

WMLUG August 2026 Meeting Notes

News:

Happy 35th Birthday, Linux!

<https://9to5linux.com/happy-35th-birthday-linux>

Debian Marks 33rd Birthday As One Of The Oldest Maintained Linux Distros

<https://www.phoronix.com/news/Debian-33-Birthday>

France Launches Government Linux Desktop Plan as Windows Exit Begins

<https://linuxiac.com/france-launches-government-linux-desktop-plan-as-windows-exit-begins/>

Another German State Swaps Microsoft for 'Born in the EU' Open Source

<https://fossforce.com/2026/07/another-german-state-swaps-microsoft-for-born-in-the-eu-open-source/>

Sovereign Tech Agency Launches New Initiative To Help Open Standards

<https://www.phoronix.com/news/Sovereign-Tech-Standards>

Windows Drops Under 60% in Global Desktop OS Share for the First Time in Years

<https://linuxiac.com/windows-drops-under-60-in-global-desktop-os-share-for-the-first-time-in-years/>

For Most of the World, Open-Source AI Is the Only Way Forward

<https://techstrong.ai/articles/for-most-of-the-world-open-source-ai-is-the-only-way-forward/>

Linux 7.3 Network Changes Merged But Developers "Completely Overwhelmed" Due To AI/LLMs

<https://www.phoronix.com/news/Linux-7.3-Networking>

AI/LLM Usage Becoming A "Denial of Service Attack" On Open-Source Project Maintainers

<https://www.phoronix.com/news/AI-DoS-Attack-Maintainers>

Linux Tops 2026 CVE Charts, Greg KH Says That's a Good Thing

<https://linuxiac.com/linux-tops-2026-cve-charts/>

Linus Torvalds Endures A Debug Session From Hell, "Enormously Helped" By AI

<https://www.phoronix.com/news/Linus-Torvalds-Debug-AI>

OpenAI Brings ChatGPT Desktop App To Linux

<https://www.phoronix.com/news/ChatGPT-Desktop-Linux-Preview>

Akrites: The Latest Attempt to Protect Open-Source From AI Attacks Has Arrived

<https://devops.com/akrites-the-latest-attempt-to-protect-open-source-from-ai-attacks-has-arrived/>

COSMIC Hits Keep Coming With New System Monitor

<https://system76.com/blog/post/cosmic-new-system-monitor>

Orion Browser for Linux Officially Enters Beta

<https://linuxiac.com/orion-browser-for-linux-officially-enters-beta/>

Another wave - 200+ malicious AUR packages adoptions that are overwhelming my scanner. Be 100% careful when trying to update AUR packages now.

[https://www.reddit.com/r/archlinux/comments/1vaxtcs/another_wave_200_malicious_aur_packages_adoptions/?solution=3204ddf2cb41fcb43204ddf2cb41fcb4&js_challenge=1&token=7afd7253fec22262ff1c52b1703fe9ecb21cca95fa3c30017e75e324517b9563&jsc_orig_r=&solution=936b5c7a9698de17936b5c7a9698de17&j_s_challenge=1&token=7afd7253fec22262ff1c52b1703fe9ec96cae8ec7728166e09533bdc38e69698&jsc_or](https://www.reddit.com/r/archlinux/comments/1vaxtcs/another_wave_200_malicious_aur_packages_adoptions/?solution=3204ddf2cb41fcb43204ddf2cb41fcb4&js_challenge=1&token=7afd7253fec22262ff1c52b1703fe9ecb21cca95fa3c30017e75e324517b9563&jsc_orig_r=&solution=936b5c7a9698de17936b5c7a9698de17&j_s_challenge=1&token=7afd7253fec22262ff1c52b1703fe9ec96cae8ec7728166e09533bdc38e69698&jsc_orig_r=)
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Utilities:

AURWatch watches the Arch User Repository so you don't have to read every PKGBUILD yourself: it scans every package for dangerous patterns (remote code execution, curl | sh, obfuscated payloads, untrusted download hosts) with static rules plus an AI second opinion, and re-scans every 2 hours.

<https://aurwatch.org/>

Termora - Terminal Emulator and SSH Client

<https://www.linuxlinks.com/termora-terminal-emulator-ssh-client/>

hyperfine: Find Linux Command Execution Time Accurately

<https://www.tecmint.com/hyperfine-find-command-execution-time-linux/>

Contour 0.7 Terminal Emulator Adds Tabs, Split Panes, and Saved Layouts

<https://linuxiac.com/contour-0-7-terminal-emulator-adds-tabs-split-panes-and-saved-layouts/>

HWall Is a Promising New Hardware Monitor Built Specifically for Linux

<https://linuxiac.com/hwall-is-a-promising-new-hardware-monitor-built-specifically-for-linux/>

presenterm lets you create presentations in markdown format and run them from your terminal

<https://github.com/mfontanini/presenterm>

Nono: Open-source sandbox for AI agents

<https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2026/07/27/nono-open-source-ai-agent-sandboxing/>