Power

It's expensive running a lot of computers all the time.

Problem

7 computers are on at all times.





Comms Rack Solution

Use the firewall for WIFI, NAS & Firewall

Firewall



Configure WIFI

- 1. Insert card into firewall (PCI-e)
- 2. Upgrade pfsense 2.4 (for WIFI support)
- 3. Configure WIFI

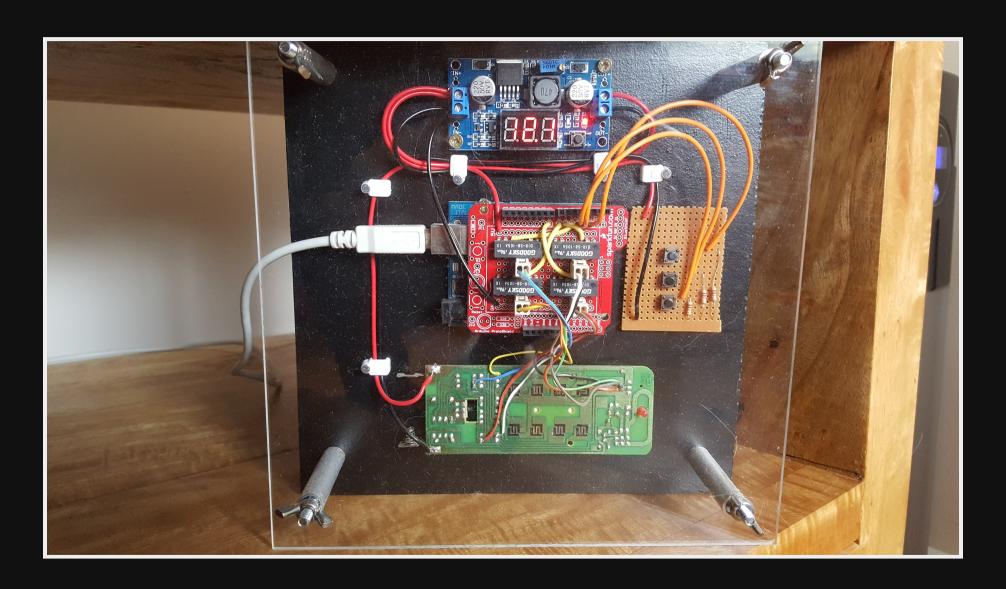
Configure NAS

- 1. Attach USB 3.0 drive to back of pfsense
- 2. Format as UFS (FreeBSD compatible)
- 3. Use SCP to transfer backups to drive

Entertainment Unit

Device	Qty
Media Center PC	1
UPS	1
HDHomerun (dual tuner)	1
Soundbar	1
TV	1
Smart Switch	1
Total power (\$ p/yr)	\$417

Smart Switch



Internet switch

- Turns off Amp, TV & light in lounge
- Control over web/mobile/scripts
- Completely open source

Replace UPS

Instead of using a UPS for 240volts use a 12volt UPS or None.

- Should be less power loss
- Smaller

PicoUPS-1000 (\$30 + 12V batt)



- Really small (58x36x20mm)
- Output 12V/10A
- Standard 12V battery

OpenUPS2 (\$109 + batts)



