Subject: Blu-ray home theater, is it worth it?
Posted by Wonderwoll on Mon, 27 Sep 2010 09:48:16 GMT
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Has anyone set up their home theater with Blu-ray equipment? I'm looking to upgrade but a bit nervous that in a year or two this will be old hat and I'll be left longing for the next 'latest thing'.

Subject: Re: Blu-ray home theater, is it worth it?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 27 Sep 2010 22:29:06 GMT
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I doubt it. Looks to me like Bluray is the way things are going.

Subject: Re: Blu-ray home theater, is it worth it?
Posted by rkeman on Thu, 30 Sep 2010 13:59:36 GMT
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Subject: Re: Blu-ray home theater, is it worth it?
Posted by Wonderwoll on Mon, 04 Oct 2010 15:00:51 GMT
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Thanks everyone for the replies. Superior sound and visuals are key of course and dropping prices make it even more of an option. Can I ask what you mean by your comment about issues with the 'physical format'?

Subject: Re: Blu-ray home theater, is it worth it?
Posted by Adveser on Mon, 04 Oct 2010 15:15:01 GMT
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I don't wanna speak for anyone else, but physical formats degrade over time. This is a huge problem for some and not an issue at all for other people. Depends on how careful you are about handing them.

Subject: Re: Blu-ray home theater, is it worth it?
Posted by 3dfreak on Mon, 18 Oct 2010 13:22:47 GMT
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Subject: Re: Blu-ray home theater, is it worth it?
Posted by Wonderwoll on Tue, 19 Oct 2010 04:03:11 GMT
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Thanks all for the replies. I think this is a good point, Whatever I buy now should still be able to play Bluray discs even when new ideas emerge. I suppose for people of a certain age the VHS - Betamax situation still looms large. I dread getting stuck with something that is pretty near useless within a year.

Subject: Re: Blu-ray home theater, is it worth it?
Posted by 3dfreak on Tue, 19 Oct 2010 09:39:12 GMT
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I was still very young (I'm 30) when VHS and Betamax polarized the market. I believe VHS won in that tug of war. It was a short-lived victory though. Movies in CDs flooded the market. Many VHS rental shops shifted to CD rentals, but that didn't help. CDs are a different and much cheaper medium. Many video rentals closed down.

That I see is the source of your fear.

Many Betamax players were rendered useless when the market got saturated with VHS. This happened over many years though.

The rise of CDs was different. VHS players were still being sold despite the rising popularity of CDs at that time. In some parts of the world, people still buy VHS.

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Anyhow, keep your own pace in upgrading your gadgets. No need to buy the latest all the time. Only the manufacturers would profit from that

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Subject: Re: Blu-ray home theater, is it worth it?
Posted by Adveser on Fri, 22 Oct 2010 22:00:11 GMT
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Just an interesting aside. The porn industry dictates the format of media. That may not be true today though because it is very easy to view the stuff for free. That was the no. 1 reason VHS won despite it's lesser quality.

But seriously, don't think one format or anther will be the last. Producers of entertainment will and always have been attempting to get people to pay them on a "per view" basis. We just haven't adapted well to the model and always refuse to do so. There will be at least another half dozen formats in the next 50 years guaranteed, because it is extremely profitable to do so.

Subject: Re: Blu-ray home theater, is it worth it?
Posted by audioaudio90 on Sat, 23 Oct 2010 18:21:44 GMT
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I waited awhile to switch to BluRay because prices always drop if you wait a bit. I don't mind not riding the newest technology wave because I get frustrated with the perceived obsolescence issue.

Subject: Re: Blu-ray home theater, is it worth it?
Posted by DJ Dave on Tue, 26 Oct 2010 23:45:37 GMT
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Oh, it's definitely worth it! Almost everything you buy now in electronics is "blue ray compatible". So, why not take full advantage of what you have?