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Maya: Good morning, and welcome to the Linux Morning Briefing for Tuesday, October sixth, twenty twenty-six. I'm Maya.

Devon: And I'm Devon. This morning: Ubuntu's big beta bets the whole foundation on Rust, a Fedora-and-Ubuntu double header on the calendar, and Google hits pause on open-source bug bounties.

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Maya: Let's start with the kernel, which is quietly marching toward the finish line.

We're expecting Linux seven point three, release candidate seven, this Sunday, October eleventh. If testing stays clean, Linus Torvalds will tag the final release the following Sunday, October eighteenth. If late regressions appear, an eighth candidate pushes that to October twenty-fifth.

Devon: Meanwhile the stable branch is the one most of us live on, and if you haven't updated yet, this is your week. Remember Saturday's seven-release batch, from seven point two point nine all the way back to five point ten point two seventy-one? Those were heavy on memory-safety fixes found by fuzzers and A I-assisted tooling, and distro security updates are still rolling out. Check your update manager today.

Maya: Over in distro land, Ubuntu twenty-six point ten, the Stonking Stingray, is nine days from launch. The beta landed last Thursday, a week behind schedule, but Canonical says the final is still on track for October fifteenth.

Devon: And it's a landmark release for a reason most users will never see. Twenty-six point ten is the first Ubuntu ever to run its entire set of core utilities, the little commands like list, copy, and move, on the Rust-based you utilities implementation. The last three holdouts, C P, M V, and R M, finally made the switch this cycle. The argument is memory safety: fewer C bugs at the very foundation of the system.

Maya: The rest of the beta is stacked too. It ships a release candidate of Linux seven point three, the GNOME fifty-one desktop, the new D Bus broker for messaging, a Rust-based Open P G P implementation called Sequoia, graphics on Mesa twenty-six point two, and a refreshed developer toolchain with G C C sixteen, Python three point fourteen, Rust one point ninety-seven, and Open J D K twenty-seven. Plus official support for R I S C five hardware.

Devon: Mark your calendars twice, actually. Fedora forty-five lands on October twentieth, just five days after Ubuntu. Two flagship releases in one week means testers are in high demand. If you've ever thought about helping a distro, the final stretch of a beta is exactly when fresh eyes catch the worst bugs.

Maya: Quick note for the performance crowd. The Liquorix kernel, a Zen-based tuning for

the A I normal: fuzzers and A I-assisted tools surfacing dozens of kernel memory-safety bugs per release. Well, Google just hit pause on the other side of that pipeline. As of October first, Google's open-source bug bounty no longer accepts new product vulnerability reports, because a flood of automated, A I-generated submissions turned out to be mostly invalid, and engineers were spending hours validating hallucinated reports instead of fixing real bugs.

Maya: The pause lasts until at least an update promised for the first quarter of twenty twenty-seven. Supply-chain reports stay open, and researchers can redirect to Google's other bounty tracks. But Google isn't alone. Curl and the Internet Bug Bounty have cut payouts for the same reason, and Linux maintainers have complained about roughly two thousand bogus vulnerability reports per release. Automation made reporting easy, but verification still needs humans.

Devon: And that is your Tuesday briefing. Ubuntu goes all in on Rust, Fedora is right behind it, the kernel inches toward the finish line, and the A I that hunts bugs is also the A I that drowns the inboxes.

Maya: We'll be back tomorrow morning with the latest. Until then, keep your systems updated and your terminals open.

Devon: Have a great day, everyone.