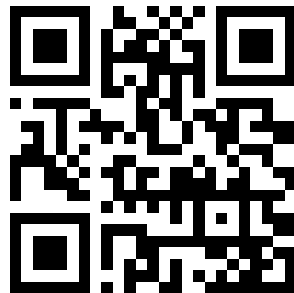


FOUR YEARS
OF
WEEKLY UPDATES

ABOUT #LinuxMobile ON LINMOB.NET

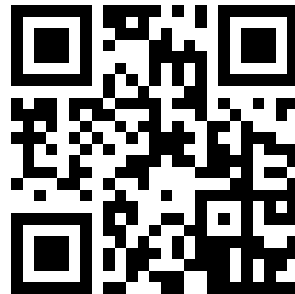
About Me

- Bullet One
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- Bullet Three
- <https://linmob.net/authors/peter/>



ABOUT LINMOB.NET

- <https://linmob.net/about/>



How it started

- June 2020: Got a PinePhone
- Restarted LINMOB.net (as a Jekyll blog on GitHub pages) on June 11th, 2020

Welcome to linmob.net (again)!

Jun 11, 2020 • [peter](#) • [shortform Internal](#)

For quite some time — since Purism announced their Librem 5 crowdfunder in 2017 — I have been thinking about bringing this blog back, that had been downgraded to a [category in my personal blog](#).

Now, that I got a [Pine64 PinePhone](#) into my hands earlier this week, I finally got around to invest the time in restarting this blog. I haven't decided yet on whether I will bring the old content back or not and would appreciate feedback on that matter.

If you've found this blog and have specific questions, don't hesitate to contact me. I'll try to answer your questions as well as I can and I always appreciate constructive feedback.

How it started

While writing blog posts, I also went through the history and came across a few "Weekly Update" style posts from 2009:

- 2009-04-13 [Weekly linmob roundup \(8\): 2 days late and still 2 short](#)
- 2009-04-03 [Weekly linmob roundup \(8\): Openmoko in trouble?](#)
- 2009-03-14 [linmob weekly roundup \(5 / week 11\): rumors and such](#)
- 2009-03-09 [linmob weekly roundup \(4\): late again.](#)
- 2009-03-02 [Weekly linmob roundup \(3\): 2 days late and not much to tell, anyway](#)
- 2009-02-21 [Weekly linmob roundup \(2\): Not much Android on MWC](#)
- 2009-02-14 [Weekly linmob roundup \(1\)](#)

How it started

... and so, on July 4th, 2020, I posted this:

LinBits 0: Weekly PinePhone news / media roundup (week 27)

Jul 4, 2020 • [peter](#) • [weekly update](#)

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I really hope I can make this a recurring thing.

This is some the best stuff that happened around the PinePhone this week. *Commentary in italics.*

Software: releases and improvements

- [Phosh 0.4.0 Release](#). *Already in Mobian, this release brings a really neat feature: You can now automatically scale apps that are otherwise too big using the command `scale-to-fit <APP-ID> on` , e.g. `scale-to-fit gnome-calendar on` . **Edit 5th July 2020:** Apparently, `scale-to-fit` is not in every distro automatically with the 0.4.0 release, as it is not in postmarketOS at the time of writing this remark.*
- [GloDroid 0.3.0 pre-Release](#). *I am curious whether this is better than the previous release.*
- [UBports Camera might work soon](#). *Please don't expect premium smartphone photography.*
- [Manjaro ARM Alpha1 of Phosh for PinePhone and PineTab!](#). *After putting out five Alpha releases of Manjaro featuring Plasma Mobile, Manjaro now release a Phosh based image. BTW: A couple of days earlier, a new ArchLinux ARM image was released, too.*
- [AVMultiPhone claims 20 hours battery life on PinePhone](#) (german, [linuxnews.de](#)). *AVMultiPhone is a postmarketOS-based distribution which looks more like your average desktop than a mobile OS. I could not get myself to try it yet, but that battery life sounds tempting. In a [recent blog post](#), the creator sets out a 500 Euro bounty for getting the "wake up on phone call while in deep sleep" to work.*

Worth reading

- [Non-static Pinephone Review — roiredideas](#). *This seems to be the only sensible way to review it right now. There is so much software and so much progress on so many ends, that it is just impossible to reach anything close to a verdict. My experience with PureOS differs, but every project puts out a wonky image once in a while. Also: If you want a dark theme on Phosh-based distributions, `gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.interface gtk-theme "Adwaita-dark"` is your friend.*
- [Install #openSUSE on a #Pinephone device — victorhckinthefreeworld.com](#). *Interesting interview, even if you don't really care about openSUSE.*

Worth watching

- HackersGame: [PinePhone Images on the Librem 5](#)
- Pine64: [PinePhone disassembly and reassembly](#)
- PizzaLovingNerd: [ICE SSBs on the PinePhone](#). *Webapps on the PinePhone, nice!*

Stuff I did

- I mostly used [Mobian](#):
 - I listened to a Podcast in the [Gnome Podcasts](#) app,
 - I managed to install `gnome-passwordsafe` from flathub, and got signed in to Nextcloud using [Gnome Accounts](#), ticking two boxes on my "daily driver" check list,
 - I installed `nheko` to find out that the `squeekboard` keyboard does not work with it and then logged in to `fractal` to have non-encrypted Matrix.

