

# Games: vkBasalt, Ikey Doherty, Crusader Kings II, Sunless Skies

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- [vkBasalt, an open source Vulkan post processing layer for Contrast Adaptive Sharpening](#)[2]

This is an interesting open source project! vkBasalt is a new Vulkan post processing layer that currently supports Contrast Adaptive Sharpening.

Unlike Radeon Image Sharpening, vkBasalt supports Linux and works with both NVIDIA and AMD. This isn't entirely reinventing the wheel though, as it's partly based upon the ReShade port of AMD's CAS. Still, it's fun to see what hackers are able to do with little layers like this, especially when we don't have official support.

- [Ikey Doherty Launches Open-Source Focused Game/Software Development Company](#)[3]

Well known open-source figure Ikey Doherty who rose to prominence for his work on the Solus Linux distribution and then went on to work on Intel's Clear Linux project is now having his hand at game engine development.

Ikey shared with us that he left Intel back in May to begin his new adventure: Lispy Snake. Lispy Snake is a UK software development firm that at least initially is working on a game engine and games. Given Ikey's experience, the firm is focused on leveraging open-source technologies.

- [After making Crusader Kings II free, Paradox are now giving away The Old Gods expansion](#)[4]

It's been a bit of a whirlwind of Paradox news recently and we have even more to share. With a tiny amount of effort, you can get The Old Gods expansion for Crusader Kings II free.

This is after Crusader Kings II was set free to play and Crusader Kings III was announced just like I suggested it would be.

- [Failbetter Games are upgrading owners of Sunless Skies to the Sovereign Edition next year](#) [5]

Failbetter Games have announced that Sunless Skies is getting a bit of an upgrade with the Sovereign Edition and it's going to be free to existing purchasers when it's release next year.

Part of the reason, is that it will be releasing on Consoles so they're polishing the experience up some more. It's not just a special console edition though, it's coming with a bunch of new content and various improvements to the flow of it. To release on PC at the same time as Consoles, free for existing players.

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