Games: Humble Monthly, Monster Prom 2: Holiday Season, WineD3D

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- **The latest Humble Monthly seems like a good deal for Linux + Steam Play (two early unlocks)**[2]

    Humble Monthly, the subscription service Humble offer to give you a bundle of games each monthly, plus access to a ton of DRM-free titles has a new set up today.

- **Monster Prom 2: Holiday Season has been fully funded and massively over the goal**[3]

    Good news for fans of quirky dating sims, as Monster Prom 2: Holiday Season has now been fully funded on Kickstarter and so it's coming to Linux.

    Against their original goal of €32,230 they managed a rather decent sum of €535,251. Thanks to that, plenty of stretch-goals (extra content) have been unlocked like: more love interests, a card game, an additional adventure and more.

    You might be surprised to see me writing about a dating sim, since it's not a genre I usually like. However, Monster Prom (the first one) was actually quite good. It was weird and quite funny in many ways and Monster Prom 2 looks to be more of the same. However, Monster Prom 2 is also going to be a lot more varied as it's basically three games in one, each with a different setting.

- **WineD3D Optimistic In Their Yet To Be Proven Vulkan Backend, DXVK "Dead End"**[4]

For the past months we've been aware of CodeWeavers/Wine developers exploring a possible Vulkan back-end to WineD3D as an alternative to their long-standing approach of taking Direct3D calls and mapping it to OpenGL. This WineD3D Vulkan back-end would be akin to DXVK, VK9, D9VK, and others of ultimately using Vulkan to accelerate an alternative API. While the code has just been started, it appears the upstream Wine developers believe in their approach.

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