To the Ends of the Earth ...

Exploring the limits of portability
Kontact goes places:
goes wherever

(and it goes some places you might not want to tell your mom about)
portability:

the ability to support a maximum range of target systems with minimal special casing
dimensions:

CPU, OS, 32/64bit, form factor, resource spec, packaging, 3rd party lib versions, use cases
implementation
know thy enemy
architecture
abstract the abstraction
layer
(is it worth the footprint?)
generic is good
(until it isn’t good enough)
ifdefs are evil
(but explicit and simple)
we’ll have to put that on your lap...
tools!
process
Cl
QA
differing platform velocity
differing priorities
increased baseline complexity
what if there is no upstream?
what if upstream doesn’t care?
where to next?
Android?
An Android port of Kontact will be constrained by process more than architecture and lot more than implementation.
If we want to maintain and extend our level of portability, we’ll need to focus on the process issues much more.
Portability might become a liability.
Maybe it already is?
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Thank you!