



Apple TV User Guide

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SET UP AND GET STARTED

Overview



This guide describes the hardware and software features of Apple TV (4th generation). Not all features and content are available in all areas.

For information about earlier Apple TV models, go to [Apple TV support](#).

For information about setting up Apple TV, see [Set up Apple TV](#).

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SET UP ACCOUNTS

Your Apple ID

Your Apple ID is the account you use for just about everything you do on Apple TV, including buying content on iTunes Movies  or iTunes TV Shows , and downloading apps from the App Store . You can also use iCloud, which connects you and all of your Apple devices to share photos and more.


If you already have an Apple ID, enter it when you first set up Apple TV. If you don't already have an Apple ID, you can create one at [Manage your Apple account](#). You need only one Apple ID to enable iTunes, iCloud, and Game Center services.

For more information, see [Manage your Apple account](#).


Here are a few of the things you can do with your Apple ID on Apple TV:

- *iTunes Movies and TV Shows:* Purchase or rent movies and buy TV episodes and seasons. You can also access your iTunes purchases made on other devices.
- *Music:* If you're an Apple Music member, you can access millions of songs on Apple TV. With an iTunes Match subscription, all your music—including music you've imported from CDs or purchased somewhere other than the iTunes Store—can also be stored in iCloud and played on demand. See [Music at a glance](#).
- *Apps:* Purchase apps directly on Apple TV and download previous App Store purchases to Apple TV for free, anytime.
- *Game Center:* Play your favorite games with friends who have an Apple TV, an iOS device, or a Mac (OS X v10.8 or later, or macOS).
- *Photos:* View your photos and videos from iCloud Photo Library, My Photo Stream, and iCloud Photo Sharing. See [Photos at a glance](#).
- *Family Sharing:* Share the purchases from the iTunes Store and the App Store of up to six family members on your Apple TV. See [Family Sharing](#).

Note: All features may not be available in all areas.

Speak user names and passwords. With the text entry field highlighted, press and hold the Siri button , then speak letters, numbers, and symbols instead of using the onscreen keyboard. Say "uppercase" to indicate an uppercase letter. For more, see [Dictation](#).

Tip: You can use the keyboard on a nearby iPhone or iPad to enter text directly on Apple TV, instead of using the Siri Remote. For more, see [Use the iOS keyboard to enter text on Apple TV](#).

Set password requirements for purchases. You can set whether Apple TV requires your Apple ID password to complete an iTunes or App Store purchase. In Settings , go to Accounts > "iTunes and App Store" > Password Settings > Require Password, then select Always, After 15 Minutes, or Never.

Siri Remote

Use the Touch surface on the Siri Remote to set up your Apple TV.



Swipe left, right, up, or down to highlight items during setup. When you press the Touch surface, it makes a clicking sound and selects the highlighted item.

For more information about Siri Remote functions and buttons, see [Navigate Apple TV](#).

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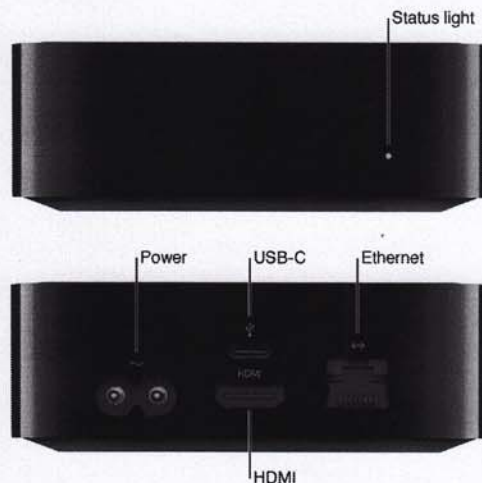
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Set up Apple TV

To use Apple TV, you need:

- A high-definition TV with HDMI capable of displaying 720p or 1080p video
- An HDMI cable to connect Apple TV to your TV
- Access to an 802.11 wireless network (wireless streaming requires 802.11a, g, n, or ac), Ethernet network, or broadband Internet
- An iTunes Store account for iTunes purchasing, renting, and using Home Sharing



Set up Apple TV. Before you start, make sure you know your wireless network name (and password if the network is password-protected). If you're using a wired network, use an Ethernet cable to connect your Apple TV.

- *Connect Apple TV:* Connect one end of an HDMI cable to the HDMI port on your Apple TV, then connect the other end to the HDMI port on your TV.
- *Plug in Apple TV:* Connect one end of the power cord to the power port on your Apple TV and the other end to a power outlet.
- *Select the HDMI input on your TV:* Turn on your TV, then select the HDMI input that's connected to your Apple TV. On some televisions, this may occur automatically.
- *Follow the onscreen instructions:* A series of setup screens assists you with your Internet connection and other setup items. To use VoiceOver during setup, press the MENU button on the Siri Remote three times. For more information, see [VoiceOver](#).

Alternatively, you can transfer your Wi-Fi network and password and Apple ID account information automatically to Apple TV from an iOS device with iOS 9.1 or later.

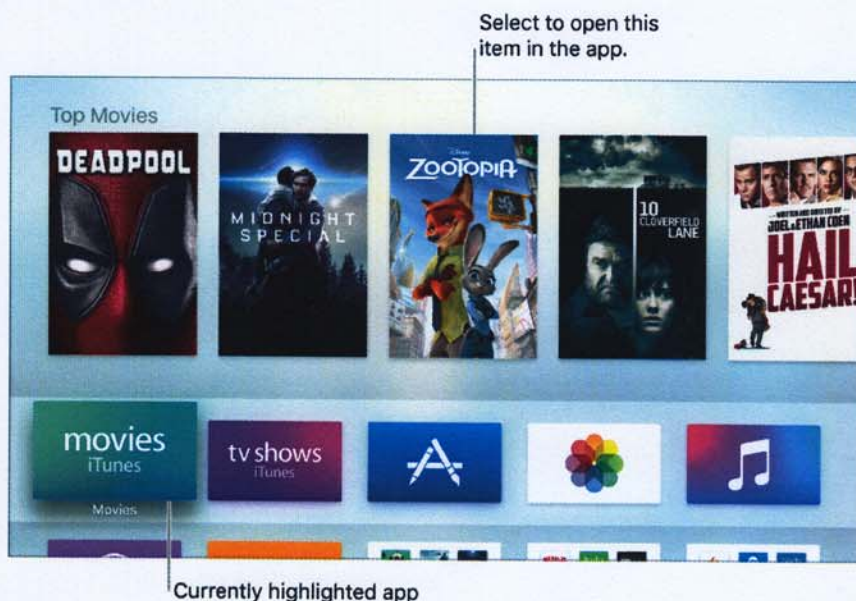
Set up Apple TV automatically with an iOS device. When the Apple TV setup screen appears, unlock your iOS device and make sure Bluetooth® and Wi-Fi are turned on. Touch your iOS device to Apple TV and follow the onscreen instructions on your iOS device and Apple TV.

