

The Luddite Lounge – I Stream, You Stream

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You're listening to The Luddite Lounge where we're serving up news, views and how-tos for the digital world we've all come to depend on—whether we like it or not!

Hey there glad you can join me today in The Luddite Lounge. I'm Elizabeth Kricfalusi, publisher of the Tech for Luddites blog and Chief Luddite.

This is Episode 24 of The Lounge and today's episode is an I Stream, You Stream segment, where I'll be talking about streaming media devices and content. You can find show notes with related links at ludditelounge.com/episode24.

Let's get started!

If you've been thinking about getting a Google Chromecast, now would be a great time as they're offering a 3-month free trial of HBO NOW, the network's standalone streaming service. The offer is for new HBO NOW customers only and ends on December 24th. Head over to google.com/chromecast for more details about the deal or techforluddites.com/chromecast to learn more about how the player works.

Speaking of deals, Roku is getting rid of its inventory of previous generation Roku 1 players with a 50% discount, making them just \$25. The Roku 1 is a fairly basic player but the nice thing about them is that they work with non-HDTVs as long as they have composite ports, which are the yellow, red, and white ones. The equivalent of their current-generation of players is the Roku Express+, which costs \$39, so that Roku 1 is definitely worth looking at. For a limited time, they're also offering \$55 worth of free trials of Showtime, Hulu, and CBS All-Access for new subscribers, further sweetening the deal. The Roku 1 offer is while supplies last so get it while it lasts!

<https://www.roku.com/products/roku-1>

I came across a great Business Insider article recently with a whole bunch of tips about things you can do with an Apple TV that aren't necessarily obvious, like using the remote to rewind and fast forward 5 seconds and how to pair Bluetooth headphones or speakers with the player. A link to the article is in the show notes.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/17-things-you-didnt-know-the-latest-apple-tv-could-do-2016-11/>

As for the Amazon Fire TV, I've been wanting to do some new videos for it, but I'm waiting because they have a big software update coming out, supposedly by the end of the year, that will completely change the on-screen interface. If you want to be alerted when new videos are available, head over to youtube.com/techforluddites and subscribe to the T4L channel to get notifications.

On the streaming content side, AT&T has just launched a new service called DirecTV Now that has different bundles of channels that you can stream live, starting at \$35/month as an introductory offer. Unfortunately, their website doesn't provide any of that information as far as I can, so I have a link in the show notes to an article on The Verge that provides all the details. The service also has a 7-day free trial and it's currently available on the Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, and Google Chromecast.

<http://www.theverge.com/2016/11/30/13788934/directv-now-att-internet-tv-service-questions-pricing-channels>

Finally my streaming recommendation for this month is The Crown, a Netflix Original.

<https://www.netflix.com/title/80025678>

The show is about Queen Elizabeth's early reign and Claire Foy, who plays the Queen, is excellent as is John Lithgow as Winston Churchill. I'm not as crazy about former Dr. Who Matt Smith as Prince Philip, but most of the other secondary characters are also excellent. It's a bit weird to watch given that most of these people are still alive and I'm kind of surprised they were able to do it at all, but I don't know if they actually needed permission from the royals to make the show. The first season is just 10 episodes and a second season is in the works.

And that's it for this episode of The Luddite Lounge. Again, you can find the show notes at ludditelounge.com/episode24. If you've been enjoying The Lounge, you'd be doing me a solid by heading over to iTunes to rate and/or review the show and sharing it with your friends on social media.

And don't forget, if you want more streaming media news and tips, you can always go to techforluddites.com/streaming for a comprehensive list of related posts and subscribe to the streaming-specific T4L newsletter at techforluddites.com/subscribe.

Thanks for listening! Until next time...