today's leftovers

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Seeking a new browser [2]

Well, it finally happened. After months of warning messages, the latest update to Pale Moon browser is incompatible with NoScript. So I think I need to switch browsers.

NoScript is (was) a very powerful browser extension that blocks Javascript by default, advises what sites (including third-party sites) are attempting to run Javascript on your computer, and lets you selectively permit them. All with an easy user interface. I default to blocking Javascript, and permitting it only for sites that I trust (a whitelist). This is, first, a privacy and security measure. Second, there are many websites that have toxic or incompetent Javascript, which may not be hostile but can paralyze my computer. And third, this lets me bypass some access restrictions.

Google, IBM and Microsoft shared psychotic episode with bipolar Molly de Blanc [3]

de Blanc's statement is an amazing revelation. She comments on the interaction of her bipolar and open source. In open source today, it is hard to separate the technology from the egos.

Back in his youth, one of Britain's royal princes would threaten to have fellow schoolchildren locked in the tower of London. Molly de Blanc's open letter to the FSF appears to have similar grandiose delusions when she writes We are calling for the removal of the entire Board of the Free Software Foundation... It is time for RMS to step back from the free software, tech ethics, digital rights, and tech communities, for he cannot provide the leadership we need.. She is talking about locking RMS in the tower. Molly is not a developer, she never wrote one line of code. She was employed to work for the developers and now she is giving us orders. Imagine the same thing in an airline: the wife of the pilot shouting orders at the cabin crew. Molly de Blanc was girlfriend of the Debian Project Leader, Chris Lamb. Thanks to her illness, she is
now acting like she is the Queen of England.

As the medical experts tell us, this is all part of Molly's condition so we are going to give her the benefit of the doubt. We forgive her. We ask everybody to forgive her and focus on those around her.

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McGovern is not alone, the list published elsewhere shows thousands of employees of Google, IBM, Red Hat, Microsoft and even MIT came along for the ride too. Elana Hashman, the second highest in that ranking of cyberbullies, is a Red Hat / IBM employee.

- Entroware reveal their refreshed Apollo with 11th Gen Intel and Iris Xe Graphics | GamingOnLinux[4]

Looking for your next Ubuntu powered ultrabook? We might have what you're looking for with the new Entroware Apollo.

Not a name we hear too often from but Entroware are a dedicated Linux hardware vendor based in the UK, who also ship to the Republic of Ireland, France, Germany, Italy and Spain. So if other hardware vendors have proven too expensive on shipping - here's another choice. Entroware claims it's "built from top to bottom using the best components available, for a richer, faster Ubuntu experience. Now shipping with NVMe PCIe SSD storage as standard".

- Scala Enterprise version 12.50 features enhanced workgroup management, additions to the Linux player engine, including player snapshot capabilities and support for Scala Media Player DX and Q players, [5]

- Amazon announces it's open sourcing DeepRacer device software [6]

- Amazon Open Sources AWS DeepRacer Software [7]

Amazon is open sourcing the software behind its AWS DeepRacer miniature car. At its core, reports Ron Miller at TechCrunch, "the DeepRacer car is a mini computer running Ubuntu Linux and Robot Operating System (ROS), both open source components."

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