Note: Automatic setup doesn't transfer account information for third-party apps such as Netflix or Hulu, and doesn't turn on iTunes Match or Home Sharing.

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Navigate Apple TV

The Home screen on Apple TV provides easy access to apps and settings. And, when you highlight an app that's on the top row, you may see app shortcuts at the very top of the Home screen. To change the look of your Home screen, see [Customize the Home screen](#).



Use the Touch surface and buttons on the Siri Remote to navigate Apple TV.



Navigate Apple TV. Swipe left, right, up, or down on the Touch surface. The app that's highlighted expands slightly.




As you swipe the Touch surface the highlighted app appears larger.

Select an item. Swipe to highlight the item, then press the Touch surface.

Access contextual menus. Press and hold the Touch surface. If you've highlighted an item that has additional options, they appear in a pop-up menu.

Use the onscreen keyboard. If a keyboard appears for entering text, swipe across the characters—or tap left or right—to highlight a character, then press the Touch surface to select it. To change keyboards, press the Play/Pause button ►||, or swipe down and select uppercase, lowercase, numbers, or special symbols. To enter an alternate character (such as a letter with an accent mark), highlight the character, then press and hold the Touch surface to select an option.


Optionally, you can use your iOS device's keyboard to enter text on Apple TV. See [Use the iOS keyboard to enter text on Apple TV](#).


Dictate instead of type. Whenever you see a text entry field, you can use your voice instead of using the onscreen keyboard. Press and hold the Siri button  and say the text you want to enter. You can even speak individual characters—for example when entering user names and passwords. For more, see [Dictation](#).

Return to the previous screen. Press the **MENU** button.

Return to the Home screen. Press the Home button .

View open apps. Press the Home button  twice. See [Switch quickly between apps](#).

Put Apple TV to sleep. Press and hold the Home button , then select Sleep. See [Sleep or wake Apple TV](#).

Activate Siri. Press and hold the Siri button . See [Talk to your Apple TV](#).


Control Apple TV from an iOS device. You can use the Apple TV Remote app (available from the App Store on your iOS device) to navigate, enter text, and control playback on Apple TV. For more information, see the Apple Support article [Set up Remote for your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch](#).


Use a wireless keyboard. You can use a wireless keyboard to enter text. See [Connect Bluetooth devices to Apple TV](#).

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Manage your apps

Apple TV comes preloaded with a collection of apps on the Home screen. You can add other apps using the App Store . To learn more, see [App Store at a glance](#).

Open an app. Navigate to an app on the Home Screen, then press the Touch surface to open it. Press the Home button  to return to the Home Screen to pick a different app.

Ask Siri. "Open <app name>" or "Play <app name>"

You can quickly switch between apps you've previously opened. See [Switch between apps quickly](#).

Change an app's settings. Some apps have a Settings menu within the app. For other apps, you can go to Settings , select Apps, then select the app you want.

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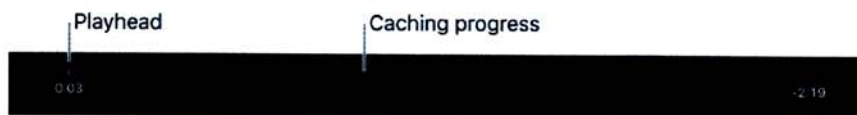
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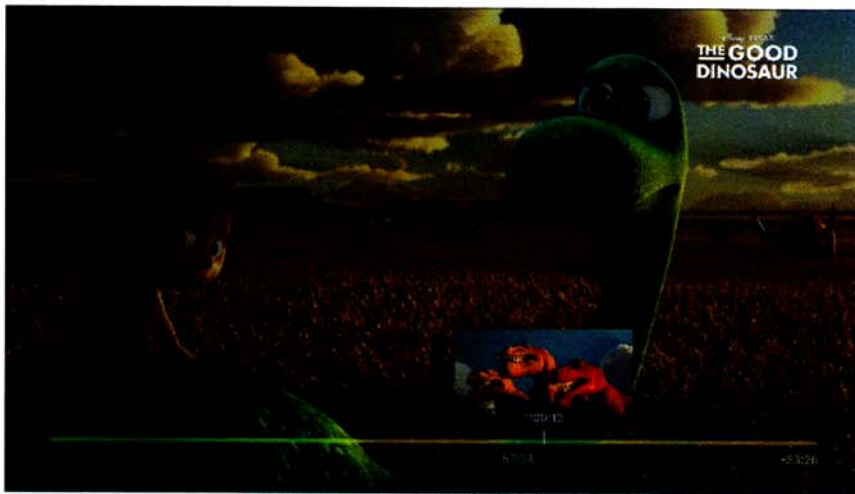
Whether you're watching a TV show or a movie, you're in control.

Play or pause. Press the Touch surface or press the Play/Pause button ►||.

Show controls on the screen during playback. Press the Play/Pause button ►|| or rest your finger on the Touch surface. A status indicator appears showing elapsed and remaining time. The solid bar indicates how much of the item is cached (temporarily downloaded on Apple TV). You can still jump ahead of the cached area and begin playback from there.



Preview video on the playback timeline. During playback, press the Touch surface to pause playback and show the preview window, then swipe left or right to move back or forward in time. Press the Touch surface again to start playback at the new position, or press the **MENU** button to cancel and resume playback at the original position.