- 2.5" footprint
- Input 11-24V
- Output 12-24V/5A
- Removable battery

Media Center PC



Specs

CPU	i7 2700K
GPU	Nvidia Geforce 980
Mem	20GB
HD	2 x SSD (raid 1), 1x6TB, 1x3TB

Uses

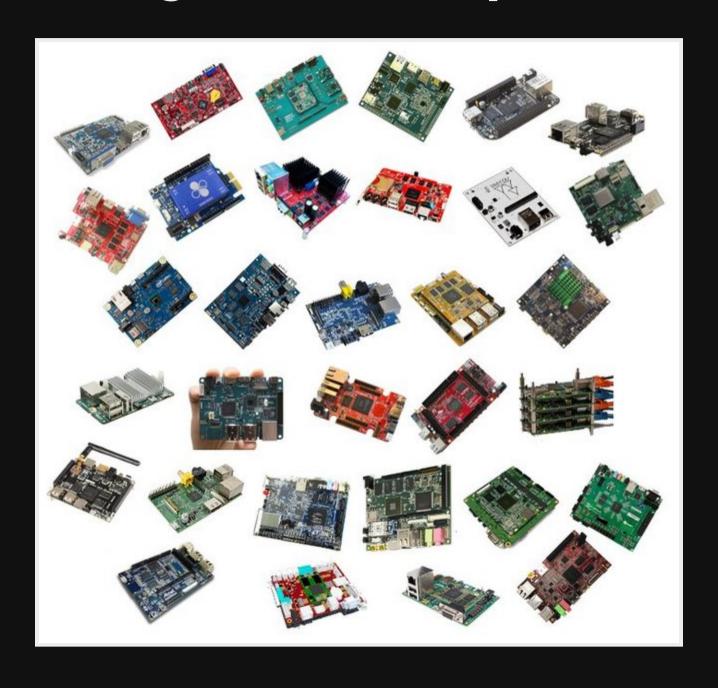
- MLUG website
- Kodi
- Tvheadend (watch, record TV)
- Youtube, Twitch, streaming services (Netflix, Stan, Spotify)
- LTSP server
- Gaming
- Browsing internet

Replace Media Center

Requirements

- 1. Linux Compatible
- 2. Low power
- 3. Fast enough for all main activities
- 4. Under \$400
- 5. Flexible

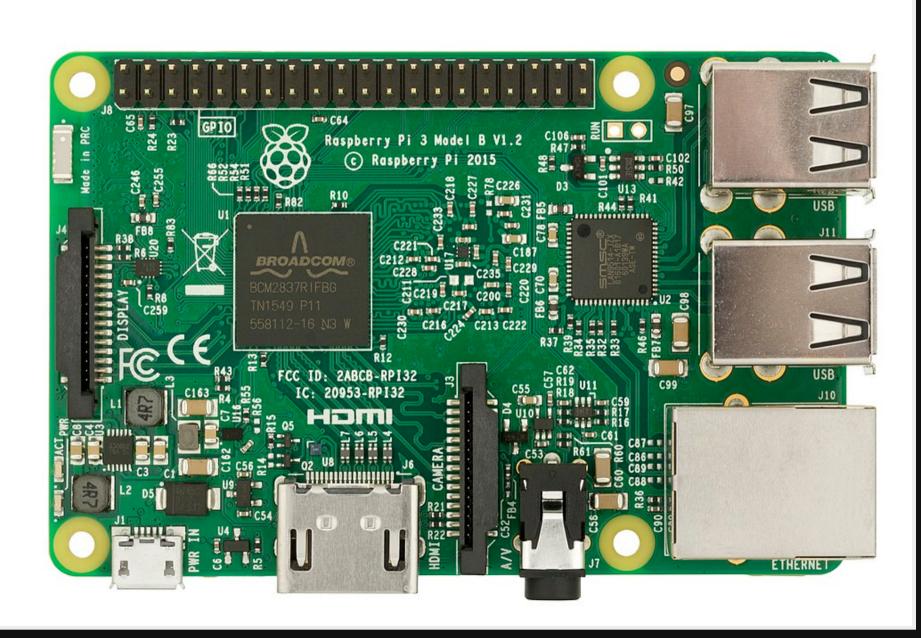
Single Board Computers



Options

- 1. Raspberry PI 3 with LibreElec
- 2. Raspberry PI 3 with Raspbian + Kodi
- 3. ASUS Tinker
- 4. Udoo x86 Advanced Plus

Raspberry PI (\$50)



LibreElec

Pros

- Easy (Everything configured through Kodi)
- Fast Kodi + TVheadend
- Plays HD content from Youtube & Live TV

