Use jzIntvImGui to play Intellivision emulated games on your Fire TV device! (Big screen!)

To play Intellivision games on your big screen, you need one of the original systems, and the physical game carts themselves through an RF connection, but the picture isn't all that great. You also could have gotten an LTO Flash when they were available at a reasonable price in 2021 to play even more games. Or you could have spend \$499 for one on EBay recently.

There's also the Intellivision Flashback with 60 emulated games through a single video composite output. As emulations go it's OK, but the picture is only slightly better than RF, and many sounds are not the same. Thunder Castle's low frequency intermission sounds are distorted, and you can barely recognize "Yer Out!" in World Championship Baseball. It sounds more like a bird being stepped on. I own an Intellivision Flashback, and I could go on and on about all the classic Intellivision games not included like Burgertime! and Tron Deadly Discs. And what about all those great (over 100 and still growing) Intellivision homebrews?

Then there is a wonderful soul who was making an Ultimate Flashback for you for a very reasonable fee if you sent your Flashback to him. It would come back with lots of games you could play besides the 60 originally included, and with an HDMI output. But I'm not sure if the chips needed are available yet, or if he will making them anymore. (I came late to the party.)

But then I found the Intellivision emulators, Nostalgia and jzIntv. Nostalgia is easier for a newbie to use, but it's older and hasn't been updated for some time. And jzIntv is a pain to learn and set up at first, and it just didn't have a decent gui to use with it until recently.

Browsing the AtariAge forums, I found that jenergy has created an outstanding gui for jzIntv called jzIntvImGui that works in Windows, Linux, the Nintendo Switch and best of all, Android. I can imagine you saying, "So what?". I can play Intellivision games on my phone or tablet? What's the big deal? Oh, but Fire TV devices, aka the Fire TV Stick 4K, etc. the devices you use to stream shows on your big screen TV, all run on Android. So imagine if there was a way to use jzIntvImGui on a Fire TV device so you could play all those Intellivision roms you could play on your Windows or Linux computer on your big screen. There is!

If you love the Intellivision controller you are going to be disappointed. Fire TV devices really only work with Bluetooth controllers. But in the last few days, thanks to jenergy, I've been playing every Intellivision game under the sun on my Fire TV Stick 4K with my XBox Series X/S controller and it works great! And the picture and sound both are incredible! It's the sharpest screen I've even seen running an Intellivision game and it's filling my 55" big screen!

Using a kbdhackfile (config) with jzIntv you can map controls for a Bluetooth controller to mimic an Intellivision controller and use buttons that are most comfortable for you. And you can do things that are impossible with an Intellivision controller. Like running away from an enemy in Tron Deadly Discs and shooting at the enemy behind your back while running away!

To know more and find out how to set it up on your Fire TV device, and to know which devices it works on and at least one we know of that it doesn't work on, see the link below. And after you get it set up, if you like what you see, send jenergy at AtariAge a big THANK YOU! for the hard work he's done making this possible with his awesome jzIntvImGui program!