



Streaming 101

There's things to watch!



What is 'Streaming'?

- Streaming is Media that is continuously accessed through the internet, much the same way Radio and Television work.
- Live Streaming is when you are Streaming something real time, like a Concert or Sports Event.

Things you need to know

- Streaming requires internet.
 - It doesn't necessarily require wireless, but that makes it easier
- When streaming, you are downloading parts of what you are streaming as you watch it.
- Almost everything has ads
- Basically everything is more expensive

How Do I Stream?

- Streaming on your computer requires you to simply go to the website in question and watch
- Streaming on a TV requires one of several different things:
 - A Smart TV
 - A TV with an USB Port and some kind of streaming device (Amazon Fire, Roku, etc)
 - A TV with a HDMI Port and something to plug into

I don't have a Smart TV

- You will be using either a HDMI (Pictured here) or a USB (Also, technically, pictured here)
- Simply plug the HDMI cord or USB into your TV, plug the other end into your device, then plug everything into an outlet



Some Example Devices to Stream With

- Device: A physical object used to access a Streaming Service
- Service: A program used to view streaming programs

- Roku Streaming Stick 4K (\$50)
- Amazon Fire TV Stick 4K Max (\$60)
- onn. Google TV 4K Streaming Box (\$20)
- Chromecast with Google TV (\$40)

What has changed?

- Streaming has gotten more expensive
 - A year of Netflix is \$84
 - A year of Netflix without ads is \$276
 - Some services without ads are roughly the same as cable
- Service has also gotten weaker
 - Programing is being split into different 'channels'
 - Almost everything has ads unless you pay extra now

Non-Exhaustive List of Streaming Services

- General: Amazon Prime Video, Apple TV+, Disney+, Hulu, Netflix, Acorn TV, BritBox, Fubo, ESPN+, Dazn, Philo, Hulu + Live TV, DirecTV Stream, Sling TV, YouTube TV, Amazon Freevee, Amazon Fire TV, Crackle, Hoopla and Kanopy, Pluto TV, Redbox, The Roku Channel, Sling Freestream, Tubi, CNN Max, AMC+, TCLtv+, Xumo Play, Paramount+, Peacock, The Criterion Channel, PBS Passport, Max, Showtime, Starz

Netflix

- Still the biggest and arguably best.
- \$7-\$23
- Wide range of programming
- Only 2 screens unless you pay \$23

Disney Plus

- Family friendly content
- \$10-\$30
- Confusing structure hides lots of good, solid content
 - Only Disney Plus is \$10
 - Disney Plus + Hulu is \$11, ad free \$20
 - Disney Plus + Hulu + ESPN is \$17, ad free \$27
- Long wait for new content

Hulu

- Why wouldn't you just get Disney Plus?
- \$8-\$18 or \$77
- Network shows and syndication
- Content available almost after it airs on cable

MAX

- Disney Lite
- \$10*-\$20*
- Nice mix of old and new movies and tv shows
- Solid UI

Amazon Prime Video

- You get this because you are already paying for Prime
- \$139 a year for Amazon Prime (\$69 for students)
- It has... some original programming?

Starz

- Big names in little screens
- \$10, or \$92 a year
- More focused on phones than TV, it still has a load of licensing with major names like Universal, Lionsgate, and Sony

Peacock

- “I’m sorry, you thought you were paying for a full season?”
- \$8-\$14
- Unless you pay \$14, you don’t get the final episodes of the shows

Apple TV+

- It's Apple, but for your TV!
- \$10-\$38
- Ad free
- Tech wise, Great!
- Programing wise, Meh

Sling TV

- Cable, but on the Internet
- \$40-\$55
- “Live TV replacement”
- Orange & Blue
- Functions almost exactly like cable, in that you can spend more money for more services
- Also get Disney Network, USA, Bravo, Fox News, FX, E!, National Geographic and Syfy

YouTube TV

- Maybe youtube will stop bothering you to sign up
- \$73
- Lots of local channels “Up to 100!”
- Some cable channels as well, BET, Comedy Central, MTV, Nickelodeon, NFL Network, Showtime

Fubo

- You get this to watch Soccer- I'm sorry, Football
- \$80+
- 184 Channels, most of them SPORTS

DirecTV Stream

- Previously known as ~~AT&T TV~~ ~~AT&T TV~~ ~~New~~ DirecTV Now!
- \$80-\$110+
- More than 75 Channels!
- Includes major cable channels, which is nice
- ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, PBS, AMC, CNN, Comedy Central, ESPN, Food Network, FX, HGTV, MTV, TBS, TLC, TNT and USA

Plex

- Not actually streaming!*
- Free!
- You set up a server to house all your digital movies and watch them from anywhere with an internet connection

Various Sports Streaming (Dazn, ESPN+, Etc.)

- Each region and sport has its own distribution policy, so if you are interested in Sports Streaming, its best to go by Sport, rather than Program
- You can get NBA League Pass, PGA Tour LIVE, or MLB.TV, among others, possibly for less than a full package
- Dazn has Boxing and MMA, but is \$19.99 a month
- ESPN+ has most national and college teams, but doesn't include their sports talk programming
- Major sporting events, such as The Super Bowl, The Masters, or the Olympics, are now almost exclusively gated

Other Services

- Free
 - Tubi, Kanopy
- Horror
 - Shudder, Crackle, Screambox
- Classics
 - Criterion Channel, Warner Archive, Fandoor, Tribeca Shortlist
- Cartoons/Anime
 - Crunchyroll, Toon Goggles, RetroCrush
- Educational/Documentary
 - Curiosity Stream, Gaia, Nebula, MasterClass
- International
 - Mubi, Acorn TV, Pantaya, Eros