Cons

No Browser

Raspbian + Kodi

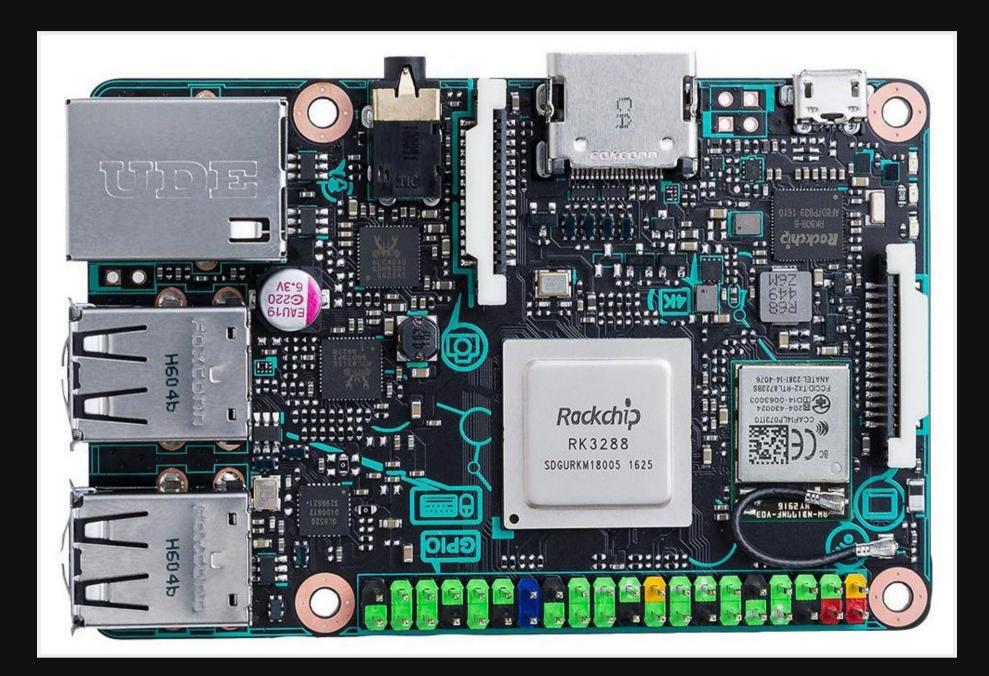
Pros

- Has a browser
- Kodi would work, but slow

Cons

- Too slow
- No gaming
- No LTSP server

ASUS Tinker Board (\$100)



