Could a Linux Gaming Console Ever Work?

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A few days ago, Kristin covered Envizions Computer Entertainment's announcement that it will deliver its EVO Linux-based gaming console on November 18th. She predicted that the announcment would probably stoke the long-standing fire surrounding whether Linux can ever be a viable gaming platform, and indeed it did. Many readers responded saying that there is no future for a Linux gaming console. The model that Nintendo followed with the Wii, though, may argue otherwise.

In response to Kristin's post about the EVO console, one reader wrote: "Hate to say it, but as much as I would like it to succeed, I just don't see it doing so, unless it can get huge developer support in the form of exclusive games." Another added: "2008 Year of the Linux Console... right." Then a reader conjured up the Indrema console, a supposedly Linux-based gaming platform that never moved beyond vaporware.

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