

Watch TV & Movies on the Internet!

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Let's talk about...

- Devices you can use
- Content services
- Frequently Asked Questions

The Devices

Devices

Smart TVs

Mobile Devices

- Tablets
- Smartphones
- Laptops

Streaming TV Devices

- Roku
- Apple TV
- Chromecast
- Amazon Fire TV Stick

Gaming Consoles

- WiiU
- Sony Playstation 4
- Xbox One



Range of models

Range of prices

Smart TVs

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Mobile Devices

Tablets
Smartphones
Laptops



Range of models

Range of prices

Use apps and/or internet
browsers



Streaming TV Devices

Roku



Starts around \$29.99

Physical box with remote,
includes apps

Check one out from the
library! (It's a 2013 model.)

Streaming TV Devices

Apple TV



Starts around \$149.00

Small physical box,
includes apps

Integration with Apple
devices

Streaming TV Devices

Chromecast



Starts around \$35.00

HDMI connection to TV

Projects from a range of
devices

Compatible with a
number of services

Streaming TV Devices

Amazon Fire TV Stick



Starts around \$39.99

HDMI connection to TV

Compatible with a
number of services

Take anywhere

Integrates with Alexa

Gaming Consoles

WiiU



Starts around \$250.00 for a refurbished console

Uses apps

Includes gameplay

Gaming Consoles

Sony Playstation 4



Starts around \$299.99

Includes gameplay

Plays DVDs and Blu-rays

Gaming Consoles

Xbox One



Starts around \$279.00

Includes gameplay

Plays DVDs and Blu-rays

The Content

Content

Free Services

- Hoopla* & Kanopy*
- YouTube
- Hulu
- Crackle
- Crunchyroll
- Open Culture
- Turner Classic Movies
- Free Network Streaming
- Over-the-Air Channels

Premium Services

- Netflix
- YouTube Red
- Hulu Plus
- Crunchyroll
- Amazon Prime Video
- Sling TV
- HBO Now
- Showtime
- CBS All Access
- A note about sports

Free Services

Hoopla



Free account with your library card

Movies, TV, music, audiobooks, comics...

25 checkouts per month per account

Free Services

Kanopy

kanopy



Free account with your
library card

Great for independent
films and educational
documentaries

15 checkouts per month
per account

Free Services

YouTube



Mostly clips, as opposed to full shows & films

Lots of news-related posts

Great source of homemade and original content of all varieties

No account necessary

Free Services

Hulu

The Hulu logo is displayed in a large, bold, green, lowercase sans-serif font.

Some full TV shows & films

Searchable by genre, network, etc.

Not everything listed is free

Create an account

Free Services

Crackle



CRACKLE
A Sony Network

Owned by Sony

Large library of free TV &
movies

Create an account

Free Services

Crunchyroll



crunchyroll

Great for anime and some
manga

Create an account

Free Services

Open Culture

**OPEN
CULTURE**

700+ free movies

Lots of classics

Focus on cultural and
educational

Computer only

Free Services

Turner Classic Movies



TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES

Classics & black and white
films

Watch online or through
an app

Watch what's on TCM now
or movies on demand

Sign in with your cable
info

Free Services

Free Network
Streaming

Streaming from network
websites

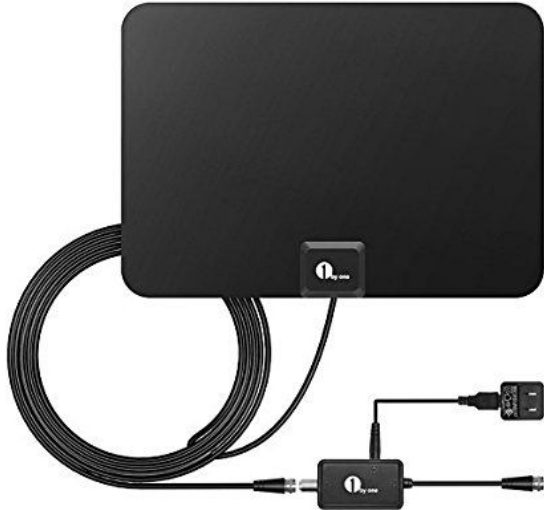
Some, not all, content
available

PBS, NBC, NFL, Fox, etc.

Sign in with your cable
info

Free Services

Over-the-Air Channels



Channels 2, 5, 7, 9, 11...

Using converter and/or
rabbit ears/antenna

Premium Services

Netflix

The Netflix logo is displayed in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters with a black drop shadow, centered on a solid red rectangular background.

NETFLIX

Starts at \$7.99/month,
goes up to \$13.99/month

Unlimited streaming

Strong coverage of older
TV & films, not so much
new releases

List changes monthly

Create their own content

Free Online Services

YouTube Red

You  Red

Starts at \$9.99/month

Original content and
commercial-free
streaming

Create their own content

Premium Services

Hulu Plus

huluPLUS™

Starts at \$7.99/month

Unlimited streaming

TV shows from Fox, NBC,
ABC, CW

Small selection of movies

Create their own content

Premium Services

Crunchyroll Premium



Starts at \$6.95/month

Access all anime

Access all manga

Episodes uploaded an
hour after they air in
Japan

Premium Services

Amazon Prime Video



\$99.00/year

Unlimited streaming of
“prime” content

Similar content to Netflix,
Hulu

Create their own content

Amazon perks like free
2-day shipping

Premium Services

Sling TV



\$20.00/month

Streaming & live content
from basic cable

AMC, TNT, TBS, A&E,
CNN, Food Network...

Only service with ESPN,
ESPN2

Premium Services

HBO Now

The logo for HBO Now, featuring the letters 'HBO' in a large, bold, white sans-serif font above the word 'NOW' in a smaller, white sans-serif font. A small 'SM' trademark symbol is located at the bottom right of the 'NOW' text. The entire logo is centered on a solid black rectangular background.

HBO
NOWSM

\$14.99/month

Streaming everything in
HBO's catalog, including
series, movies,
documentaries, sports...

Premium Services

Showtime



\$10.99/month

Streaming Showtime

series, movies,

documentaries, sports...

Premium Services

CBS All Access



\$5.99/month (or
\$9.99/month without
commercials)

Streaming TV episodes on
demand

Some live network
content, including sports

Premium Services

A note about sports

MLB, NFL, NBA, & NHL
run their own services, at
around \$10.99/month

Local games are often not
available

Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ

What about rentals?

Rentals are available from lots of places for \$3-\$5 per film (iTunes, Sony, Amazon, YouTube, Microsoft...)

HD can cost more

Time limits

Often a view limit of one

FAQ

What about season passes?

Many services offer “season passes” – download all episodes of a show in that season 1 day after they air live

Also previous seasons

HD can cost more

No time limits

FAQ

How can I make sure I
get what I like to
watch?

Can be tough--no service
has everything

Consider using several
services tailored to your
likes

Use wheretowatch.org to
see who has what, and
when

[WashPo](#) bundle tool

FAQ

Are there potential hidden costs?

Streaming = using the internet, so make sure your internet service allows the data use your services will require

Downloading = storing the files, which can be large

FAQ

What's on the horizon
for internet
tv/movies?

More cable channels are
offering premium
streaming

More services are creating
original content

More vendors = variety of
services

FAQ

What's on the horizon
for internet
tv/movies?

Smart TVs are reducing
the need for external
devices

Cable companies are
considering à la carte

What are your
questions?

Thanks for coming!
Visit the AV Desk!