ASUS Tinker Board + Kodi

ASUS default OS is Debian

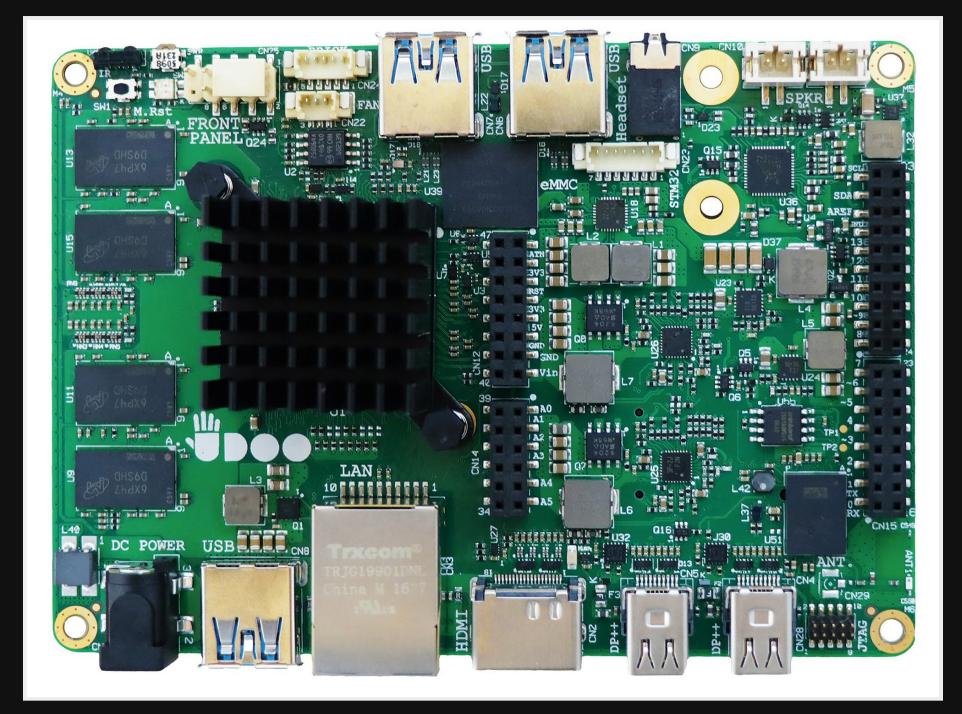
Pros

- Small
- Cheap

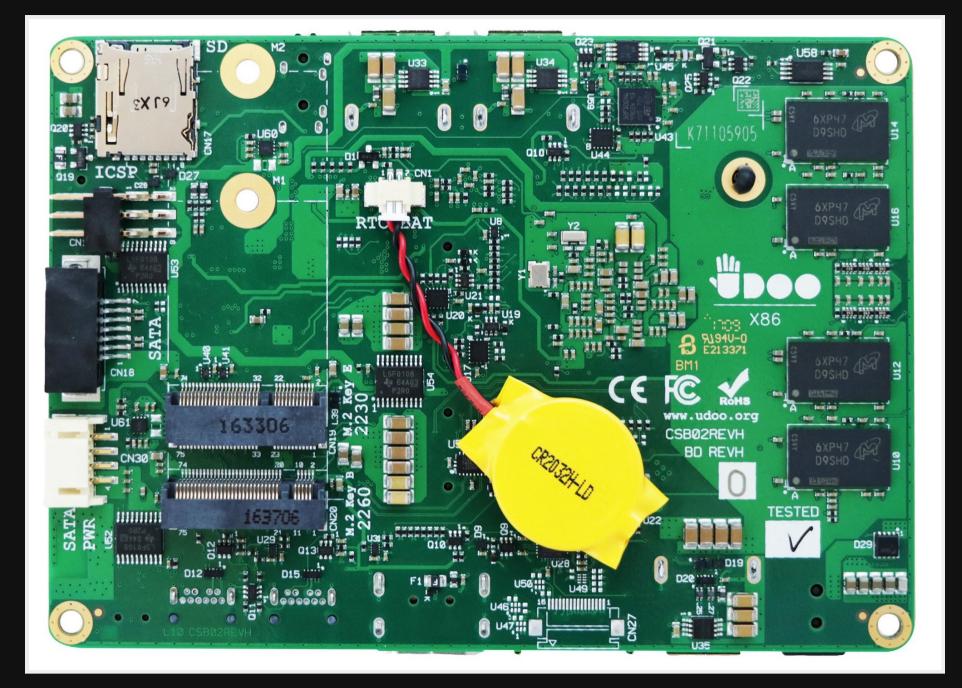
Cons

- Hard to get
- Low powered
- No community

Udoo x86 Advanced Plus front (\$250)



Udoo x86 Advanced Plus back



Udoo x86 Advanced Plus Specs

CPU	Intel N3160 (Quad core 2.24Ghz x86)
Mem	4GB (8GB in Ultra)
GPU	Intel HD 400 @ 640Mhz (HDMI, 2 x Mini DP)
HD	32GB eMMC, SATA, M.2 Key B, Micro SD
Net	1 Gbit (optional 2 x Gbit on M.2)
WIFI	Optional using M.2 Key E connector
Ports	3xUSB 3.0, 2xUART, Audio
Extra	IR, RTC, PXE, 2xI2C, GPIOS (Arduino Intel Curie)
Power	12V3A

