AMD and Intel Open Source Collaboration

Posted by Bill Gerneglia - 2010/11/17 08:36

In an effort to expand software compatibility for its upcoming Fusion chips, AMD has joined rival Intel's efforts to develop the open-source MeeGo Operating System.

"AMD will provide engineering expertise intended to help establish the technical foundations for next-generation mobile platforms and embedded devices," the company said in a blog post on its website.

AMD and Intel go from being chip competitors to Open Source development partners. I guess if you can not beat them then join them applies here.. This is a positive development for both organizations. No?

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Re:AMD and Intel Open Source Collaboration

Posted by jimfinnan97 - 2010/11/18 09:33

Many of the major tech cos are starting to learn from their mistakes (and the mistakes of others) in the past. The need to embrace open source solutions, advance their cause, and leverage the expertise of the open source community makes more sense now then ever.

While AMD and Intel compete in many markets they see the need to work together here to promote a platform that will only benefit them both as companies like apple continue to encroach in areas where they use to dominate (think iPad). This is a win-win relationship for both parties as well as the open source community.

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Re:AMD and Intel Open Source Collaboration

Posted by sediga - 2010/11/18 11:21

I think the key phrase is â€œwin-winâ€•. If both of these companies did not see a clear and absolute benefit to collaborating and/or open source, they would not have made this pact. The fact that open source is benefiting from this is a side-effect.

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Re:AMD and Intel Open Source Collaboration

Posted by srw134 - 2010/11/19 20:43

While I see this as a progression in attitude for companies I will be more interested in seeing if this relationship exists in a year, then I will be more impressed. It is nice to see these conventional competitors joining together in an endeavor that they are not opponents on, it would be nice if this was a start to a larger movement towards corporate cooperation but I doubt this will happen in any large fashion for some time.

-sean

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Re:AMD and Intel Open Source Collaboration

Posted by sediga - 2010/11/26 10:52

I agree with you; if it is a win-win in a year, then the user community might actually get some benefits. My main concern is that maybe this collaboration is knee-jerk reaction to all the press that GPU computing is getting.

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Re:AMD and Intel Open Source Collaboration

Posted by srw134 - 2010/11/27 19:40

Well at very least it is nice to see these companies talking together outside of a court room or the press. You know

someone has to continue the work into keeping up with Moore's Law.

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Re:AMD and Intel Open Source Collaboration

Posted by sediga - 2010/11/28 20:49

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I wonder if GPUâ€™s fall under Mooreâ€™s law as well now they are â€œprocessingâ€•? Some of the new GPUâ€™s have ov
transistors.

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