

How to set Terminal as a transparent wallpaper in Kubuntu

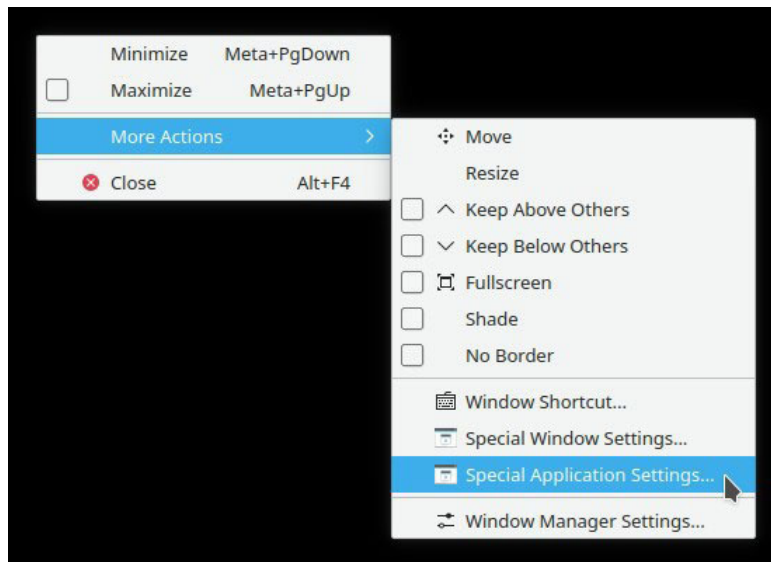
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Konsole's location

For this small project, you don't want Konsole to appear at random points on the screen. Instead, it reappears at the same location, with the same size, whenever it is run.



Select More Actions> Special Application Settings .

Right-click on the title bar of Konsole and select **More Actions> Special Application Settings...**

Activate **Position & Size** and set them to **Remember**. Alternatively, enable '**Maximized vertically**' and set it to **Apply Initially**> **Yes** . Activate changes and exit the menu by clicking **OK**. Before you proceed to the next step, move the Konsole window where you want it to appear each time.

Konsole configuration

From the main menu of Konsole, select **Settings**> **Configure Konsole** .

Disable '**Show menubar by default**' and enable '**Remove window titlebar and frame**' .

After these adjustments, you will get closer to the desired results. You have Konsole as a floating window in the position and with the desired size. The remaining two problems are annoying menu bars and the lack of transparency.

Address the first issue by disabling the '**Show menubar by default**' option . Now is a good time to check that everything up to date has worked.

Press **Ctrl + Shift + M** to hide the menu bar. Then close Konsole and run it again. It will reappear to look the same as before, same position on screen, same size but no menu bar, along with a floating console window on the desktop. Just make it transparent.

Edit profile

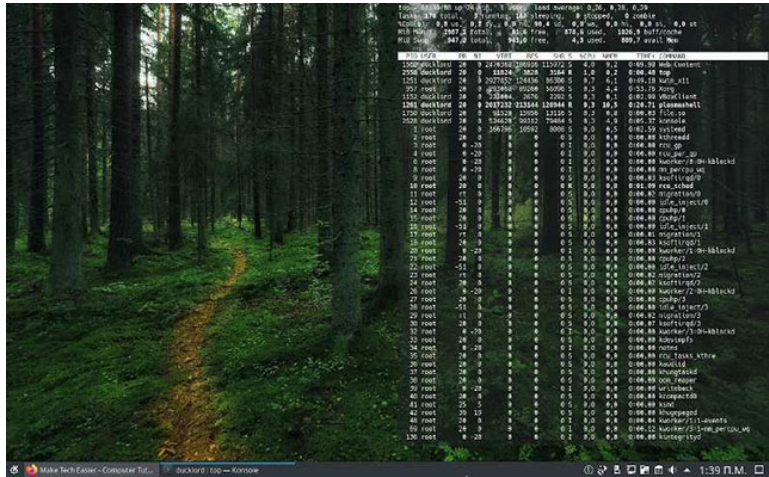
Right-click inside Konsole and select '**Edit Current Profile** .' from the pop-up menu.

Move to '**Appearance**' and the '**Color scheme & font**' tab. Check out the themes and choose the one you like. Then, click **Edit** on the right of the window.

Increase the value of '**Background transparency**' . Disable '**Blur background**' if needed.

Do not close the window yet! You have to make a final tweak and even though it is related to the appearance of Konsole, you will encounter it in its own tab because it also affects the usability of the Scrolling feature.

Scroll to the set of **Scrolling** options and set '**Scrollbar position**' to '**Hidden**'. If you do not modify this setting, you will have a scroll bar always visible on the screen. When hidden, it will only show when you need it.



The scrollbar has been hidden

Final tweaking

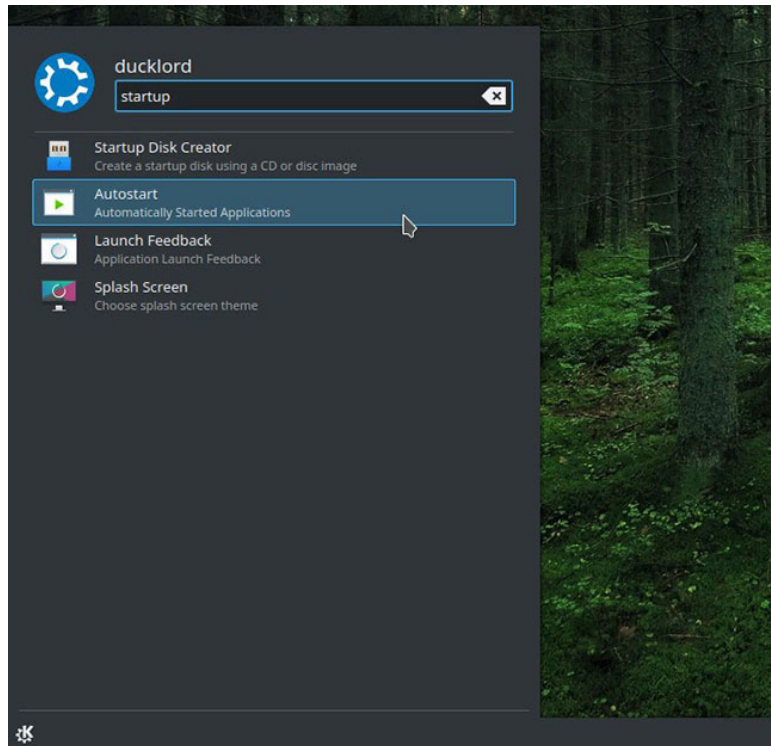
Theoretically, you have achieved your goal. You have a transparent terminal behind the window, allowing your wallpaper to shine. But you might not like it floating up in other windows when you click and want to keep Konsole always behind everything else, as if it were fixed on the wallpaper.

To achieve this, revisit the **'Application specific settings'** section of KDE for the Konsole window. This time, switch to the **'Arrangement & Access'** settings tab. Activate **'Keep below'** and change it to **Force> Yes**.

Open your favorite text editor and create a new script wherever you want. Name the script, such as **'delayed_konsole.sh'**. In it, enter:

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#!/bash { sleep 10 konsole & }
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Save the script and exit the text editor. Now enter **'autostart'** into the KDE menu and select **'Autostart (Automatically Started Applications)'**.



Enter 'autostart' into the KDE menu

Click on '**Add Script**' in the window that appears, then find and select the script you created.

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