Udoo x86 Advanced Plus

Pros

- x86 64bit
- Could do 90% of the tasks of my current unit
- Very low power (Idle 3Watts, Average 11Watts)
- Standard 12V3A barrel connector
- BIOs exists

Cons

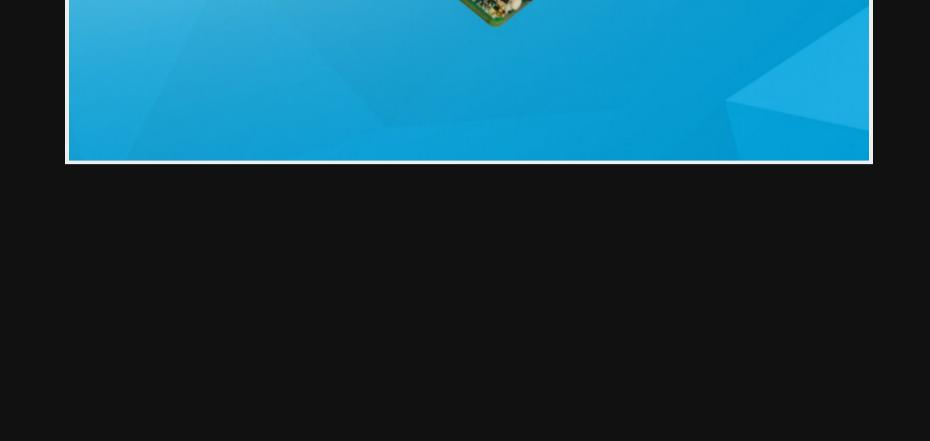
- Not powerful enough for proper gaming
- More expensive than a PI or ASUS Tinker
- Linux doesn't use the CPU burst rate Ref: 1, 2, 3

UP Squared (\$333)

CPU	Intel N4200 (Quad core 2.5Ghz x86)
Mem	4GB
GPU	Intel 500/505HD (2xHDMI, 1xeDP)
HD	eMMC up to 128GB, M2 Key E, SATA3
Net	2xGbit
WIFI	Optional using M.2 Key E connector
Ports	2xUSB2.0, 4xUSB3.0, mini-PCle
Extra	GPIO (Pl compatible), RTC, PXE
Power	5V6A

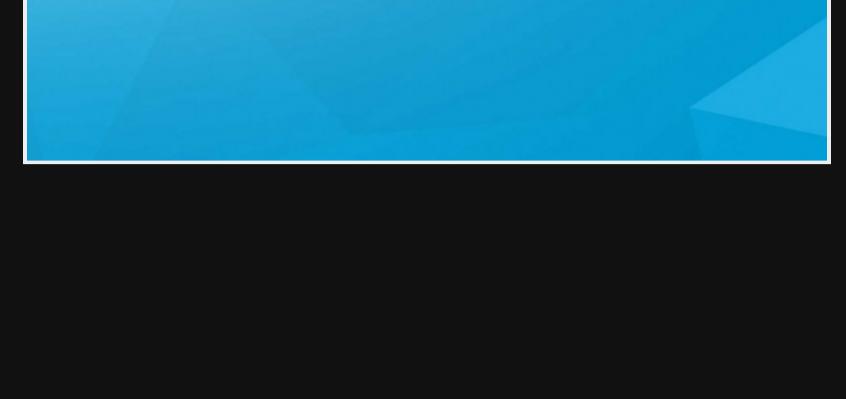
UP Squared





UP Squared (UPS)







UP Squared

Pros

- Faster CPU & GPU
- Smaller
- UPS hat option

Cons

- GPIO is not Arduino compatible You have to use the FPGA which is harder to program
- CPU is on the bottom, makes casing the unit hard.

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