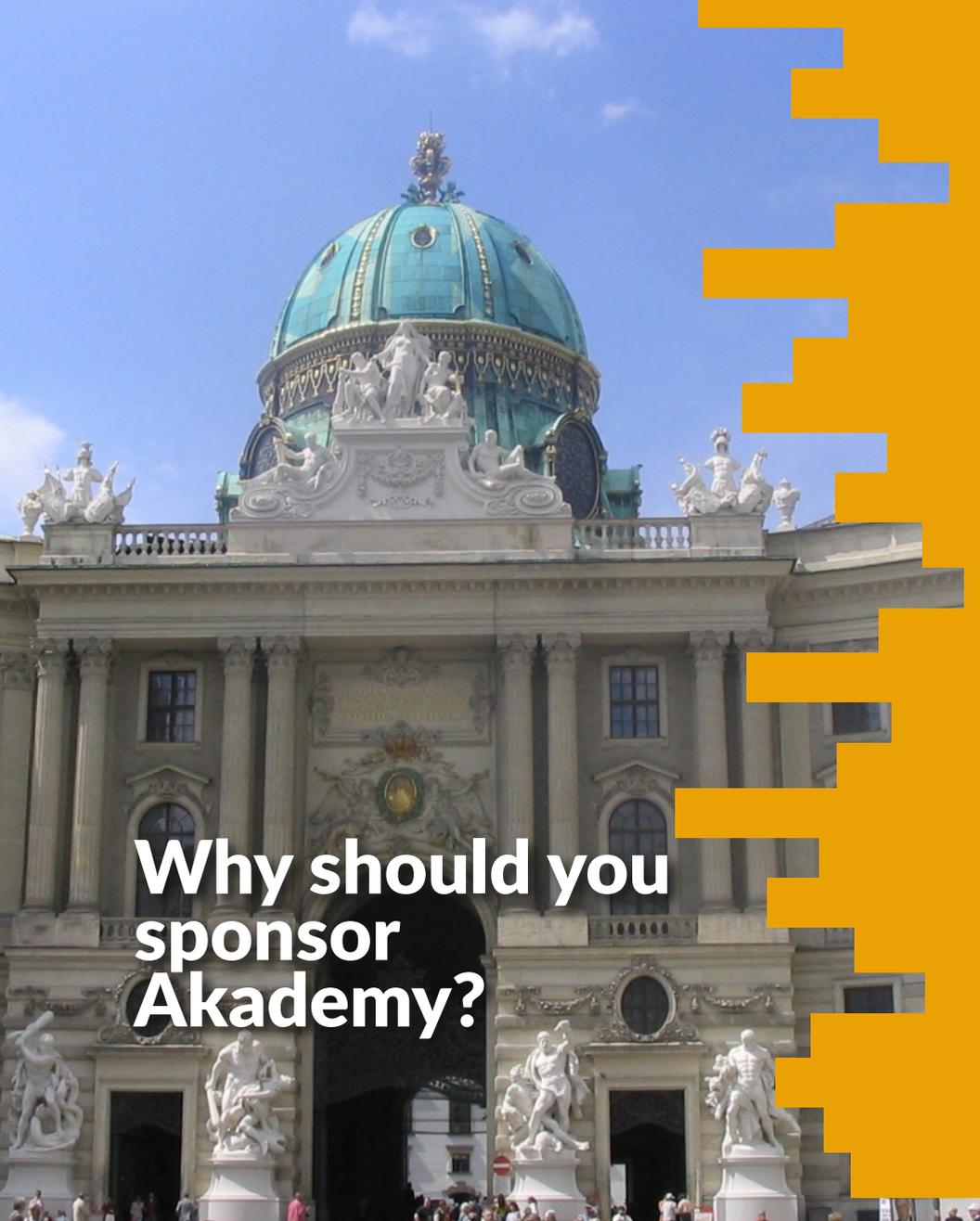
**V**Vienna is the most beautiful city in Austria and, with almost 2 million inhabitants it is also by far the biggest. Located in the east of the country on the banks of the river Danube, it is famous for its architecture and for being one of the most renowned cultural capitals in the world. It has played an important role in the history of Europe and its **geographical location** in the centre of Europe make it a convenient meeting point.

As a hub for classical music and arts Vienna, boasts fantastic museums, concert halls and monuments, combines with a modern communications infrastructure which allows visitors to reach all the landmarks easily.

