Cursor Theme

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Abstract

This is the documentation for the System Settings module to customize the mouse cursor appearance.
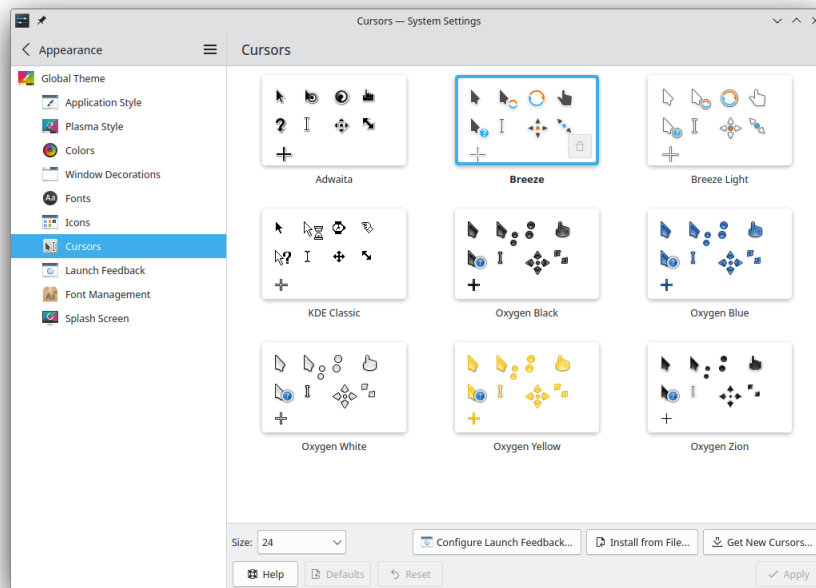
1 Cursor Theme

This module allows you to

- select a cursor theme
- configure a cursor animation for launching applications

The features provided by this module may not be available on some systems.
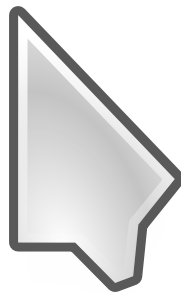
1.1 Cursor Theme Management

To use a cursor theme, simply select it and click the **Apply** button.

You can remove cursor themes using the trash button that appears when you hover the mouse pointer over the theme item in the list. Note that you can not remove the pre-installed themes.

Use the **Get New Cursors...** button to launch the **Download New Cursors** dialog and download additional themes from the internet.
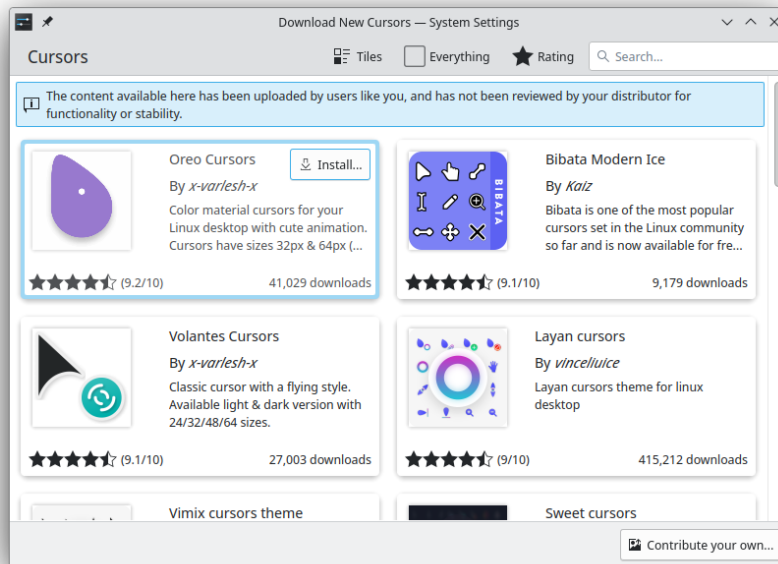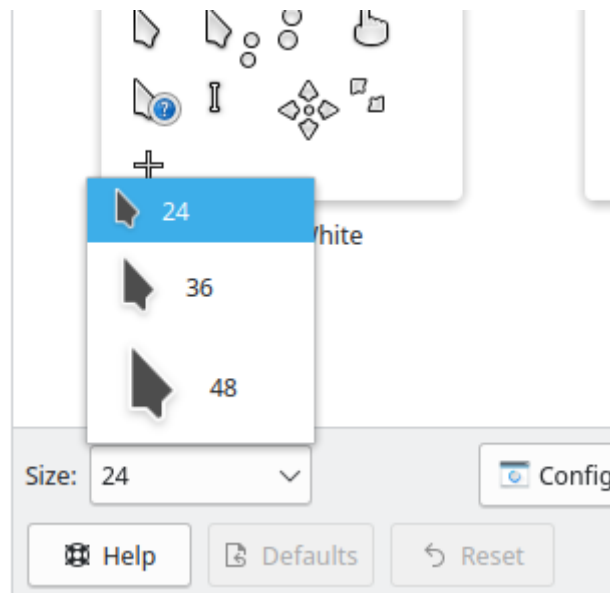
You can also install cursor themes files you have downloaded or otherwise obtained using the
Install from File... button.
If you are interested in creating your own cursor theme, you can find information here.

1.2 Cursor size

Some themes allow choosing the cursor size. Use the **Size** field to select the appropriate size.

1.3 Launch feedback

Sometimes it is reassuring to know that your computer didn't just ignore your command, and
something is happening behind the scenes. In this dialog **Configure Launch Fedback...**, you can
configure visible feedback to help you know if you really hit that icon or not.

Launch Feedback

Configure the animations played while an application is launching.

Cursor feedback: ◯ None
◯ Static
◯ Blinking
● Bouncing

Task Manager feedback: ☑ Enable animation

Stop animations after: 5 seconds ⌃⌄

The traditional way to indicate that your computer is busy is to modify the cursor, and you can turn this on by choosing a **Cursor**.

With this option enabled, your cursor will have an icon attached to it for a short time, when a new application is being launched. You can configure how long this icon is displayed beside your cursor with the **Stop animation after:** spinbox. The default is 5 seconds.

There are several variations of busy cursor available, including a **No Feedback**, a **Blinking**, a **Bouncing** or a **Static** cursor icon with no animation.

Traditional Plasma launch notification has taken another form, which you can also enable and disable here. Normally when you start an application, it gets an immediate entry in the taskbar, with the icon replaced by a spinning hourglass to let you know something is happening. You can toggle this behavior on and off with the **Enable animation** checkbox.

Not all applications that you start will eventually show a window, or an entry in the taskbar. Some of them, for example, are docked into the Plasma system tray. Alternatively, it might be that you sent it off to a different virtual desktop, and in the **Behavior** section of the Task Manager Settings the option **From the current desktop** is checked for the **Show only tasks** switcher. Setting a timeout ensures that, even in these cases, you can still get launch feedback, but also that it will go away when the job is done.