The surprise

I actually managed to keep this up.

Week after week after week.

Linbits went on, iterating the number ++ (almost) every week.

- 2021-12-30 [LinBits 77: Weekly Linux Phone news / media roundup \(week 51/52\)](#)
- 2021-12-23 [LinBits 76: Weekly Linux Phone news / media roundup \(week 50/51\)](#)
- 2021-12-15 [LinBits 75: Weekly Linux Phone news / media roundup \(week 49/50\)](#)
- 2021-12-08 [LinBits 74: Weekly Linux Phone news / media roundup \(week 48/49\)](#)
- 2021-12-01 [LinBits 73: Weekly Linux Phone news / media roundup \(week 47/48\)](#)
- 2021-11-24 [LinBits 72: Weekly Linux Phone news / media roundup \(week 46/47\)](#)
- 2021-11-17 [LinBits 71: Weekly Linux Phone news / media roundup \(week 45/46\)](#)
- 2021-11-10 [LinBits 70: Weekly Linux Phone news / media roundup \(week 44/45\)](#)
- 2021-11-03 [LinBits 69: Weekly Linux Phone news / media roundup \(week 43/44\)](#)

Renaming

Early 2022

1st attempt:

**Weekly Update (1-2/2022):
[highlights]**

2nd attempt: Weekly #LinuxPhone Update (16/2022): [highlights]

bringing it in line with the promotional
social media posts

but... controversy:



LINux on MOBILE

@linmob@fosstodon.org

Follow

@olamundo I am willing to work with you on a better name. If you don't want to contribute to finding a better name, I can't possibly make sure that you will approve of it – which makes it a thing, that's not high on my list of priorities, likely wasted effort and thus something I just can't justify spending time on.

June 21, 2022 at 6:54 PM · 🌐 · ↩️ 1 · ↻ 0 · ★ 2

**3rd attempt:
Weekly #MobilePOSIX
Update (25/2022):
[highlights]**

Nice, huh?

**final attempt:
Weekly GNU-like Mobile
Linux Update (26/2022):
[highlights]**

*... so glad I did not settle on "mobile POSIX"
:-D*

Process then

all manual

In the early days, the process evolved to be quite involved and cumbersome.

- collecting links throughout the week on Twitter, the Fediverse and in a number of chat groups, pasting them into a markdown file
- go through feeds in miniflux
- ...
- broken links due to human markdown writing

Personal crisis...

<https://linmob.net/re-evaluating-priorities/>

Re-Evaluating Priorities

Sep 3, 2022 • peter • [personal Internal](#)

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Did you notice that there's been a countdown on the recent [Weekly Updates](#)? If so, this post may not really surprise you all that much. Please read it anyway :-)

Boredom and Scarcity of Time

If you've been reading the Weekly Updates on this blog for a while, you may remember that I changed the name earlier this year, and tried to change things up a little, because I felt a bit bored and hoped that I would be able to change these regular posts into something that would feel more fun again and less of a chore.

I did not really manage to pull that off. In addition to that, the job change that temporarily coincided with the name change, has made my life a lot more busy, leaving less time and resources to doing fun stuff, to experiment with Linux phones and so on.

Thus, I not only felt increasingly bored by the task of collecting a link list, but also, the thought of "What else could I do with these three to four hours?" has become increasingly hard to shut down. Therefore, I pondered quitting after 128 weekly updates to the end of this year, which is the number the countdown is counting towards.

Current Events and the Near Future

Now, there's been another development this week: A close family member who seemed to have recovered from a bad illness is sadly ill again. This changes things – it's now not just about "Would this time better spent on [LinuxPhoneApps.org](#)/writing a how-to/doing \$thing" it's also "Well, I maybe should rather interact with/do something for this person".

That's not the only thing. With increased stress levels, I really need to reduce my social media use, as it simply does not make me feel better overall and also likely eats an uncomfortably large amount of time. This includes no longer trying to follow Reddit and some forums via feeds,¹ and using less of Mastodon and Twitter. (I might even drop Twitter and Mastodon almost entirely, and try follow a handful relevant accounts via RSS.)

Process today

Very Automated

THANKS PLATA!