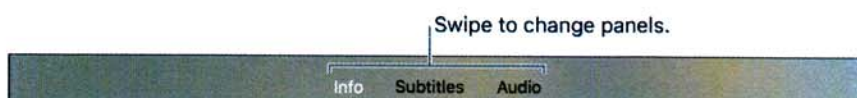
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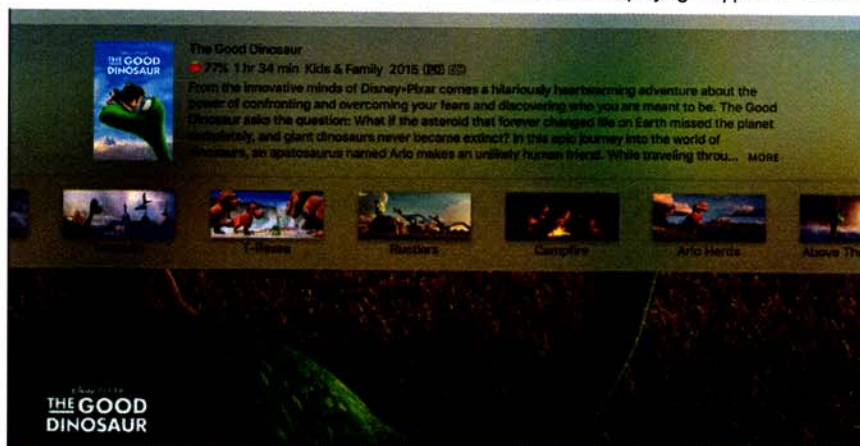
Skip backward or forward 10 seconds. On the Touch surface, press left or right to skip backward or forward. Press again to skip another 10 seconds.

If you're using the Apple TV Remote app, tap the Back 10 button ⏮ to skip backward 10 seconds, or tap the Skip 10 button ⏭ to skip forward 10 seconds.

Rewind or fast forward. While playing, on the Touch surface, press left or right and hold to rewind or fast forward. Release to resume playback.

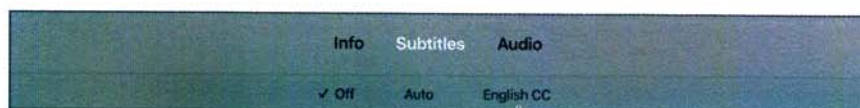
Get more info. Swipe down to show the Info panel. Swipe left or right to switch between panels.





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Turn on subtitles and closed captioning (if available). Swipe down to show the Info panel, then swipe right to show the Subtitles panel. Then swipe down and select the option you prefer.



Select to turn on closed captioning.

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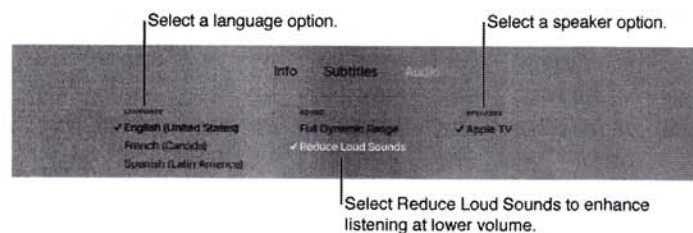
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Adjust audio

You can control your TV or A/V receiver volume with the Siri Remote. Additional audio controls let you change AirPlay speakers, choose a Bluetooth headphone, change the language audio track on a TV show or movie, or reduce loud sounds.

Adjust the volume. Press the $+$ or $-$ button on the Siri Remote. For more information about setting up the remote to control your TV or receiver, see [Control your home entertainment system with the Siri Remote](#).

Access audio controls. During playback, swipe down to show the Info panel, then swipe to the Audio panel.



Reduce loud sounds. Select Reduce Loud Sounds to enhance dialogue and reduce loud sounds so as not to disturb others.

Change the language. Select a different audio language.

Change speakers. Select another AirPlay speaker on your network, or select paired Bluetooth speakers or headphones. See [Adjust video and audio settings](#).

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Customize the Home screen

The top row of the Home screen is a great place for your favorite apps. When you highlight an app in the top row, you get shortcuts that can take you to content without opening the app first.

You can decide which apps appear in the top row, arrange them in the order you prefer, and delete apps that appear on the Home screen.

Rearrange apps. Using the Touch surface on the Siri Remote, highlight an app, then press and hold until the app starts to jiggle. Swipe to move the app to a new location, then press the Touch surface again to save the new arrangement.

Pick your top-row apps. Move your favorite apps to the top row of the Home screen. You may get additional options and shortcuts when you highlight them.

Delete an app. Use the Touch surface to select the app you want to delete, then press and hold until the app starts to jiggle. Press the Play/Pause button ►|| for more options, then select Delete.

Deleting an app also deletes its data. You can download any app again that you've purchased on the App Store, free of charge, but the data may not be restored.

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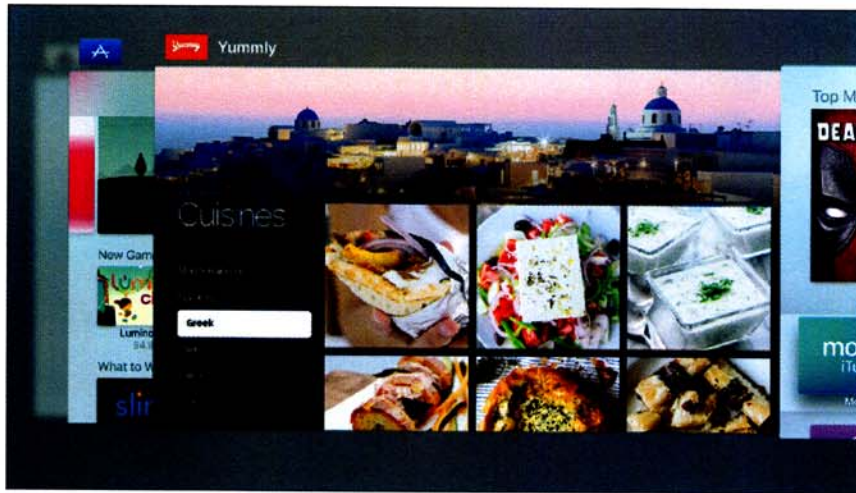
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Switch quickly between apps

You can quickly switch between different apps on Apple TV without having to first return to the Home screen. It works very much like the multitasking feature on iPhone or iPad.

See recent apps. Press the Home button  twice quickly. Small windows representing each of the open apps appear in a row on the screen.



Select a different app. Swipe left or right to navigate to a different app. Press the Touch surface to open the app that's in the center of the screen.

