

# Internet TV throughout the House

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Topics: Roku, wd TV live, squeezebox

## Roku

- Website: <http://www.roku.com/>
- What it is: streaming media player—plays media files stored on another computer
- Why: play Netflix, Hulu, Pandora, MLB, Amazon video on demand, TWiT
- Netflix.com rents and streams movies and TV shows; recommends movies based on your scoring.  
Pricing: \$8/month stream only, \$10/month DVD+stream
- Hulu.com streams TV shows. Free basic, \$8/mo full show access, stream to iPhone/iPad
- Pandora.com streams music- plays new and familiar music based on your preferences. It is free for up to 40 hours a week, \$36 a year unlimited/better audio/desktop application
- How: attaches to your TV, connects to Wi-Fi or Ethernet (model-dependant)
- Operates with a remote control, very simple to set up and use
- How much? \$59, \$79, or \$99
  - \$59 720p, b/g Wi-Fi, HDMI
  - \$79 1080p, replay remote, b/g/n Wi-Fi
  - \$99 Ethernet
- Comp vid, opt aid, USB for local playback vs. wd TV live plus no Wi-Fi
- Plays network shares
- No Hulu (yet)
- Where to buy: online via Netflix, Roku.com

## Squeezebox

- Website: <http://www.logitech.com/en-us/speakers-audio/wireless-music-systems?WT.ac=bc|50|5745>, Logitech.com > products > audio > Wi-Fi music players
- What: streaming network audio player- can work stand alone, only needs internet
- Several form factors: radio, boom box, touch screen
- Why: local radio streams, international radio streams, Pandora, live 365, weather, LAN audio, Facebook updates, background sounds, clock radio, battery for radio version makes it portable-easy to move outside or around the house

- Server software running on a pc or Linux machine can coordinate playback of multiple squeezebox units
- How much: \$150 (radio, \$299 boom box) - \$400