Piston 'Steam Box' maker breaks from Valve's vision of a Linux-powered system

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Valve's decision to break away from their work with Xi3 and their modular "Piston" computer won't impact the Xi3 Piston or how it works, the computer maker said today in a prepared statement.

Though there is one distinct difference in Xi3 founder Jason Sullivan's vision of a "Steam Box": The Piston will also use the Windows operating system at its core, not Linux.

"To be clear, the Piston console will ship initially with a Windows operating system specifically because that's where the vast bulk of game software and computer gamers are today," Sullivan wrote. "That said, the Piston console can also run Linux (and other operating systems), which means it can support the Linux-version of Steam."

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