1. [scripts](#) collect relevant content published within specified days
2. manual search on YouTube and
3. going through personal boost history (open in new tabs + then use a [FF plugin](#))
4. checking the [pad](#) for contributions of my own and by others
5. write teaser, publish!

Process today

Very Automated

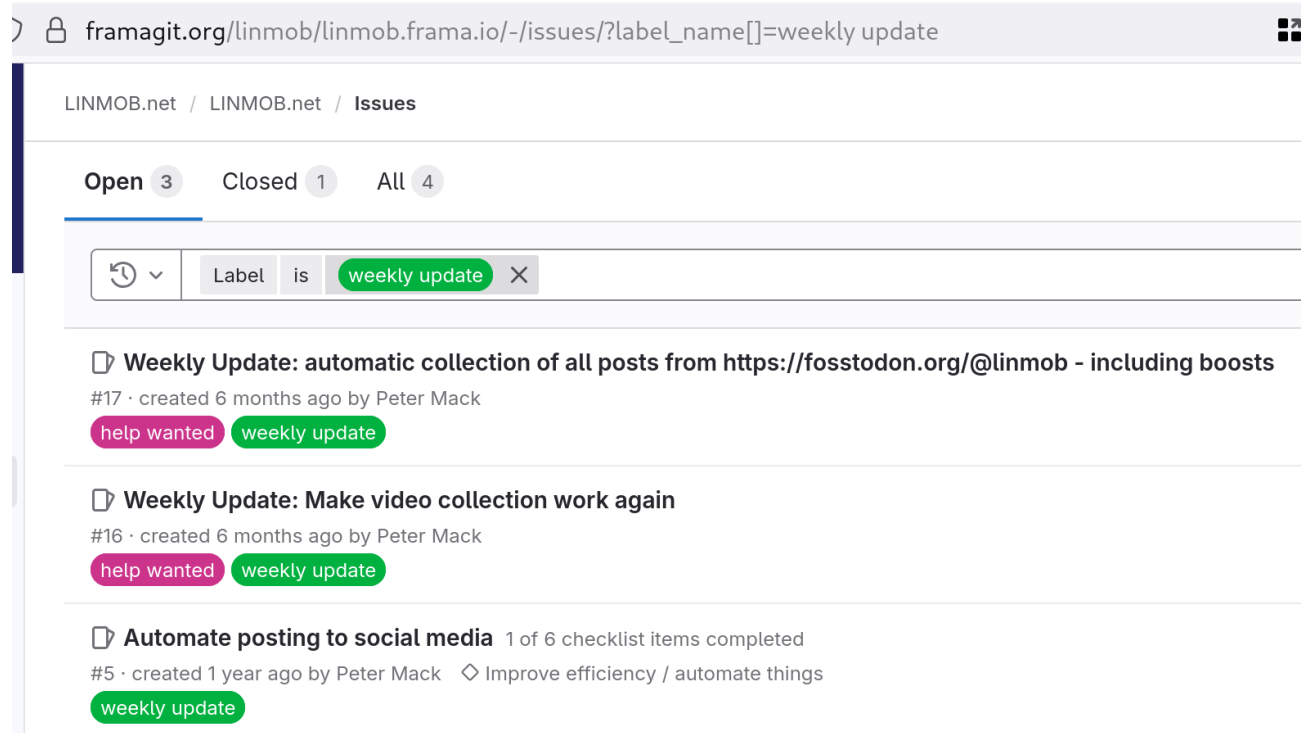
*and slightly crazy due
to my own changes*

- no, I did not count sources
- we have three different ways to properly deal with feeds:
 - one for regular feeds
 - one for mastodon, stripping rich formatting
 - and one for megi... his feed has no dates, except in the title, so let's use those!
- still sad about losing searx instances with feeds

Process today

Very Automated

known room for improvement



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `framagit.org/linmob/linmob.frama.io/-/issues/?label_name[]=weekly update`. The page title is "LINMOB.net / LINMOB.net / Issues". Below the title, there are filters for "Open 3", "Closed 1", and "All 4". A search bar contains a refresh icon, a dropdown menu, and the text "Label is weekly update X". The search results show three issues:

- Weekly Update: automatic collection of all posts from <https://fosstodon.org/@linmob> - including boosts**
#17 · created 6 months ago by Peter Mack
Labels: help wanted, weekly update
- Weekly Update: Make video collection work again**
#16 · created 6 months ago by Peter Mack
Labels: help wanted, weekly update
- Automate posting to social media** 1 of 6 checklist items completed
#5 · created 1 year ago by Peter Mack · Improve efficiency / automate things
Label: weekly update

Where to go from here?

1. It would be nice to have more content than the weekly post - co-authors welcome
2. More text, more comments within "Updates" would be nice ... it's hard
3. YOUR IDEA HERE

Thanks!

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