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Maya: Good morning, and welcome to Linux Mornings. It is Sunday, October fourth, twenty twenty-six. I am Maya.

Devon: And I am Devon. Big weekend in kernel land, Maya. Yesterday the kernel team shipped not one, not two, but seven stable releases in a single day.

Maya: That is right. On October third, Greg Kroah-Hartman signed off on seven separate stable releases, from seven point two point nine all the way back to five point ten point two seven one, the oldest tree still getting support.

Devon: And the headline in all seven is the same: memory-safety fixes. Use-after-free bugs, out-of-bounds reads, bad pointer dereferences. The exact bug classes that cause kernel panics or, worse, privilege escalation.

Maya: What is fascinating is how many of these were found by machines. Syzbot, Google's fuzzers, static analysis tools, and even some commits marked as assisted by A I. The fuzzers are doing a lot of the legwork now, with human review sitting alongside.

Devon: So if you run Linux on a desktop or a server, expect your distribution's security updates to roll out over the next few days. Patch when they land.

Maya: Meanwhile, the next major kernel is in its final stretch. Seven point three release candidate five is out, and this one is all about stabilization, not new features.

Devon: Right. Cache aware scheduling fixes, H I D support for new devices, graphics driver fixes, and a rollback of some problematic Logitech Bolt receiver support. Linus Torvalds even noted the diffstat looks unusual this round, with self-tests making up a big chunk of it.

Maya: And looking one step further out, A M D just sent in a new pull request for Linux seven point four, enabling support for new graphics hardware blocks, including better H D M I two point one support and power management improvements.

Devon: On the distribution side, the big story is Ubuntu twenty-six point ten, codenamed the Stonking Stingray. The beta landed on October first, and it is an aggressive stack.

Maya: It really is. Canonical made a late switch to the Linux seven point three release candidate kernel, it ships GNOME fifty-one, and it completes Ubuntu's move of core command-line utilities like copy, move, and remove to Rust-based replacements.

Devon: The final release is scheduled for October fifteenth, so testers have under two weeks with the beta. And benchmarks are already showing the new release about four percent faster than twenty-six point oh four on some hardware.

Maya: Desktop fans should also mark October fourteenth on the calendar. K D E Plasma six point eight ships that day, timed for K D E's thirtieth anniversary.

Devon: Thirty years of K D E. That is a milestone worth celebrating.

supply chain reports are unaffected. They promise an update on the program's future by the first quarter of twenty twenty-seven.

Devon: It is a strange moment. A I is finding real kernel bugs with fuzzers, and at the same time drowning maintainers in fake ones. The tool is only as good as the verification behind it.

Maya: That is the show for this Sunday morning. Patch your systems, test the Ubuntu beta if you are feeling adventurous, and enjoy the rest of your weekend.

Devon: We will be back tomorrow morning at five A M with your next Linux briefing. See you then.