

# VIA's Open Source initiative, just a fake?

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It seems that VIA still didn't understand the philosophy of open source or lets say it looks like that they just used it as an marketing instrument (just take a look at the world wide news coverage after they made their Linux drivers open source). Yesterday i got a mail from the unichrome mailing list, that says:

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Well, due to the fact that the original VIA Linux drivers for CLE266 and CN400 had a really poor performance, it's not a big step back. Regarding the marketing and promotion effect this is a pure catastrophe!

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As Ivor Hewitt of the Unichrome Open Source project posted in the VIAarena forums, it appears that VIA have accidentally removed all of the license headers from the DRM code and replaced it with VIA copyright notices.

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