

Linux home entertainment OS targets consumer devices

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A Taiwanese software company specializing in DVD software and other home computing software is shipping a packaged Linux-based entertainment OS. PowerCinema Linux, which targets device makers and PC integrators, can turn resource-constrained embedded devices into powerful multimedia devices, according to the company.

CyberLink is best known for its PowerDVD and other home entertainment software products. The company previously offered PowerCinema as an application suite supporting the newest Intel-based PCs and Windows operating systems.

Now, CyberLink is distributing PowerCinema as a standalone CE (consumer electronics) OS underpinned by a Linux kernel. The environment can boot in four to 10 seconds, depending on BIOS load time, and is suitable for use as an alternative multimedia quick-boot option on laptops and PCs, or as an appliance OS on resource-constrained embedded devices, the company says.

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