

Vero Beach Computer Group

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Topic: Netflix, Hulu, Fancast, etc.

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	Netflix	Hulu Plus	Comcast Fancast	Blockbuster Online	Redbox
Cost	\$8.99/mo for all online and 1 DVD by Mail at a time	\$9.95/mo with invitation	Comcast Customer	Free-\$4/movie	\$1.99/movie
View Online	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, Only Reserve
View on:					
iPad	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
DVD Players	Many	Some	No	Some	No
PC/Laptop	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Xbox	Yes	No	No	No	No
Wii	Yes	No	No	No	No
PS3	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
iPhone	Coming	Yes	No	No	No
Content:					
Movies	Excellent	Very Good	Poor	Excellent	Good
TV Shows	Very Good	Excellent	Good	None	None
Ads	No	Yes	Yes	No	No

Advantages of Streaming Movies (Watching movies online)

- Watch from anywhere your laptop or in some cases, your cell phone
- No need to go to the rental store (except Redbox, 20,000 locations in Publix, etc.)
- One flat fee per month (Hulu, Netflix)
- Stop watching on one device and resume watching on another
- Better selection than a store (Netflix has the most online)
- Find by actor, category, title, similarity
- No need to buy DVDs (I have over 300 from before using Netflix)
- No need to worry about scratched discs (streaming movies only)
- No late fees

Disadvantages

- Quality not as good as Blu-Ray and some regular DVDs
- Good Internet connection required
- You don't own the movies, you just have access to their library while paying monthly
- Can't kill time at Target while wife shops since there's no need to buy a DVD movie