Subject: Smart TV minus the adware
Posted by LCallan on Fri, 13 Aug 2021 01:04:48 GMT
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I'm surprised at how much adware comes bundled along with Smart TVs. Is that just a given now, or am I shopping around with the wrong brands?

Subject: Re: Smart TV minus the adware
Posted by Leot55 on Fri, 13 Aug 2021 20:57:18 GMT
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At one point, a forum member linked to a chart/list that had this information, but I can't find it for the life of me. I want to say it came from rtratings.com, but I'm not 100% sure about that.

Subject: Re: Smart TV minus the adware
Posted by LCallan on Sat, 14 Aug 2021 02:32:54 GMT
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Hey, Leo, thanks for giving me a starting point at least. I'll head to that website and see what I can find. It seems like every new TV that comes out is built with smart capabilities lately, and I'd like to find one that won't spy on me or bog me down with adware.

Subject: Re: Smart TV minus the adware
Posted by Rusty on Sat, 14 Aug 2021 13:12:40 GMT
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Subject: Re: Smart TV minus the adware
Posted by Trilling Me Softly on Wed, 25 Aug 2021 17:08:19 GMT
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Rusty, unfortunately, my understanding is that they don't ask you politely to turn it on. If they did, most people wouldn't agree to it. It's getting harder to find a TV that isn't a Smart TV too.

Subject: Re: Smart TV minus the adware
Posted by Rusty on Wed, 25 Aug 2021 18:33:01 GMT
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I have a Samsung and I use air TV. Also a Roku. It's a couple years old. I had a menu option to enable the smart features. Because of the adware discussion we've had here on other posts. I thought. Hell no.

Subject: Re: Smart TV minus the adware
Posted by Trilling Me Softly on Fri, 03 Sep 2021 13:40:58 GMT
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Ah, that makes sense, Rusty. I just misinterpreted your earlier reply to mean that you didn't turn on the advertising feature. I wanted in on that if it was a choice.

Subject: Re: Smart TV minus the adware
Posted by George on Thu, 02 Oct 2025 05:04:58 GMT
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Rusty wrote on Sat, 14 August 2021 08:12When I had to buy a new smart tv. I never turned on that capability. So, no ad crap. I use a roku device.
This seems more like the way to go because I am also the type of person who would never want to have those ads stuff on my smart TV when I am watching a TV.

Subject: Re: Smart TV minus the adware
Posted by Helen on Sat, 22 Nov 2025 18:58:35 GMT
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Subject: Re: Smart TV minus the adware
Posted by Prince on Mon, 24 Aug 2026 06:25:21 GMT
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This is what many would have to deal with if they desire the benefits of smart TVs.
Commercialisation is increasing and most of these companies are looking for ways to make more money through it. The worst part is that they don't give a cent how users feel.