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They said Linux would never challenge Microsoft, and they'll probably say that OpenCores will never challenge proprietary hardware companies. But that's not going to stop them trying. This open-source hardware group aims to develop a library of free hardware designs for standard components – including processors, memory controllers, peripherals and motherboards, providing a set of publicly shared templates for producing computers. Right now, they're working to create a OpenRISC processor with system-on-a-chip capabilities. Come on, show a little faith: it's happening with software, so why not with the hard stuff?

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