

Review: System76 Pangolin Performance laptop

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System 76 is a company, founded in 2005, dedicated to the spreading of Linux and open source. They are so dedicated to this cause they sell Linux-only hardware. You might be saying to yourself "It's been tried before and it failed." That is certainly the case if you can remember the Wal Mart/Linux failure or the Everex/Zonbu disaster. But it's not a universal. If you had the chance to try one of the Wal Mart or Zonbu machines you will remember well that the hardware was second-rate at best. On top of that, the hardware BARELY supported Linux. It seemed the only Linux those machines did support was the one-off distributions pre-installed. And, in the case of the Zonbu, that distribution was hardly worthy of the name Linux.

But along comes System 76 to make good on all of the promises these companies have failed to deliver on. And make good did they do. When the boxes arrived from System 76 I was naturally skeptical. The last Linux-based laptop I reviewed showed some promise until very quickly the weakness of the hardware reared its ugly head. Fortunately, with the Pangolin Performance, I was happily surprised.

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