

# Volla Tablet combines convenience and data protection

## German manufacturer's crowdfunding campaign starts in April

**Remscheid 16.04.2024 - With a tablet, the young company Volla Systeme is continuing the success story that began just four years ago with a smartphone. The manufacturer is focusing on the concept of a new, intelligent operating concept and uncompromising data protection with its own Google-free Android operating system and the Linux alternative Ubuntu Touch. Thanks to its 12.3-inch display, powerful gaming processor and mobile connection, the Volla tablet offers space and performance for productivity, creativity and entertainment such as games and movies. On April 17, the Volla Tablet will go on pre-sale on the crowdfunding platform Kickstarter.**

## More convenience thanks to intelligent operating concept

The Volla Tablet is more than just a device; it is an extension of the Volla vision to make the world of telecommunications more accessible and secure. The basis for this is the specially developed operating system, the Volla OS, with its intuitive operating concept.

The start screen of Volla OS offers more than just calling up apps like on Google and Apple devices. It is called "Springboard" under Volla OS and offers immediate access to everyday functions without having to open an app. For the Volla tablet, it has been adapted to the size of the display in order to unfold its full potential:

In a text field, a user can not only perform a search, but also send messages, enter appointments in the calendar or write notes. Extensions from third-party providers expand the capabilities of Volla AI. Live results are now also new. For example, the user can find the weather or wiki articles without having to open an app or a website.

The large display now also offers space for practical quick switching between open apps without having to display the usual Android "stage" of open apps and scroll horizontally.

Collections, as the automatically compiled content is called in Volla OS, come into their own. These include the most recent contacts with whom a user has been in contact via calls or messages, the most recent conversations via SMS or Signal, important notes and news from subscribed RSS and Atom feeds. Articles are displayed in a tidy readability view without ads and menus.

Volla OS automatically groups apps into those that a user has recently used frequently or less frequently, providing a better overview.

## Privacy and security through unique security mode

To ensure that only the user decides which data to share with whom and when, the Volla OS is based on the open source Android project with additional components for greater convenience and security. It does not include Google Play services and does not require a user account, as is a prerequisite in Apple operating systems.

The Volla OS operating system, which is also open source, is cleaned of unwanted calls to third-party services and protects users with a unique security mode. This allows apps and their background processes to be temporarily blocked completely, Internet traffic to be filtered for all apps and even the authorization to access the Internet to be set for each app. Templates for the firewall, which monitors and filters Internet traffic locally, can be selected by the user for a variety of risks such as trackers, malware, phishing and fraud, which are kept up to date in an open source project.

A new feature is the linking of the deactivation of microG to the security mode. The open-source software component microG simulates Google Play services and establishes compatibility for apps that require them and that users often rely on. Such apps, whether for the bank or the parking garage, can then be activated for the moment of use and then deactivated again to protect privacy and data. In particular, Google's Firebase push notifications are compromised, as became known at the end of 2023. Users can find apps in the Aurora Store, which allows them to download and install applications from the Google Play Store anonymously and securely. The Aurora Store also provides information about trackers that collect user data. These, in turn, can be blocked via the security mode. Open alternatives for most everyday applications can be found under Volla OS in the F-Droid Store.

## Laptop, tablet and smartphone with Ubuntu Touch

As with the Volla Phones, the young, ambitious manufacturer from Remscheid offers Ubuntu Touch as an alternative operating system. This is the mobile version of the popular Ubuntu Linux distribution. If you don't want to commit yourself, you can install Ubuntu Touch as a second operating system with Volla OS and switch between the two. The unique multi-boot function allows the use of several operating systems.

Ubuntu Touch really comes into its own on the Volla tablet. It automatically adapts to the display size and can also run desktop apps such as Open Office. Together with the attachable keyboard, it becomes a laptop, tablet and smartphone in one, as the Volla Tablet also supports access to the mobile network with up to two SIM cards or optionally with a SIM card plus a micro SIM card.

SD memory card. The pen operation makes the Volla tablet the perfect companion for studying or for creative professions.

## Performance features at Pro level

The Volla tablet with a high-quality aluminum casing has a 13.3-inch display with Quad HD resolution of 2560 x 1600 pixels and four speakers for sufficient volume. The built-in G99 gaming processor from Mediatek ensures sufficient performance, which is further boosted by a memory capacity of 12 GB. The internal memory is 256 GB, which can be expanded using a memory card.

In addition to Bluetooth, WLAN and Ethernet via USB OTG, connectivity also includes 2G, 3G and 4G wireless networks. The 10,000 mAh battery ensures long-lasting operation of the device. The side connection for attaching a backlit keyboard with touchpad is particularly practical.

## Independent through open source and crowdfunding

Volla Systeme is committed to transparency and an active community. This is why the source code is available on the popular Github platform. This makes the company independent and secures a long-term perspective for the further development of the operating systems. In 2020 and 2022, the company financed the development and production of Volla Phone models via crowdfunding. This time, too, a campaign will be launched on Kickstarter on April 17, accessible via <http://bit.ly/vollatablet>. Supporters will only pay 558 euros for the Super Early Bird offer. The regular retail price is expected to be 700 euros.

Volla Systeme's partnerships are also part of its active community strategy. Through its partner [hide.me](https://hide.me/), an optional virtual private network (VPN) is pre-installed under Volla OS, which protects the Internet connection from being monitored by third parties and can guarantee that no Internet activity is recorded. StartPage offers a secure and anonymous search and StartMail offers secure and encrypted e-mails. 10 euros per Volla tablet with Ubuntu Touch sold will go to the UBports Foundation to support the further development of the operating system.

More information at <https://volla.online/>

### **About the company**

Volla Systeme GmbH (formerly Hallo Welt Systeme UG) was founded in 2017 by Dr. Jörg Wurzer and is an independent, German manufacturer of smartphones, either with its own Android operating system Volla OS or the mobile Linux distribution Ubuntu Touch. Volla OS is characterized by uncompromising data protection and a uniquely intelligent operating concept.

After three years of research and development, the company presented the first Volla Phone in 2020 with a crowdfunding campaign. With the Volla Phone and Volla Phone X, the Remscheid-based company has completely rethought the concept of the "smartphone". As an alternative to the version with the proprietary Volla OS, the devices are also available with the mobile Linux version Ubuntu Touch, which around 28% of Volla customers have opted for to date.

Together with other small and medium-sized companies and organizations, Volla-Phone founder Dr. Jörg Wurzer has launched an alliance for more independence, self-determination and privacy protection, which aims to promote topics such as data protection, digital self-determination, open source, privacy and independence from large technology companies. The partners include Gigaset Communications, the UBports Foundation, the VPN provider Hide.me, the search engines Startpage and Metager and the secure, encrypted e-mail service StartMail.

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