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It was only inevitable-- a company (Xi3, in this case) puts Chromium OS in a modular desktop PC, naming the result "ChromiumPC".

Chromium is the open source variant of Google's cloud-based Chrome OS, recently on the headlines with the Chromebooks' announcement.

A single- or dual-core processor will power the ChromiumPC, within a modular design consisting of three components-- processor module (contains CPU and RAM), primary I/O module ("the majority of external communications ports") and secondary I/O module (ethernet, video and power connections).

Housing all is a snug (and shiny) alumium chassis.

The ChromiumPC is based on Xi3's previous take on the modular design, the 5 Series -- so one can assume it will have similar features, such as a number of USB, DVI, DisplayPort and eSATA connections.

It should start shipping at around Q2 2011's end in a number of colours, including (obviously!) chrome. Will customers be ready to forego their storage in favour of the cloud, though? If not,

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