

Nintendo Takes on TV Viewing with TVii

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Nintendo reveals more details of the upcoming Wii U console at the Nintendo Direct preview event-- including features turning the console into a broader living room entertainment hub.



The Nintendo calls its take on TV viewing "TVii." It integrates internet video options from the likes of Netflix, Amazon, Hulu, YouTube and BBC iPlayer (presented as "channels") with content from pay-TV STBs and the TiVo recorder. Similar to what Microsoft and Sony are doing with the 360 and Playstation 3, then... and something Nintendo failed to capitalise on with the Wii.

The console from the company in 7 years, the Wii U features an oversized controller with an integrated touchscreen. Marrying industrial design from both Apple and Fisher-Price, the GamePad is usable independently from TV sets.

Further details involve European launch dates and console variants-- come November 30 2012 Nintendo will sell models with either 8 or 32GB of internal storage.

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