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You just think that's a Chromebook beckoning you with an open source OS, easier upgradeability and fast connections to the cloud. All those qualities could make it a Linux netbook in disguise -- or at least what the netbooks of a few years ago promised before they all started selling preloaded with Windows. The key? More manufacturers buying into the flexibility of the Linux kernel in the Chrome OS.

As a technology industry analyst, I was really beginning to think I got it wrong when it came to Linux netbooks, which I heralded as one of the last great hopes for Linux on the desktop years ago.

As it turns out, considering the growing popularity and credibility of Chromebooks, the Linux netbook may still be living -- at least in spirit -- among us today.

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