Despite being a city with such a rich historical heritage, Vienna has also embraced **technology** and the **IT industry**.

According to Tech Cocktail, Vienna is among the top ten start-up cities worldwide, and home to dozens of up-and-coming tech companies, like **Runtastic**, arguably the most popular fitness app; **Crate**, an open source SQL database with integrated search; and **Wikidocs**, a real time web page collaboration software. It is also the chosen location for the headquarters of many big, multinational tech companies, such as **Siemens**, **Philips** and **IBM**.

Vienna is the biggest university city in the German-speaking world, with over 10 percent of its population being currently enrolled students. The **Technical University of Vienna**, located next to the impressive Karlskirche and a few minutes walk away from the heart of the city, is the perfect location for this year's Akademy.



## Why should you sponsor Akademie?

*Akademie will help you gain significant brand exposure among top technology enthusiasts from around the world.*

**S**ponsoring Akademie guarantees exposure to a global and diverse audience. Akademie attracts more than **200 attendees**, professionals and enthusiasts from a diverse range of occupations, that travel from over **30 countries** every year.

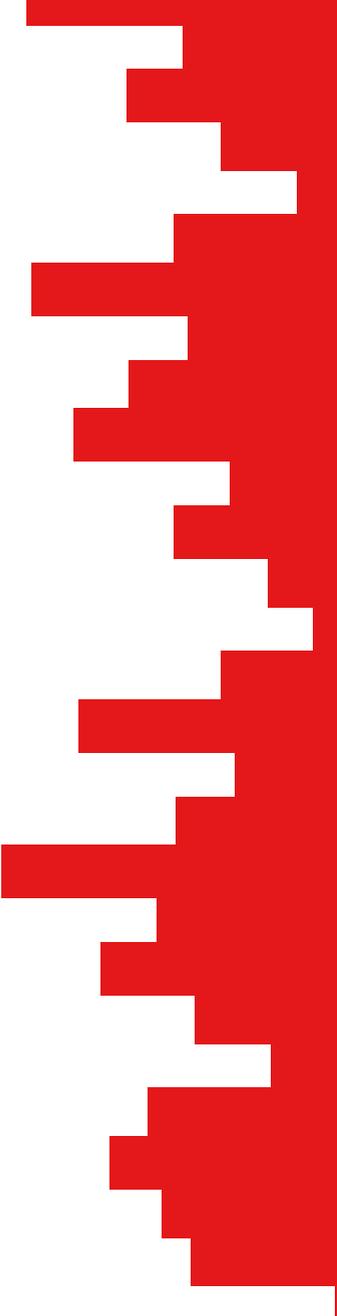
This also means you will get access to the best minds in the industry. Our community members have more than a decade of experience in various ICT domains. Don't miss the opportunity to **recruit** them for your company, discuss collaboration on industry-oriented **R&D projects**, and participate in a creative, productive environment.

You will become a patron for **technological innovations** that your company and the rest of the world can benefit from. Akademie features presentations from multiple important fields

of interest within the ICT industry: **desktop development, application development, wireless, mobile and embedded device interfaces, multimedia, digital art, and Internet and web technology**. KDE has been innovating and creating products in each of these fields for more than **20 years**.

Akademie also offers a chance for networking and creating lasting friendships. At social events, people form relationships that sustain virtual teams and a successful, vibrant KDE community throughout the year.

Akademie is the best time to get work done effectively and collectively and it is only with the **support of sponsors** like you that we can make the magic happen.



\* Grab the opportunity to recruit key KDE and Qt contributors, maintainers and users of a bleeding edge technology platform. Many other Free Software projects and companies get involved in Akademy too, making our conference a great networking opportunity and source of valuable mindshare.

\* Become a benefactor of the event and a patron of Free and Open Source Software. Your support will help KDE deliver the products it has been providing to users for more than 20 years. Akademy will open up valuable promotional possibilities for you, such as advertising, featured talks and international press coverage.

\* Be among the first to hear of KDE's plans for the future, participate in discussions, and influence the project and support the

advancement of new applications and technologies developed during the Akademy hackfests and marathon coding sessions. Talks and workshops are a perfect way to catch up on the latest industry trends and learn more about what developers, testers and designers prefer and practice.

\* Akademy provides an excellent environment feedback on new products and new ideas amidst a knowledgeable and globally diverse attending crowd.

\* Join or community. KDE is one of the largest Free and Open Source Software communities and is cooperative, committed and dynamic, making Akademy the ultimate expression of community.