

Overview of recent developments in Qt and its learning offerings

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or why Qt rocks and how you can rock with it!

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Qt: A brief introduction

Founded in 1994

- Trolltech acquired by Nokia in 2008
- More than 250 employees in eight locations worldwide
- Trusted by over 5,000 customers worldwide

Qt: a cross-platform application and UI development framework

- For desktop, web and embedded development
- Used by more than 250,000 commercial and open source developers
- Backed by Qt consulting, support and training





Qt is used everywhere



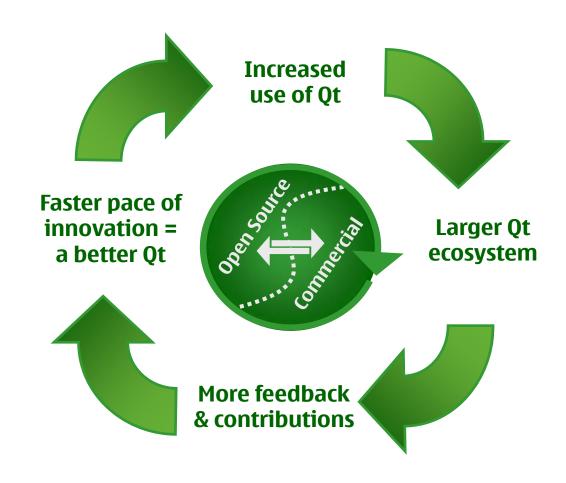
By companies from many industries







The virtuous cycle







- Write code once to target multiple platforms
- Produce compact, high-performance applications
- Focus on innovation, not infrastructure coding
- Choose the license Commercial, LGPL or GPL that fits you
- Count on professional services, support and training
- Take part in an active Qt ecosystem

15 years of customer success and community growth





Job Trends from Indeed.com









Qt architecture



Qt modular class library

Core XML

GUI Multimedia
WebKit Database
Graphics View Network
Scripting Unit Tests
OpenGL Benchmarking

Qt development tools

Qt Creator
Cross-platform IDE

Qt Designer
GUI

Qt Assistant
Help reader

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Cross-platform support

Windows

Mac

Linux/X11

Embedded Linux

Win CE

S60

Chipsets





Roadmap in brief



Up to Qt 4.5

- Cross-platform requirement
- Improve developer efficiency
- Shorter time to market

Qt 4.5

- Better out-of-the-box experience for developers
- Best possible runtime performance

Qt 4.6

- Expanded support for embedded and smartphone development
- Enablers for cutting edge UI development



Future direction

 Deeper support for web/native hybrid development







Roadmap details

No NDA is required

Delivered in 2009

Delivery in 1H 2010

Active Research Projects

Enabling cutting edge UI development

- Qt Kinetic project ...
 - Animation API (1) I
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 - States & Transitions 0



- Multi-touch 0 4
- OpenVG Å
- 3D enablers 🕠

Web and hybrid development

- JavaScript Engine
 Unification ()
- jQuery-inspired DOM access 6
- 🔳 XML Schema support 🕕 👗

Qt Tools

Continue and enhance
 Eclipse and Visual Studio
 plug-ins ()

New Qt platforms

- Qt for Symbian
- Windows 7 support

Improved performance

 New metrics showing performance improvements

Enabling cutting edge UI development

 Declarative UI programming 0 4

API Completeness

- Bearer Management API
- Contacts API* 0
- Messaging API* 🕹 🕦
- Location API* 🛦 🛈
- Service Framework API*
- Publish and Subscribe

 Apt* ▲⑥
- Multimedia API La li
- System Information API*

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Tools research

Tool support for
 Declarative UI construction

New Qt platforms

 Qt for Maemo development (Technology Preview)

Framework research

- Hybrid application development (1)
- Memory and resource handling ()
- Qt 3D portability API
- New embedded Linux architecture 👗 🕦
- Improved build system
- Next generation widgets
- HTTP improvements for Rest (i)
- File IO improvements 🕕

API Completeness

- Document gallery
- Calendar
- Sensors
- Location/landmarks

Tools research

- Hybrid application development 6
- Community and collaboration tools ()





Contribute!

Help Shape Qt: Contribute!

Help shape the future of Qt by contributing your own code to the framework or tools. Open repositories for Qt, Qt tools and various Qt research projects are hosted at http://qt.gitorious.org - there, you'll find:

- Full source code for Qt, tools and projects for you to inspect, check out and modify
- Instructions on how to get started
- Qt contribution guidelines

Start Contributing Now!

Contributions Needed

There are several areas where we'd like to improve or add to Qt, but don't have enough resources to do the research ourselves. If any of these items are of particular interest to you, we'd welcome your contributions!

- UDP multicast 0
- Image IO improvements (1)
- Benchmark improvements (1)

http://qt.nokia.com/developer/qt-roadmap





Your voice counts!

Feature Details

Declarative UI programming

Part of the Qt Kinetic project, the declarative UI provides a unique way of building user interfaces, encouraging developer-designer collaboration, vibrant and organic user interfaces, and fast time-to-market with rapid prototyping. It uses an expressive declaration language to allow describing how UIs should look and behave instead of how they are constructed.

Provide Feedback

Animation API

Part of the Qt Kinetic project, the Animation API allows users to create complex animations of an arbitrary set of components using intuitive states and transitions, requiring fewer lines of code. Early version currently available as a Qt Solution.

Provide Feedback

States and Transitions

Part of the Qt Kinetic project, States and Transitions provide a robust state chart implementation based on Harel statecharts and SCXML that simplifies complex application semantics with states to reduce code and improve maintainability.

Provide Feedback

Multi-Touch & Gestures

Enables user interaction with more than one finger, and combines sequential touch inputs to a 'gesture'.





Got curious? Learn it!

- We know, Qt rocks! Our mission is to get more people rock with Qt
- Learning & partnering is one of the key factors to boost the use of any technology
- Qt has a dedicated team working on this





How to start to rock

- Download and try!
- Hear a new voice: "programming is fun again!"
- Books, docs, code, IRC, community...
- We support you with more:





Helping hands in learning Qt

- Qt in Education
- Qt Training
- Qt Certification
- Qt online learning





Qt in Education

• Engagement with top universities to let students to have "fun in programming again" and rock ©

Developing "Open Courseware" – a base material for (re)use in teaching





- Maintain and expand a global network of professional training partners
- Design, develop and maintain training materials (hundreds of slides and labs)





Qt Certification

- Award people showing proved knowledge of Qt
- Pass an exam and become Nokia Certified Qt Developer. Available world-wide





Thank You

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in general, and in particular

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