Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV
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That's a great link for this thread. Thanks!

Semi-related aside: I've been a computer guy since the days of the Intel 8080, the RCA 1802, the MOS 6502 and the Motorola 6800. I've always loved microcontrollers and the benefits thereof.

But I find myself liking "dumb" devices with no connectivity so much more than the Internet-of-Things (IoT) and smartphone devices so common today. The new stuff is feature-packed but clunky and unreliable and it allows so much intrusion, hacks and viruses, I just don't like it.

We went to the moon in July 1969, and at that time computers had just a few kilobytes of internal memory and disk drives the size of washing machines that stored a few megabytes on a huge disk pack. The Arpanet wasn't running yet; It wasn't switched on until October of that year. Phones actually worked - Even if we lost power, we usually had phone service 'cause central offices had batteries to power the lines.

Now we have cellphones and smart devices and IoT, but all of them are annoying and largely unreliable.

So I'll keep my land-line phone, my cars with distributors and points, my tube amplifiers and my televisions with analog inputs, thank you very much. 8)