

Cutting the Cord by *Professor Golden* with Oasis Learning at the 2019 Technology Fair

In this Tech talk, I cover; How much money you can save! How little time it takes! First things to consider. Cord cutting checklist. Learn some new vocabulary. Demo I do in class. Streaming Services available. How to compare them.

How much *time* will this take?

- The most time-consuming is
 - Exploring all the stuff that's out there!
 - Or being on hold when you call cable
- The least amount of time will be spent on.....
 - Set up
 - About 15 minutes
- But the first thing you need to do is.....
 - Figure out what you watch
 - Figure out what you don't watch
 - For example – HBO (GoT), Showtime (Billions)

Take your time

- It's so fast to start streaming – relax!
- Most services have free trials (7 days to 30 days)
 - Try it. Don't like it. Cancel.
 - Do your own comparisons!
- Start with Pluto (FREE)
- Then ask what you want after that
- Remember – don't jump on the 1st PAID app
 - Beverly Hillbillies
- Shop around a bit
 - On your own
 - Watch YouTube videos
 - Change services!

First things to consider....

- What is important to you?
- How many TVs do you use?
- Do you need DVR?
- Local stations
- LIVE TV
- Sports
- TV Shows
- Movies
- No commercials
- How many devices will be streaming at same time?
- Are you stuck with basic cable?
- Once you decide what you can't live without
 - Then you're ready to figure out what features you want
- My choices and why
- My roommate's

Cord Cutting Checklist

- Plan for your Wi-Fi Internet connection
- Pick your streaming **device**/player
- Pick your streaming **service**(s)
- Buy and install an antenna (if you want)
- Download VPN (if you want)

Vocabulary

- Streaming **devices**
 - Roku vs Amazon Fire Stick
 - Smart TVs and computers
 - Your phone
- Streaming **services**
 - Sling, YouTube TV, Hulu with Live TV
 - Netflix, Amazon Prime, HBO Now
- **Apps**
- **OTA** Channels
 - For Live TV

Virtual Private Network (**VPN**)

APPS (Applications)

- Just like your smartphone
- Download from Play Store or
- PAID ones
 - I download it, check it out, and if it costs..... I usually uninstall it!
- FREE ones
 - Pluto, Xumo, Stirr, PBS, Tubi, Freeform
 - Sony Crackle, YouTube, Amazing Classics
 - Spotify, Pandora, I heart Radio
 - Twitch (for gamers)

Demo in class!

- **Fire Stick TV 4K** – device with the following services:
- **Sling Blue** with **Showtime** and **DVR**
- **HBONow**
- **Netflix**
- **Amazon Prime**
- **Hulu**
- And **lots** of **FREE** apps!

Streaming Services – No Contracts – Pay Monthly

- Sling (2.4m)
- Hulu with Live (2m)
- DirecTV Now (1.5m)
- YouTube TV (1m)
- PlayStation Vue (800K)
- Amazon Prime (100m)
- Netflix (139m)
- Disney Plus (new)
- Philo (50k)
- Fubo (250k)

Items to compare

1. Price
2. No of devices that can stream simultaneously
3. What channels?

Local channels?

1. DVR
 1. Price
 2. Amount of storage
 3. For how long?
2. Add-ons available
3. No of days **FREE** trial
4. Specials? Beware of introductory specials

Few other **PAID** stand-alones

- HBO Now - \$14.99
 - 7 days **FREE** trial
 - 3 devices at once
- CBS All Access \$5.99
 - \$9.99 for ad free
 - 7 days **FREE** trial
 - 2 devices at once
- Amazon Prime - \$12.99
 - 30 days **FREE** trial
 - 3 devices with different titles
 - 2 devices with same
 - \$5.99 with EBT or Medicaid card
 - Students get a 6 months **FREE** trial \$6.49 month
 - For 2 day shipping, all the videos, tv shows, original programming, comedy specials, etc.
 - Music
 - Books

Resources

Links on YouTube:

Luke runs the *Cord Cutters News* and post his videos here:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/LukeBK>

Websites:

Cord Cutters News www.cordcuttersnews.com

Technology Reviewers: www.TomsGuide.com

CNet's review: Best live TV streaming [services for cord cutters](#)

PC Magazine's review: The Best Video Streaming [Services](#) for 2019

Other classes taught by Professor Golden through Oasis Learning		
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