WMLUG January 2026 Meeting Notes

2025's Linux and Open-Source Moments That Shaped the Year

https://linuxiac.com/2025-linux-and-open-source-moments-that-shaped-the-year/

Our Top Five Most Underrated Linux Distros for 2025

https://fossforce.com/2026/01/our-top-five-most-underrated-linux-distros-for-2025/

Ten Reasons (and Five Exceptions) to Choose Open Source Over Freemium

https://fossforce.com/2025/11/ten-reasons-and-five-exceptions-to-choose-open-source-over-freemium/

Succession: Linux kernel community gets continuity plan for post-Linus era

https://www.theregister.com/2026/01/27/linux_continuity_plan/

North Korea is turning open-source projects into malware traps

https://cybernews.com/security/north-korea-turning-open-source-projects-malware-traps/

Orion Browser Takes First Step Toward Linux Availability

https://linuxiac.com/orion-browser-takes-first-step-toward-linux-availability/

Orion Browser

https://orionbrowser.com/about

Portmaster: Open-source application firewall

https://github.com/safing/portmaster https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2025/12/03/portmaster-open-source-application-firewall/

Make SSH as Easy as FTP with SSH Pilot

https://fossforce.com/2025/11/make-ssh-as-easy-as-ftp-with-ssh-pilot/

Micro Text Editor 2.0.15 Released After More Than a Year of Development

https://linuxiac.com/micro-text-editor-2-0-15-released-after-more-than-a-year-of-development/

netwhy is a lightweight Linux command-line tool that diagnoses slow or unreliable network connections

https://github.com/Ninso112/netwhy

rip - Fuzzy find and kill processes from your terminal

https://github.com/cesarferreira/rip

crepe - A grep-like text search tool that highlights matches instead of filtering lines. Built in Rust for speed and reliability.

https://github.com/brunoribeiro/crepe

Dupster - A very easy terminal UI for finding duplicates when you're stuck in the terminal

https://github.com/karimz1/dupster

cronkit - Command-line tool that makes cron jobs human-readable, auditable, and visual. It converts confusing cron syntax into plain English, generates upcoming run schedules, and provides ASCII timeline visualizations.

https://github.com/hzerrad/cronkit

balenaEtcher - Flash OS images to SD cards & USB drives, safely and easily.

https://etcher.balena.io/

Ventoy - A New Bootable USB Solution

https://www.ventoy.net/en/download.html

pfetch - A pretty system information tool written in POSIX sh

https://github.com/Un1q32/pfetch

bestfetch - a customizable, beautiful, and blazing fast system fetch, powered by nim

https://gitlab.com/Maxb0tbeep/bestfetch

Fastfetch - system information tool

https://github.com/fastfetch-cli/fastfetch

LazyCat Terminal - Hackable terminal

https://github.com/manateelazycat/lazycat-terminal

Pacsea - Fast TUI for searching, inspecting, and queueing pacman/AUR packages

https://github.com/Firstp1ck/Pacsea

moonbit - A modern system cleaner built in Go with a TUI and CLI.

https://github.com/Nomadcxx/moonbit

Vala - Object-oriented programming language with a self-hosting compiler that generates C code and uses the GObject type system

https://vala.dev/