

Another OLPC man goes his own way

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Another stalwart of the One Laptop per Child Project has gone his own way - after telling project founder Nicholas Negroponte that he (Negroponte) had failed to go beyond the stage of a prototype.

Aaron Kaplan, founder and an active member of OLPC Austria, in a post on the OLPC News website, wrote: "Nicholas: in case you read this. Intel won. Big time. It will be hard to compete against the Dells and Intels of this world. We all knew that and you did not accept the fact. However where you could have been unique, outstanding and special was - guess what - with education software out of the labs of MIT and surrounding institutions and projects..."

Kaplan was referring to two news items - one that OLPC had refused to sell 900 test XOs to the government of Chile because it was considered too small a number. The second was a news item that Intel and the Portuguese government had introduced production of the Magalhaes, "a Classmate-based computer that will be produced in Portugal and distributed to Portuguese children on primary education for €50 (free or at €20 for students on social aid), as well as exported to other countries."

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