Force the highlighted app to quit. Swipe up to force the highlighted app to quit.


To leave the app switcher without changing apps, press the **MENU** button.

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Connect the Siri Remote to Apple TV

The Siri Remote comes automatically paired to your Apple TV. If it disconnects or you get a replacement remote, you'll need to manually pair it to Apple TV.

You can pair the Siri Remote with only one Apple TV at a time. When you pair a remote, any other paired remote is automatically unpaired.

Pair the Siri Remote with Apple TV. Turn on Apple TV and position the Siri Remote so it's within 3 to 4 inches (8 to 10 cm) and pointing at the front of Apple TV. Then press and hold the MENU button and the Up button  for 2 seconds. When the Siri Remote is successfully paired, an onscreen message appears.

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Charge the Siri Remote

The Siri Remote has a rechargeable battery inside. With typical usage, you'll need to charge it a few times a year. An alert appears on the TV screen when the remote battery is running low; you can also go to Settings > Remotes and Devices > Bluetooth to check the battery level. You can continue to use the Siri Remote while it's charging.



Lightning connector

Charge the Siri Remote. Connect one end of a Lightning cable to the Lightning port on the bottom of the Siri Remote. Connect the other end to a computer USB port or to an Apple USB power adapter (sold separately).

The Siri Remote takes about three hours to fully charge.


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Control Touch surface sensitivity

You can customize the Touch surface on the Siri Remote to match your particular control style.

Change Touch surface tracking. In Settings , go to "Remotes and Devices" > Touch Surface Tracking.

Set Tracking to Fast in order to make smaller thumb movements move farther on the Apple TV screen. Set Tracking to Slow in order to require larger movements to move a smaller distance.

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Screensavers


Apple TV displays a screensaver after it's idle for a preset number of minutes.

The Aerial screensaver shows beautiful slow-motion videos of places around the world that download from an online server, making the screensaver more engaging and dynamic. For Aerial, you can control how often Apple TV checks for and downloads new videos.


Change the Aerial screensaver download frequency. In Settings , go to General > Screensaver and select Download New Videos, then select an option.

Return to using Apple TV. When the screensaver is active, press the Touch surface to return to whatever app you were previously using.

Choose a different screensaver. In Settings , go to General > Screensaver and select Type. Then select the screensaver you want to use.

Select which photos to display. Many of the screensaver options display a slideshow of photos—these can be photos provided by Apple, or a collection of your own stored in iCloud. To choose which photos are used, in Settings , go to General > Screensaver and select Type. Then choose one of the photo-based screensaver types.

If you choose My Photos, the Photos app opens. Follow the instructions in Set photos as a screensaver.

Set the screensaver delay time. In Settings , go to General > Screensaver and select the Start After setting, then specify a number of minutes. This instructs Apple TV to automatically start the screensaver if the device has been idle for the specified duration.




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Sleep or wake Apple TV

Apple TV is ready for you to watch at any time, and automatically goes to sleep after a preset period of inactivity.

Wake Apple TV from sleep. Press the **MENU**, Home , Siri , or Play/Pause  button on the Siri Remote. A small light glows on the front of Apple TV. Apple TV wakes and displays whatever was last visible.

Put Apple TV to sleep. When you're done, you can just shut off your television or receiver. Apple TV falls asleep after a period of inactivity.

Set the delay before sleep starts. To set how long Apple TV waits before going to sleep, in Settings , go to General > Sleep After.

Force Apple TV to sleep now. Press and hold the Home button , then select Sleep.

Or in Settings , go to General, and select Sleep Now.

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Status light

The status light on the front of Apple TV indicates the following:

If Apple TV is	The status light
On	Glow
Off or in standby	Is off
Starting up	Flashes slowly
Accepting a command from the remote	Flashes once
Updating software	Flashes quickly

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Talk to your Apple TV

Siri makes interacting with Apple TV easy, fun, and informative. You can search for movies, TV shows, music, or apps; find actors or directors you like; control playback; open your apps; even ask about sports, weather, and stocks—no matter what's happening onscreen.


Siri doesn't talk back to you on Apple TV like it does on iPhone and other devices, but it'll carry out your request and display the results onscreen.

See a list of things you can ask Siri. Press the Siri button .

Search and control Apple TV with your voice. Press and hold the Siri button  and start talking.



Siri understands a wide range of commands, and intuitively applies them to the current context whenever possible. To see some commands and queries that will show what Siri can do, see [Search movies, TV shows, and apps](#) and [Other things you can ask Siri](#).

Dictate instead of type. Whenever you see a text entry field, you can use your voice instead of using the onscreen keyboard. Press and hold the Siri button  and say the text you want to enter. You can even speak individual characters—for example, when entering user names and passwords. For more, see [Dictation](#).

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Search movies, TV shows, and apps

Siri on Apple TV helps you quickly find movies and TV shows to watch, and apps in the App Store to download. Siri can find movies and TV shows based on a wide range of criteria—including title, topic, genre, actors, director, rating, age appropriateness, and more. You can even ask to find “good” or “popular” results. For apps, you can search by app name, developer, or category.

Ask Siri. Say something like:

- “What should I watch?”
- “Find The Boxtrolls”
- “Play Episode 3 of Season 1 of Homeland”
- “Show me popular comedies”
- “What are the best baseball movies?”
- “Find Benedict Cumberbatch movies”
- “Find documentaries about cars”
- “Watch great dramas”
- “Find me some TV Shows that are good for kids”
- “Show PG-13 movies”
- “Find Crossy Road”
- “Find weather apps”
- “What are some new sports apps?”
- “Find apps by Activision”

Combine search terms

You can also combine genres for movies and TV shows.

Ask Siri. Say something like:

- “Find me some funny horror movies”
- “Show me independent foreign films”
- “Search for crime documentaries”

Once you make an initial search, you can ask additional questions to zero in on exactly what you want to watch. See [Refine movie and TV show search results](#).



Search for free content

You can ask Siri to limit the search results to content that is immediately playable based on what you own and the services you already subscribe to.

Ask Siri. Say something like:

- "Find free kids' movies"
- "I want to watch Homeland for free"
- "What are some free movies?"

When you search for a movie or TV show, Siri searches a wide range of apps to find exactly what you're looking for. If you request a specific title, Siri takes you directly to the detail page for that video. If there's more than one result, Siri displays search results for you to choose from or further refine your search.

