From Construction To Car PCs

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In theory I am still on vacation this week, but I decided to slip in a day catching up with some of the leading lights of the UK IT media and briefing them on the latest developments at VIA. I also invited Gavin Harper (pictured above) along to talk about his forthcoming book “50 Awesome Auto Projects for the Evil Genius”, which will be available in September.



Gavin gave up a secure (but boring) job in the construction industry to pursue a risk-ier but probably more exciting career as a full-time author, and “50 Awesome Auto Projects for the Evil Genius” is the first book that he has had published. He adopted the VIA EPIA Mini-ITX as the plat-form for the auto PC projects featured in the book because of its low power con-sumption, high levels of reliability, and easy integration capabilities, and told me that he can build a complete multimedia system for less than half the price of an off-the-shelf solution – and have a lot more fun doing it.

Having successfully completed his first book, Gavin is now working on a follow-up called “Build Your Own Car PC”, and has a number of other projects in the pipeline including books on how to build model rockets (I kid you not) and robots. We are also hoping that he will further share his knowledge of building Car PCs by contrib-uting a regular column on VIA Arena. Watch this space for further updates.

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