Online Video Streaming Which Streaming Media Device is Right for You?

Online Streaming Video is now officially mainstream. It is one of the most popular Internet activities. Whether you want to watch video from across the world, news recaps, TV shows, tutorials, or funny videos, you're guaranteed to find something you like. There are lots of products out there that allow you to stream video directly to your television, but here are two that we have tested and recommend:

Roku

Formats supported: Netflix, Amazon On Demand, Hulu Plus, Pandora, sports subscriptions.

What it doesn't do: iTunes rentals, local or network media

With the most content options and cheap pricing, the Roku is currently the most popular dedicated streamer. The Roku is best for anyone who does *not* need iTunes compatibility.

Apple TV

Formats supported: Netflix, YouTube, iTunes rentals, iTunes library

What it doesn't do: Hulu, Amazon On Demand

Apple TV is easy to use, and if you use other Apple products, the interaction is a big plus. But Apple TV has limited format support, limited streaming services and doesn't work with older, non-HDTVs. If you're not an Apple person -- no iPad, no iPhone, no iPod, no Mac – you'd be better off with the Roku.