

Intel quietly announces its take on the micro PC concept at CES 2015-- the Compute Stick, a Google Chromecast-size device one can plug in any HDTV or monitor running on either Windows 8.1 or Linux.

Described as a "new generation compute-on-a-stick device," the Compute Stick carries a quad-core Atom CPU, 32GB storage, 2GB RAM, USB port and microSD slot (the lower-cost Linux version features 8GB storage and 1GB RAM). Connectivity comes through wifi and Bluetooth 4.0.

Intel says it is ideal for but consumers wanting to "bring intelligence" to their displays, as well as SMBs wanting a simple thin client device featuring plug-and-play simplicity and Windows Remote Desktop support.

The Compute Stick ships from March 2015. Chipzilla adds it is already working on a future version, possibly running on a Core M processor.

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