

INTERNET TV & ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA

PART: I ** THE REALITY CHECK **

1. This discussion is about exploring the possibilities.
2. Internet TV & Entertainment Media is a **Personal Choice**.
3. Internet TV & Entertainment Media is an **OPTION**.
4. Internet TV & Entertainment Media is not for everyone.

Fact: The average cable/satellite TV bill is somewhere between \$100 and \$125 per month [\$1200-\$1500 per yr.]

Fact: The average cable/satellite TV bill will increase 3-5% in 2017.

Fact: The average TV viewer watches maybe 12 channels on a regular basis, with almost half of them available over the air and available for free. [Broadcast antenna TV]

Fact: Internet TV & Entertainment Media is the fastest growing internet segment in the world.

Fact: Virtually any device capable of connecting to the internet can provide internet TV & Entertainment content.

Fact: Virtually all Internet TV & Entertainment Media is available on demand at any time you want to watch or listen.

Fact: Internet TV & Entertainment Media content comes in two flavors: **Free & Fee** [Paid].

A WORD OR TWO ABOUT “CUTTING THE CABLE OR DITCHING THE DISH”

Do Your Homework!!!

1. How fast is your internet connection? [3mps-Maybe / 10mps-Adequate / 40-60mps-Definitely]
2. Can your computer, tablet, phone play internet video content?
3. Take your time and build your internet TV station list.
 - 3.1. Setup Favorites Bar or Bookmark Bar
 - 3.2. Get the Channel App
4. Can you get a decent TV signal with an antenna?
 - 4.1. You will need an antenna for “live” Local TV.
 - 4.2. Can you live with broadcast sports?
5. Be prepared to spend some money.
 - 5.1. Upgrade the Router/Modem to maximize transfer speed [3 years or older probably needs to be upgraded]
 - 5.1.1. Maybe free through internet service provider [ask if it's a rental]
 - 5.2. Initial costs for
6. Compare costs.

Paid Internet TV/Movie Services versus Cable/Satellite

Special Note: Test Drive before you buy. Many “Fee” based services have a 7-day “Free” trial period. You must cancel before “Trial” period is over. Otherwise, you will be charged for the month. Make a note of date you start.

Netflix – No commercials [No live stream TV]

- Basic: \$10 mo [\$120 yr.] – 1 stream standard definition
- Premium: \$12 mo [\$144 yr.] – 4 streams + Ultra HD
- **Note:** DVD Disc rental plans available [Newer/Rare Older content]

Hulu Plus

- Basic: \$8 mo. [\$96 yr.] – commercials
- Premium: \$12 mo. [\$144 yr.] – no ads
- Live TV: \$44 mo. [\$528 yr.] – includes: 50+ channels + Premium + 2 streams [**Note:** Live TV broadcasts include commercials.]
- **Special Note:** Hulu is compatible with most Roku Internet TV streaming devices.

Cable/Satellite TV / Movie Streaming (Internet Access)

HBO Now

- Basic: \$15 mo. [\$180 yr.]
- Premium Services Available

Showtime Anytime

- Basic: \$11 mo. [\$132 yr.]
- Premium Services Available

DirectTV streaming (ATT)

- \$35 to \$75 per mo. [\$420-900 yr.]

SlingTV [DISH TV]

- Basic: \$20 mo. - Add-on Blocks of Channels available

Special Note: Services, Prices & Fees are subject to change without notice.

PART: II ** FREE INTERNET TV & MEDIA **

Internet Entertainment Media content comes in two flavors: **Free & Fee** [Paid].

- * Nobody rides for ** Free **. What this means is you may have to put up with advertising just like on regular commercially broadcast radio and TV. In some cases the number of hours of access maybe limited or certain features disabled. However, with a little bit of effort one can reap some surprising rewards. In some cases you may be asked to create an account. This usually entails an email address and creating a password.

HINTS & TIPS

- It is strongly recommended you create a THROWAWAY OR JUNK MAIL email account [Gmail/Yahoo/AOL/etc.].
 - **A Brief Word about “Paid” Entertainment.** Mainstream websites like Netflix and Hulu offer premium content for a fee. When signing up for this type of service you will want to use your “real” information and email account. Also as credit cards are involved you should use strong passwords and treat such accounts like you would any financial transaction or financial account accessed via the internet.
- **Always make sure your Antivirus and Anti-Malware protection software is turned on and up to date.**
 - **WARNING: DO NOT DOWNLOAD: TV FANATIC.COM** – This is a browser toolbar add-on. Several reviews indicate this utility is strongly suspected of being a portal for viruses, malware, key-logger spyware [ID theft] and other system attacks.

WEBSITES

- The websites listed below have been reviewed and are “reasonably safe”. What this means is stay within the website’s actual content area. **Do NOT click on any “OUTSIDE Advertisements” [Ads] or any “Download” banners. YOU Are Responsible For Your Actions.** The presenter does not assume any responsibility of any kind.

INTERNET RADIO

Site	Type / Description
• NPR.org	National Public Radio [multiple stations] – Free
• Pandora.com	Music - Free [register] / Paid: \$5 mo. [more skips/ad free/artist specific]
• Radiolovers.com	Old Time Radio Programs – Free [Plays through Windows Media Player]
• Live365.com	Aggregate of Net Radio Stations – Free [register] & Paid
• Slacker.com	Music - Free [register] / Paid: \$4 mo. [no ads] Premium \$10 mo. [on-demand]
• IheartRadio.com	Music - Free [register] / Paid: \$5 mo. [more control] Premium \$10 mo. [on-demand]

INTERNET TV

- Most commercial broadcast TV companies have free access to programing [delayed]. These days most local TV stations also offer free programing content.
 - **Network Websites: ABC.com / NBC.com / CBS.com / Fox.com / etcetera**

Site	Type / Description
• PBS.org	General content – Free
• BBC.com	English – Pick your favorite language - Bottom of the page
• DW.de	German – Multiple languages
• MatineeClassics.com	Vintage - Free
• RerunCentury.com	Vintage – Free

INTERNET MOVIES

Note: Most are older “Classics” or “B” & “C” grade movies

Site	Type / Description
• Emol.org/movies/	Movies – Free
• Free-classic-movies.com	Vintage Movies by Year – Free
• Popcornflix.com	Movies – Free
• Snagfilms.com	Movies – Free
• Youtube.com	Movies – Free

A WORD OF CAUTION

There are several websites out there offering “BOOTLEG” content. Most often these websites offer a promise of viewing the latest movie releases for free or small fee. If you happen stumble across such a site **RUN THE OTHER WAY**. These types of websites are notorious for: Identity Theft, Virus Infections, Malware, etc. Accessing such websites can also lead to having your system hijacked or result in physical damage to the computer. Any website offering *FREE* access to the latest theatre movie releases or access to live major sporting events should be avoided at all costs.