Subject: Streaming or DVD.
Posted by Newjack on Tue, 29 Jan 2019 16:45:43 GMT
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Do you normally stream your movies off services like Netflix, Hulu and Amazon or watch them the (now) old-fashioned way on DVD? I was resistant to the streaming revolution at first but I prefer it now. I'm lazy and it prevents me from having to get up and deal with a disc. :lol:

Subject: Re: Streaming or DVD.
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 29 Jan 2019 18:16:57 GMT
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With a good internet connection, streaming can be really good. Surprisingly good, considering the IP technology underneath it all, which is not meant for real-time signals. IP data is broken into packets which are individually sent, leaving some to potentially arrive late or not at all. But streaming video content is buffered sufficiently that it's more like a download than a real-time stream. The buffering allows time for any delayed packets to arrive.

All that said, physical media takes network connectivity out of the equation which increases stability and potentially quality too. This is especially true for Bluray disks, which generally have high-quality video and audio content.

Subject: Re: Streaming or DVD
Posted by lilbill on Tue, 29 Jan 2019 20:14:07 GMT
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Wayne sums up what streaming is all bout vis-a-vis what we are used to with physical media. You really need a strong connection to be able to seamlessly watch a movie. Both of these have their own strong points, depending on preference and convenience.

Subject: Re: Streaming or DVD
Posted by musicluvr on Sat, 09 Feb 2019 15:35:24 GMT
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I think it depends on where you're streaming from too. I have no issues with streaming from Netflix, but Amazon Prime Video is a whole different story. It gets hung up often, especially when it's a popular show. I buy digital movies more often than DVDs or Blu-ray discs. It's just more convenient to watch on my tablet or phone that way.

Subject: Re: Streaming or DVD

Posted by Rusty on Sat, 09 Feb 2019 16:36:30 GMT
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I just recently started using streaming service using the Roku interface. Freebie service has commercials, and the premium like Netflix, well, I let the trial period go. I think it's bull. The best source I've come across and is free with no commercials is Kanopy. Which is tied in to your library system. The only drawback is a monthly limitation of what you can view. There's other things to do other than the lure of slickly produced banality of Netflix. If I liked something well enough, I'd just go for the dvd. Or, wait for the freebie service to pick it up.

Subject: Re: Streaming or DVD
Posted by Porter on Mon, 11 Feb 2019 15:37:13 GMT
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I'm really digging the convenience of Netflix's Smart Download feature. It deletes the last episode I watched before automatically downloading the next one. It requires an internet connection to download, of course, but after that you can watch without being connected to Wi-Fi. It's great for travel.

Subject: Re: Streaming or DVD
Posted by Strum Drum on Tue, 12 Feb 2019 19:34:45 GMT
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The only bad thing about streaming is that you're continuously paying for content that you'll never own outright. I have a Netflix subscription, but I buy Blu-ray discs and DVDs too.

Subject: Re: Streaming or DVD
Posted by MRikki on Sat, 26 Dec 2020 05:38:56 GMT
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Strum Drum wrote on Tue, 12 February 2019 13:34The only bad thing about streaming is that you're continuously paying for content that you'll never own outright. I have a Netflix subscription, but I buy Blu-ray discs and DVDs too.
This! I like owning physical copies of my favorite shows and movies, because it can be so unpredictable as to when certain shows are removed from a streaming service. Being caught in show limbo is the worst. I'm in the US, and I remember when Doctor Who was taken off of Netflix. I'd gotten really invested in the show, and I couldn't finish because the show was gone from the platform.

Subject: Re: Streaming or DVD.
Posted by Souldude on Sun, 17 Jan 2021 05:25:12 GMT
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Streaming is convenient if you have a decent internet connection but the problem is when choosing what to watch. While with DVD, since you have limited options it's easier to chill and watch what's available. I'd prefer streaming though since you can choose any genre anytime depending on the mood.

Subject: Re: Streaming or DVD.
Posted by Mica on Sat, 23 Jan 2021 21:00:11 GMT
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I have not rented a DVD in years. I have rented from our cable company. We watch most movies on Netflix or Amazon Prime now. There really hasn't been anything new out lately that has been any good.

Subject: Re: Streaming or DVD.
Posted by penguin89 on Sun, 24 Jan 2021 02:02:58 GMT
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I miss going to Blockbuster and renting a movie. It was a Friday night event when I was a kid. I enjoyed strolling down the aisles of movies and picking one to rent. But, streaming is so easy now. I'll sometimes get a DVD from the library, but I stream most of my content now.

Subject: Re: Streaming or DVD.
Posted by Patrick69 on Sat, 22 May 2021 23:40:34 GMT
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What is a DVD? Just kidding, of course. We stream all of our movies. I don't think we even have a movie store anymore - just a Redbox. Redbox doesn't seem to have anything we want to see.