Kickstarting the "Truly Universal Remote"

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Convergence Technologies has plans for what it claims is "the first, truly universal household remote"-- the Bridge, compatible with not only standard TVs and STBs, but also PCs and game consoles.

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Looking like a games controller, the Bridge combines a QWERTY keyboard, an analog stick handling mouse control and x4 shoulder buttons.

Control signals come via IR and RF4CE protocol, meaning it is compatible with around 95% of TVs from the last 3 years, as well as the Playstation 3 console (Wii and XBox 360 compatibility is still pending further review).

Convergence are currently looking for development funding on Kickstarter-- and hope to raise $59000 in 45 days' time. Should funding be complete, the company will sell the Bridge for under $100.

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