

WMLUG March 2026 Meeting Notes

News:

Linux Foundation Announces \$12.5 Million in Grant Funding from Leading Organizations to Advance Open Source Security

<https://www.linuxfoundation.org/press/linux-foundation-announces-12.5-million-in-grant-funding-from-leading-organizations-to-advance-open-source-security>

Open source devs consider making hogs pay for every download

https://www.theregister.com/2026/02/28/open_source_opinion/

Open source isn't a tip jar – it's time to charge for access

https://www.theregister.com/2026/03/25/open_source_bill_opinion/

Why is Claude an Electron App?

<https://www.dbreunig.com/2026/02/21/why-is-claude-an-electron-app.html>

Claude is an Electron App because we've lost native

<https://tonsky.me/blog/fall-of-native/>

Constraints and the Lost Art of Optimization

<https://denodell.com/blog/constraints-and-the-lost-art-of-optimization>

Linux phones could get even better with postmarketOS 'Duranium'

<https://www.howtogeek.com/linux-phones-could-get-even-better-with-postmarketos-duranium/>

Systemd Introduces Birth Date Support for Upcoming Linux Desktop Age Controls

<https://linuxiac.com/systemd-introduces-birth-date-support-for-upcoming-linux-desktop-age-controls/>

System76 on Age Verification Laws

<https://blog.system76.com/post/system76-on-age-verification>

The System76 Thelio Mira is the new Linux desktop workstation to beat

<https://www.howtogeek.com/the-system76-thelio-mira-is-the-new-linux-desktop-workstation-to-beat/>

System76 Makes The Best Open-Source Keyboard Even Better

<https://www.phoronix.com/review/system76-launch-keyboard-2026>

What's New in EndeavourOS Titan release

<https://endeavouros.com/news/whats-new-in-endeavouros-titan-release/>

Introducing GNOME 50, "Tokyo"

<https://release.gnome.org/50/>

Sick of Microsoft and Google? This new European office suite is a private, open-source alternative

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/europe-open-source-office-suite-alternative-to-microsoft-google/>

Gram: Zed, but with AI and chat features removed

https://www.theregister.com/2026/03/04/gram_cut_down_zed/

The Unix Way - Episode 8

<https://vivianvoss.net/blog/the-unix-origins>

Best Linux Certifications in 2026 to Boost Your Career

<https://www.linuxteck.com/best-linux-certifications-2026/>

Favourite parent distro poll results

<https://distrowatch.com/weekly.php?pollnumber=553&myaction=NewVote&issue=20260316&newvote=2#poll>

Utilities:

usbimager - A very minimal GUI app that can write compressed disk images to USB drives

<https://gitlab.com/bztsrc/usbimager/>

Gruyère - A tiny, beautiful TUI program for viewing and killing processes listening on ports.

<https://github.com/savannahostrowski/gruyere>

bandwhich - Terminal bandwidth utilization tool

<https://github.com/imsnif/bandwhich>

bmon - bandwidth monitor and rate estimator

<https://github.com/tgraf/bmon>

cliamp - Terminal music player inspired by winamp

<https://www.linuxlinks.com/cliamp-retro-terminal-music-player-winamp/>

<https://github.com/bjarneo/cliamp>

Receiver - Modern internet radio player for GNOME, featuring a curated collection of over 30,000 stations from around the world.

<https://github.com/meehow/receiver>

netwatch - Real-time network diagnostics TUI — like htop for your network. Built with Rust + ratatui.

<https://github.com/matthart1983/netwatch>

Other:

Liberapay - Recurrent donations platform

<https://en.liberapay.com/>

You Suck at Programming

<https://www.youtube.com/@yousuckatprogramming>

The Free Bash Course is live! watch it here:

<https://course.ysap.sh>