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Dear Readers,

The separation of hardware and software continues to progress and in this issue we can show you yet another example of this trend: a box that is actually see-through so that you can see that nothing is being hidden from you; there's nothing but hardware in it. The manufacturer makes their own software version available so you can use the box but you can also install any number of other software solutions.

This lets the manufacturer focus solely on the box's hardware components so as to optimize them while the user can install the software that best suits him. If there was no demand for this, manufacturers wouldn't pay any attention to this trend at all. We here at TELE-audiovision are wondering if this trend will become as explosive as it did with mobile telephones: a large number of manufacturers in large part use the same operating system: Android.

On the other hand, there doesn't seem to be any one particular digital TV software program that stands out

above all the rest to become the dominating system. There's still plenty of competition between a significant number of different versions and it is not expected that any particular one of them will prevail over the others. The requirements of the users vary so much from one another that they would likely not be satisfied with a single standardized system.

Digital TV will remain free of any one specific dominating system and we will continue to enjoy being able to load our favorite software onto the hardware. Adventurous programmers can continue to develop new operating systems and create new user interfaces. We can't wait to see what's yet to come!

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