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Unicon Systems Wins the "Best of Show" Product Excellence Award

LinuxWorld 2007, impressed by the System-on-Display component

Founded in 2004, Unicon System, Inc. is a Linux-based platform developer, providing the cost effective Linux Handheld Development Platform (MKit) with multiple connectivity options. As they state on the company's official website, they also deal with the development and manufacture of "the user friendly, MGizmo portable devices that provide users of various electronic USB enabled-gadgets with an opportunity to show, share, copy, download, and upload all kinds of multimedia files directly and over the Internet.".Recently, the company has been awarded The LinuxWorld 2007 "Best of Show" Product Excellence Award. The Unicon Systems received the *Best of Show Award* for its first on the market System-on-Display (SoD) product, a new platform addressing the mobile applications. Powered by an ARM9 S3C240A embedded CPU at 266 MHz the device benefits of 32 MB SDRAM and 32 MB flash memory, and it is equipped with a high resolution touch screen and supports many connectivity types, such as WiFi 802.11b, IrDA port, RS232, I2C, SDIO and JTAG. On the software side, the SoD uses a Linux 2.6.13 OS version. Among its features, I could count here the GUI- related ones, such as the Nano-X graphics, easy to customize and extend and also the UML state machine GUI engine. The company is very proud of winning the Best of Show award, considering it a proof for their continuous dedication to the open source philosophy. Marius Kaz, the Unicon Systems CEO, stated: *"Winning 'Best of Show' is a great endorsement of our technology and our belief in the OpenSource revolution. At Unicon Systems we are dedicated to working with our clients across all industries to bring the best of breed products to the market at a fraction of the cost and time necessary to develop in house-based systems. Right now we are talking to several industry leaders and testing our platform in a variety of applications within the automotive, consumer electronics, industrial, and medical markets."*