Subject: Chromecast
Posted by LuckyLucy on Fri, 20 Dec 2013 03:34:24 GMT
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So has anyone else tried and fallen in love with Chromecast? We bought it primarily to play Netflix on the TV, but as soon as my husband found out that he could "cast" YouTube music videos, now that's what we do a lot of.

Subject: Re: Chromecast
Posted by Kingfish on Sun, 22 Dec 2013 17:13:16 GMT
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You had me at You Tube video's. I haven't heard of it until now, but I will definitely check it out. I've been wanting to get the Netflix option because what is on cable just is not worth the price I pay.

Subject: Re: Chromecast
Posted by Nymeria on Mon, 30 Dec 2013 22:45:09 GMT
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Is Chromecast just a streaming service? Our television is already WiFi-enabled so we can stream anything we have a subscription to. It is pretty handy since we disconnected cable.

Subject: Re: Chromecast
Posted by audioaudio90 on Thu, 09 Jan 2014 14:19:19 GMT
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I'm not familiar with Chromecast either. I just stream what I want to watch online or through my television. I remember hearing a friend rave about Chromecast though.

Subject: Re: Chromecast
Posted by LuckyLucy on Wed, 15 Jan 2014 18:35:34 GMT
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Chromecast is not a streaming service, but a streaming device, I guess you'd call it.

You would probably not need it if your TV is already WiFi capable, Nymeria. I'm not sure what WiFi TVs do, and how you control them.

Chromecast uses our WiFi system to connect to the internet and allow us to "cast" things to the TV. Things like Netflix, HuluPlus, YouTube, or any browser tab from Chrome. They are supposedly going to be adding more places.

You control it with your computer or phone, but it's using your WiFi to do the streaming. Your laptop, iPad or phone is just basically the remote control.

Our TV can theoretically connect directly to Netflix, but we'd have to run an ethernet cable from the TV to another room to the router. Not practical or cheap. In fact the cable was going to cost three times the price of the Chromecast. So we access Netflix through the Chromecast device.

Subject: Re: Chromecast
Posted by Pioneer on Fri, 24 Jan 2014 01:55:03 GMT
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Chromecast sounds like a Roku to me. If I didn't already have a Roku, I'd probably get the Chromecast since I like Google's web browser so much. You can't browse the internet through Roku; that's the only thing I don't like about it.

Subject: Re: Chromecast
Posted by LuckyLucy on Thu, 30 Jan 2014 01:05:33 GMT
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What exactly is a Roku? Is it an Apple thing? I assume it somehow connects a computer to a TV? Is it very expensive? Can you use for phone to control it too?

Subject: Re: Chromecast
Posted by AudioClueless on Fri, 31 Jan 2014 09:45:52 GMT
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We are stuck in the stone-age. I have my XBox 360 hooked up to do the same thing. It works very, very well, so I haven't bought a streaming device yet.