Search within a specific app

You can search for items on YouTube by including "YouTube" in your Siri request (requires the YouTube app, available on the App Store for Apple TV). Siri automatically opens the YouTube app and adds your request to its search screen.

Ask Siri. Say something like:

- "Search for Coldplay on YouTube"
- "Show me crafts for kids on YouTube"
- "Search YouTube for Minecraft"

You can search specifically for podcasts by including "podcast" in your query.

Ask Siri. Say something like:

- "Get some funny podcasts"
- "Find podcasts about surfing"
- "Play 'Radiolab' podcast"

If you're a subscriber to the selected podcast, Apple TV will begin playing the current episode right away.



You can also search directly within many apps. See [Search in a specific app](#).

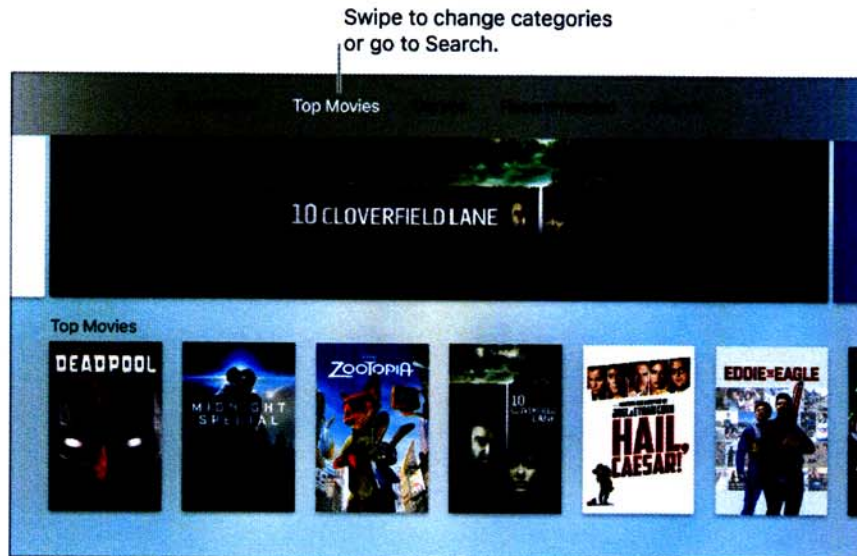
For a list of Siri-compatible apps, see the Apple Support article [About Search on your Apple TV](#).

To learn more about working with search results, see [View search results](#) and [Select a search result](#).

ITUNES MOVIES AND TV SHOWS

Find and watch iTunes movies or TV shows


With iTunes movies  and TV shows , you're only a few clicks away from the latest movies and hit TV shows.



Browse by category or genre. In the menu bar, swipe to any of the following categories:

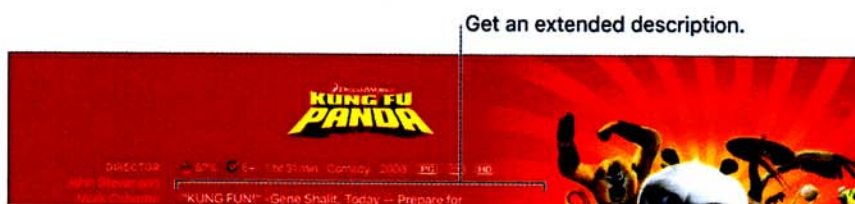
- *Purchased:* See the movies you've purchased on the iTunes Store, including purchases made on other iOS devices and purchases by Family Sharing members.
- *Top Movies* or *Top TV Shows:* Browse the top items in the iTunes Store.
- *Wish List/Favorites:* Find items you've added to your Wish List (Movies) or Favorites (TV shows) but haven't yet purchased or rented.
- *Genres:* Browse by genre.
- *Recommended:* Find recommendations based on your previous purchases.

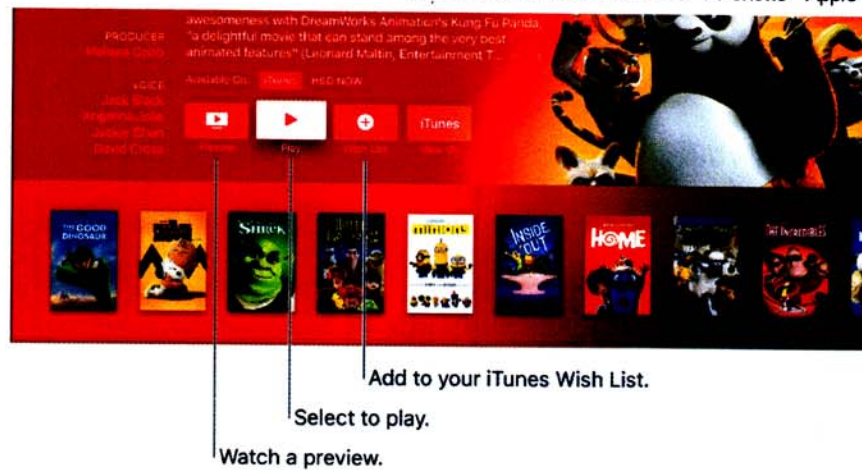
Search the iTunes Store. Swipe to go to Search, then enter a search term.

Dictate instead of type. In Search, highlight the text entry field. Press and hold the Siri button  and speak. For more information, see [Dictation](#).

Use Siri to search at any time. See [Search movies, TV shows, and apps](#).

Get more information. Select an item to see ratings, descriptions, and purchase or rental information.





Watch a free preview. Select Preview.

Add an item to your Wish List. When you find something you might want to buy or rent later, select Wish List. To view your Wish List, swipe to Wish List in the menu bar.

Buy an item. Select the item's price, then confirm that you want to buy it. For TV shows, you can buy an entire season or individual episodes.

Rent a movie. In some areas, you can rent movies. Select the item's price, then confirm that you want to rent it. You have 30 days to begin watching a rented movie. After you start watching it, you can play it as many times as you want in the allotted time shown onscreen. Once your time is up, the movie is no longer available. Rentals can't be transferred to another device.

Access family members' purchases. With Family Sharing turned on, you can view movies and TV shows purchased by other family members. From the menu bar, swipe to Purchased, choose Family Sharing, then select the name of a family member in the list.

