

APPLE TV (ATV) PRESENTATION

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Recent News/Rumors

- a. www.macrumors.com (forums by device)
 - b. ATV as a hub for HomeKit
 - c. New TV App (happy to take your \$\$\$)
 - d. Making App folders. You can group thematic apps into folders.
 - e. New patent may enable web searching thru ATV Advanced Remote Interface. There is a very complicated “hack”, but best way is still mirroring your iDevice/Mac.
 - f. Generation 5 rumored to be capable of 4K video.
 - g. Source Material: Take Control of Apple TV
(Gen 4, April 2016) by Josh Centers
from Agile Bits.
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1. Setup and connections: Pics of ATV, remote and hifi system. All Apple devices have to be on the same home network. Turn on Home Sharing in iTunes and on ATV.
 - a. ATV often cleaner, faster than a Smart TV or Smart Blu-ray player
 - b. ATV can be hard-wired, but I could not see the point.

c. ATV -- \$69 (Gen 3 - 2013 - Available?).
\$149(32Gb) or \$199(64Gb) (Gen 4 - -2015).
You get ATV, power cable, remote and a very
small manual.

d. Naming your ATV

e. Screen Savers

h. Pairing remote is easy. So is connecting to a
network. Basically, you hold the iDevice close to
the ATV and enter some sort of code.

i. AppleWatch can be paired and used as a remote

j. Operating NEW remote. Sausage fingers need
“slow” sensitivity. Remote is rechargeable and
status can be viewed in Settings

2. When watching a menu item (channel), there is
a login process(HBO, SHO, PBS et al)

a. Activation code

b. Go to supplied website

c. Enter ISP for cable authentication.

d. Watch

e. SEARCHING: small remote is a pain.

Apple iOS REMOTE APP is great. Has Siri.

Bluetooth keyboard is okay. (I have had trouble
pairing mine). Take Control CHEAT SHEET for
small remote.

f. SETTINGS menu

3. APP examples: Watch ABC

- a. Often w/commercials just like On Demand, i.e., no FF. Exception: premium channels like HBO.
- b. New channels being added all the time
AMAZON PRIME – Never but there is a work-around for Amazon Prime Instant Video
- c. AirPlay and Mirroring – one iDevice at a time
Sweep up from bottom on iDevice
Touch AirPlay icon; scroll up
Switch “Mirroring” ON
Anything on iDevice is now on
Widescreen TV.
NEW: Airplay Passcode
- d. There is a CHANNELS App (\$15) for live TV, but it requires additional equipment that pairs to the ATV. CBS All Access offers live TV (\$\$)

3A. Games Example – Bowling Game

For others, the remote acts as a Game Controller.

4. BUTTONS: MOVIES -- TV SHOWS – MUSIC all for \$\$\$

5. PHOTOS: iPhoto on Mac. Slide show. Musical accompaniment

iCloud photos. Also – Screen Saver

Slide Show choices – Music from library

- a. You can shuffle
 - b. Play whole photo library or an event or
 - c. Choose photos to display in iTunes Home Sharing
1. File>Home Sharing>Choose Photos to share with Apple TV
 2. Photo choice screen comes up.

- a. ITUNES RADIO: Gone completely to \$\$\$
APPLE MUSIC: \$10/\$15/\$5
- b. RADIO App gone; replaced by multiple radio apps.
- c. Hundreds of stations nationwide

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Force Reboot: hold down Home and Menu
2. Deleting an App (double clicking brings up screen saver.
3. Automatic updates (Settings>Apps)
4. PAIRING: keyboard or headphones
5. While using keyboard screen, Play/Pause works as a caps lock for switching quickly from UC to LC.
6. Family Sharing: only if enabled in iCloud. Then, log in with that account and everyone's content is available on ATV.

7. Record ATV on your computer: USB-C cable + Quicktime.

COMPLAINTS

1. "Getting" Apps and entering login credentials multiple times
2. Timing out of some Apps and re-activating.
3. Siri is limited to searching iTunes and some other apps, like Netflix. Inconsistent in My Music. Hopeless when colloquial (Dreamin')
4. Remote does not light up.
5. Not much info about Apps (do example)
6. Single Sign-On: very limited list of providers, headed by Dish Network