

## Philips' Remote Control Wand

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Philips promises remote controls with direct pointing and 3D gesture control with uControl.

The system consists of an infrared camera and RF transmitter (embedded into remote controller) and an infrared LED beacon unit offered either as a separate device or built into STB or TV. Thus the system is similar to Nintendo's Wii controller-- and is used in the same way.

The company offers the technology to 3rd parties and says the firmware is easily embedded in standard button-based remotes.

Does uControl represent Philips' shift away from its recently shut down Pronto line? Possibly. Philips wants to push uControl for every class of device-- TVs, set-top boxes, DVD players, even PCs and game consoles.

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