Note: To set up Family Sharing or change settings, you need to use a Mac or an iOS device such as iPhone or iPad.


If Apple TV is using the iTunes account of an "Ask to Buy" user, the family organizer is sent a message asking for approval before the purchase is completed. Age restrictions for "Ask to Buy" vary by area. Using iTunes on a computer, family members can hide any of their purchases so other family members can't view them. For more information, see [Family Sharing](#).

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iTunes Movies and TV Shows settings

In Settings , go to Apps > iTunes Movies and TV Shows to change these and other settings.

Change the video resolution for purchases and rentals. By default, you rent, purchase, and play back iTunes videos in 1080p, which requires a fast Internet connection. If you have a slower connection, select Video Resolution and choose a lower resolution.

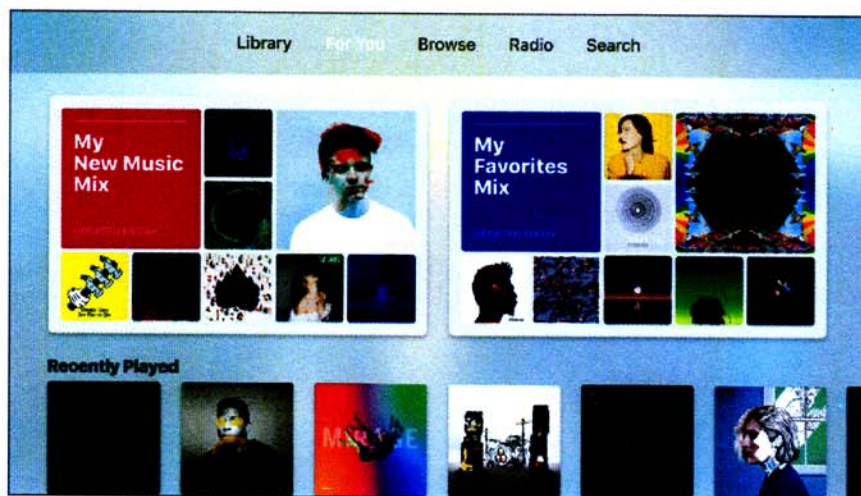
Change the video resolution for previews. By default, iTunes previews are high definition (HD). To view standard definition (SD) previews, choose Standard Definition.


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MUSIC

Music at a glance



Use Music  to enjoy music in the following ways:

- Access millions of songs on Apple Music (requires a subscription). Discover recommendations based on your tastes (see [For You](#)), or browse the hottest new music and recommendations from music experts (see [Browse](#)).
- Listen to dozens of hand-curated ad-free radio stations and Beats 1 radio brought to you by Apple Music. See [Radio](#).
- Listen to music from your iCloud Music Library, including music you add from Apple Music, your iTunes purchases, songs uploaded from your computer, and your iTunes Match library. Find all of these in Library. See [Library](#).


To join Apple Music, go to the Music app on an iOS device or in iTunes on your computer.


Note: In some cases an Apple ID is required. Services and features are not available in all areas, and features may vary by area. You can play Apple Music and Radio tracks on only one device at a time unless you have an Apple Music Family Membership, which lets you play music on multiple devices. If you end your Apple Music membership, you can no longer stream Apple Music tracks or play Apple Music tracks saved for offline play.

You can also use Apple TV to stream music that's in the iTunes library on your computer. See [Stream content using Home Sharing](#).

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Now Playing

No matter where you are in Music , you can select a song, then press the Touch surface to start playing it.

Once a song starts playing, it appears in Now Playing. Press the Play/Pause button  to control playback. The song continues to play even if you leave Music, but it stops if you begin playing video or audio in another app.

On the Now Playing screen, you can quickly navigate to other songs in an album or playlist, or select more options.


Show controls on the screen during playback. Rest your finger on the Touch surface. A status indicator appears showing elapsed and remaining time.

Go back to the beginning or skip to the next song. On the Touch surface, press left or right to restart the current song or skip to the start of the next song.

Rewind or fast forward. On the Touch surface, press left or right and hold to rewind or fast forward. Release to resume playback.

Show what songs are next. On the Now Playing screen, press the Touch surface to show songs adjacent to the current song in the Now Playing queue. To play a different song, swipe left or right to highlight the song you want to play, then press the Touch surface.


Move to a specific point in the song. On the Now Playing screen, press the Touch surface, then swipe down to show the elapsed and remaining time. Swipe left or right to move backward or forward on the timeline.

Get more options. On the Now Playing screen, press the Touch surface, then select the More button  at the top of the screen to see additional options. Depending on the song, you may be able to:

- Go to the album
- Flag the song as one you love
- Start a custom radio station from the song
- Add the song to a playlist
- Play the song next
- Change your speaker settings

Ask Siri. Say something like:

- "Play," "Pause," "Next song," or "Previous song"
- "Create a radio station based on this song"
- "Add this to my collection"

Repeat. In Settings , go to Apps > Music, then turn on Repeat Music.

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Library

Library includes any Apple Music content and playlists you added, iTunes purchases and playlists you created, and music you make available through iTunes Match.

Note: You can subscribe to iTunes Match only in Music on an iOS device or in iTunes on your computer.


Browse and play your music. Select an option in the list to display your music by Recently Added, Playlists, Artists, Albums, Songs, and more. Select a song to play it.

Browse playlists. Highlight a playlist, then press the Touch surface to view it. Select a song to play it. In addition to playlists you create on the Now Playing screen, Playlists includes playlists you added from Apple Music, as well as those shared with you.

Shuffle. To play all of your library in random order, select Shuffle All at the top of the list. To play an album in random order, select the album, then select the Shuffle button .

Ask Siri. Say something like:

- "Play Bastille shuffled"
- "Play 'More Rain' shuffled"

Get more options. On the Now Playing screen, press the Touch surface, then select the More button  at the top of the screen to see more options.


Playlists you create on Apple TV are added to your iCloud Music Library and appear on all your devices.

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For You

For You appears in the Music  menu bar if you're a member of Apple Music. Apple Music suggests curated playlists and albums, based on your specific tastes.

Browse music custom-picked for you. Highlight an album or playlist, then press the Touch surface to view it. Select a song to play it. If you find a recommendation you don't care for, press and hold the Touch surface, then select Dislike.



Add a song or album to your library. Do any of the following:

- Press and hold the Touch surface and select "Add to Library."
- Select the Add button .
- Select "Add to Library" in the list of More button  options in Now Playing.



Add a playlist to your library. Select the Add button , or select "Add to Library" in the list of More button  options in Now Playing.

The playlist remains in your library, and updates automatically if the playlist changes.



Remove a song, album, or playlist from your library. Do one of the following:

- Press and hold the Touch surface and select "Delete from Library."
- Select the In Library button , then select "Delete from Library."
- Select "Delete from Library" in the list of More button  options in Now Playing.


Tell Music what you love. To help improve future recommendations, do one of the following:

- Press and hold the Touch surface and select Love.
- Select the Love button  while viewing an album's contents, a playlist, or an artist's screen.
- Select Love in the list of More button  options in Now Playing.

Get more songs by this artist. Do one of the following:

- Press and hold the Touch surface and select "Go to Artist."
- Select the Go to Artist button  while viewing an album's contents.
- Select "Go to Artist" in the list of More button  options in Now Playing.

Ask Siri. "Add this to my collection"

Get more playlist or album options. While viewing an item's contents, select the More button  to add music to the Up Next queue, create a station based on the currently selected music, add the playlist's songs to your own playlist, or rate whether you love or dislike the item.


Get more song options. Highlight a song in a playlist, then press and hold the touch surface to see more options. Depending on the song, you can choose shuffle, view the album or artist, add it to your library, add it to a playlist, play it next, create a station, view lyrics, flag it as a song you love or dislike, or change your speakers.

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New

New appears in the Music  menu bar if you're a member of Apple Music. New showcases the best recommendations from music experts.

Browse expert recommendations. Highlight a featured album, artist, music video, or playlist, then press the Touch surface to view it. Select a song to play it. Press and hold the Touch surface to show a menu with more options. Depending on the song, you can create a station, add it to a playlist or My Music, or remove it from My Music.

Ask Siri. Say something like:

- "Add this to my collection"
- "Create a radio station based on this song"

Browse your favorite genres. Select All Genres, choose a genre, then select a featured album, song, artist, or playlist to hear music handpicked by music experts.

Fit the music to the mood. Select Activity Playlists to play music that fits with what you're doing or how you're feeling.

Get expert advice. Select Apple Editors Playlists or Curators Playlists to discover music recommended by music experts.

See what's hot. Swipe to browse categories such as Top Charts or Spotlight On, where you can view top songs, top albums, and other popular content.

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My Music

My Music includes any Apple Music content you added, plus iTunes purchases and the music you make available through iTunes Match.


Note: You can subscribe to iTunes Match only in Music on an iOS device or in iTunes on your computer.


Browse and play your music. Select an option in the list to display your music by Artists, Albums, Songs, and more. Select a song to play it.

Shuffle. To play all of My Music in random order, select Shuffle at the top of the list. To play an album in random order, select the album, then select Shuffle at the top of the song list.

Ask Siri. Say something like:

- "Play Katy Perry shuffled"
- "Play 'Born to Run' shuffled"

Add music to a playlist. On the Now Playing screen, press the Touch surface and select the More button . Then select Add to a Playlist.


Remove an Apple Music song from My Music. On the Now Playing screen, press the Touch surface and select the More button . Then select "Remove from My Music."

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Playlists

Playlists appears in the Music  menu bar if you're a member of Apple Music.

Browse playlists. Highlight a playlist, then press the Touch surface to view it. Select a song to play it. In addition to playlists you create on the Now Playing screen, Playlists includes playlists you added from Apple Music, as well as those shared with you.

Create a new playlist from a currently playing song. On the Now Playing screen, press the Touch surface, then select the More button  at the top of the screen. Select "Add to Playlist," then select New and enter a title.

Playlists you create on Apple TV are added to your iCloud Music Library and appear on all your devices.


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Search for music

Find music in your library. Select Search in the Music  menu bar, then enter a song, album, playlist, artist, compilation, or genre and select Library.

Search Apple Music. Select Search in the Music  menu bar, then select a trending search—or enter a song, album, playlist, artist, curator, music video, activity, radio station, or genre and select All Apple Music.

Dictate instead of type. In Search, highlight the text entry field. Press and hold the Siri button  and speak. For example, say the name of the artist, album, or song you're looking for. For more, see [Dictation](#).


Use Siri to search at any time. Whether you're in an app or on the Home screen, you can always press and hold the Siri button  and say the name of an artist, album, or song you're looking for.

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Use Siri with Music

You can use Siri to control music playback on Apple TV.

Use Siri. Press and hold the Siri button . Siri supports the following:

- *Play or pause music:* Say "play music." To pause, say "pause," "pause music," or "stop." You can also say "next song" or "previous song."
- *Play an album, artist, song, playlist, or radio station:* Say "play" followed by the name of the artist, album, song, playlist, or station that you want to play. If Siri doesn't find what you asked for, be more specific. For example, say "play the radio station 'Pure Pop'" rather than saying "play 'Pure Pop.'"
- *Play music in random order:* Say the name of the artist ("play Katy Perry shuffled") or album ("play 'Born to Run' shuffled") that you'd like to hear in random order.
- *Play similar music:* While music is playing, say "play more songs like this one" or "create a radio station based on this song."
- *Browse Apple Music (Apple Music membership required):* You can play any Apple Music track by title ("play 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams"), by artist ("play Echobrother"), by chart ("play the top song from March 1989"), or by version ("play the live version of it").
- *Add music from Apple Music to your collection (Apple Music membership required):* Say, for example, "add 'Lifted Up' by Passion Pit to My Music" or, while playing something, say "add this to my collection."


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Music settings

In Settings , go to Apps > Music.


Sort songs. Sort songs in your library by artist or title.

Sort albums. Sort albums in your library by artist or title.

Add playlist songs to your library. Turn on Add Playlist Songs to Library to automatically add Apple Music songs you add to playlists to your library.

Repeat songs. Turn on Repeat Music.

Normalize the sound level of your music. Turn on Sound Check.

Show the screensaver while listening to music. In Settings , go to General > Screensaver and enable "Show during music and podcasts." For more, see [Screensavers](#).

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Manage storage

Your Apple TV *streams* video and music, but it stores apps locally. The more apps you download to Apple TV, the more storage is used up. At some point you may get a warning that you're running out of disk space. If so, you can remove apps to free up space.

Check the Apple TV storage levels. In Settings , go to General > Manage Storage.

A list of the apps on your Apple TV shows how much space each item is using.

Delete apps to recover space. Highlight the trash icon for any item in the list and press the Touch surface. The app and all of its data are removed from the device.

You can also delete apps directly on the Home screen. See [Customize the Home screen](#).

If you delete an app, you can download it again from the App Store without repurchasing it. For more about the App Store, see [App Store at a glance](#).

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Adjust video and audio settings

There are controls and settings you can use to customize your viewing and listening. For example, you can:

- Make sure the Apple TV output resolution matches your television's native resolution
- Control whether Apple TV outputs Dolby Digital encoded audio
- Send audio output to Bluetooth headphones or alternative speakers
- Decide what language to use for subtitles and audio tracks in foreign language content

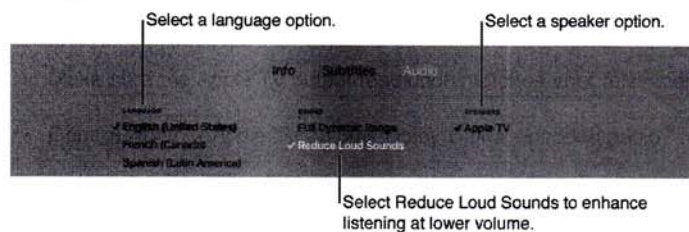
Set the language of audio and subtitles. In Settings , go to "Audio and Video" and select the language you want under Audio Language or Subtitle Language.

Note: If the language you select isn't available, the default language is used—it's the one associated with your region, or the one that's selected in General Settings.


Send audio to Bluetooth headphones or another AirPlay speaker. In Settings , go to "Audio and Video" > Audio Output.

For more information, see [Connect Bluetooth devices to Apple TV](#).

Watch Apple TV without disturbing others. Apple TV can lower the overall sound level by reducing the loudness of music and sound effects. To enable this setting while playing a video, swipe down to open the Info panel, select Audio, then select Reduce Loud Sounds.



To change this setting for all videos, in Settings , go to "Audio and Video" > Reduce Loud Sounds.

Adjust other audio and video settings. You can adjust other audio or video related settings, such as Sound Effects and Music, Navigation Clicks, Surround Sound mode, HDMI Output settings, and Resolution. In Settings , go to "Audio and Video."

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Restart Apple TV

If Apple TV isn't responding, try restarting it.

Restart Apple TV. Do any of the following:

- Press and hold the **MENU** and Home  buttons until the Apple TV status light blinks rapidly.
- Disconnect Apple TV from the power outlet, wait five seconds, then reconnect it.
- In Settings , go to System and select Restart.

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Reset Apple TV

You can reset all Apple TV settings, including your accounts and configuration.

If you're having problems and Apple TV still doesn't respond after restarting, try restoring Apple TV to its factory settings. When you restore Apple TV, all data is erased.

Reset Apple TV settings. In Settings , go to System > Reset, then select Reset All Settings.

Restore Apple TV. Do the following:

- In Settings , go to System > Reset, then select Restore. Restoring Apple TV can take some time, so be patient.
- If Apple TV still doesn't respond, disconnect the power and HDMI cables from Apple TV. Connect one end of a USB-C cable (sold separately) to Apple TV and the other end to your computer. Open iTunes on your computer, select Apple TV in the Source list, then select Restore.


Comprehensive support information is also available online at [Apple TV Support](#).

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Update Apple TV software

You'll see a message on Apple TV when a software update is available. You can also check for updates, or set Apple TV to update automatically.

Check for updates. In Settings , go to System > Software Updates and select Check for Update. If an update is available, a message appears. Select "Download and Install" to start downloading. During the update process, don't disconnect your Apple TV. The status light may flash slowly during the update process.

Set automatic updates. In Settings , go to System > Software Updates and select Update Automatically.

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Accessibility features

Apple TV includes built-in accessibility features to make it easier for people with disabilities to experience television.

- *VoiceOver*: Apple TV supports VoiceOver, Apple's screen reader. Available in all the languages supported by Apple TV, VoiceOver tells you exactly what's on your TV screen and helps you choose commands. See [VoiceOver](#).
- *Zoom*: Zoom is a built-in magnifier that works anywhere on the new Apple TV screen. With magnification adjustable up to 15 times the normal size, Zoom can help with a range of vision challenges. See [Zoom](#).
- *Bold Text*: Choose Bold Text to make the text easier to read throughout the Apple TV interface. See [Bold text](#).
- *Increase Contrast*: Increase contrast on the screen by reducing the transparency of background elements on Movie and TV Show pages, menu tabs, and more. You can also use a high-contrast cursor to better delineate the focused content. See [Increase the screen contrast](#).
- *Reduce Motion*: With Reduce Motion, some screen actions — such as moving between app icons on the Home screen and launching apps — are visually simpler. See [Reduce screen motion](#).
- *Siri*: The Siri Remote lets you use your voice to bypass onscreen navigation. Ask Siri to perform a wide range of tasks, such as "Find kid movies," "Rewind five minutes," "Open Music," and more. See [Talk to your Apple TV](#).
- *Closed Caption and SDH support*: Apple TV supports closed captioning, so those who are deaf or hard of hearing can fully enjoy new TV episodes and thousands of movies. Just look for the CC or SDH icon when you're browsing movies or TV shows from the iTunes Store. You can even customize captions with special styles and fonts. See [Closed captions and subtitles](#).
- *Audio Descriptions*: Audio descriptions provide an explanation of important onscreen action and content in movies and TV shows. See [Audio descriptions](#).

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Accessibility Shortcut

You can set Apple TV to turn one particular accessibility setting on or off by pressing the **MENU** button three times.

Set the Accessibility Shortcut. In Settings , go to General > Accessibility > Accessibility Shortcut and select an option.


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Audio descriptions

Audio descriptions provide an audible narration of important onscreen action and content in movies and TV shows. If you have a video that includes audio descriptions, Apple TV can play them for you.

Turn on audio descriptions. In Settings , go to General > Accessibility > Audio Descriptions. Or, use the Accessibility Shortcut. **See** Accessibility Shortcut.

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