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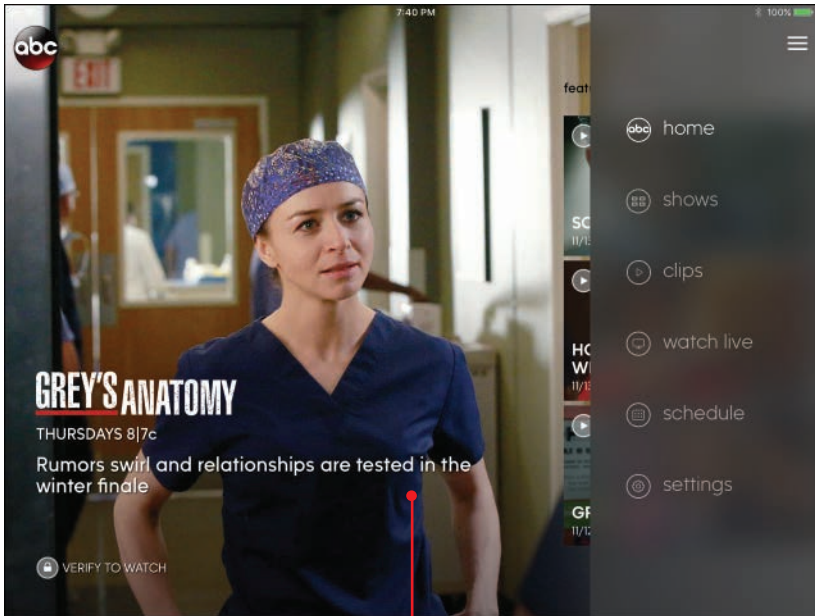
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Use mobile apps to stream your favorite shows from television networks to your mobile devices.

This chapter explains options for watching TV via the Internet using your smartphone, tablet, or computer. What's covered includes

- Streaming on-demand TV shows to your computer
- Using mobile apps from TV networks to watch television programs on-demand
- Using an app offered by your cable or satellite TV service provider to watch programming on your mobile device
- Experiencing interactive elements of some TV shows using a mobile app

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Watching TV on Your Devices

Chapter 3, “Television in the 21st Century,” describes how watching television on an HD television set has changed dramatically in recent years, and how programming can now be delivered to your television set in a variety of ways, including by streaming shows and movies from the Internet.

You can also stream or download television programming and movies to your PC or Mac computer, smartphone, and/or tablet. For example, you can purchase and download TV show episodes or movies so that you can watch them at your leisure on your computer or mobile device's screen. You need an Internet connection to download the content, but then you can roam freely as you watch the downloaded video files.

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THE COST OF PURCHASING TV SHOWS AND MOVIES

When you purchase a single TV show episode, a complete season of a TV series, or a movie in digital form from a service such as Amazon Video, the Google Play Store, or the iTunes Store, you ultimately own that content and can download and store it on your computer's hard drive, in the cloud, or within the internal storage of your smartphone or tablet. You can then watch that programming as often as you'd like, on any computer or mobile device the digital file is compatible with.

The price of an individual TV episode is typically between \$1.99 and \$2.99. If you purchase an entire season of a TV series at once, it's often cheaper than acquiring the episodes individually.

When you purchase TV shows or movies using the iTunes Store, the iTunes software on a PC or Mac is used to manage and view the content. On an iPhone or iPad, you use the iTunes Store app to acquire the content, and then you view the content with the Videos app.

You acquire TV show episodes from Amazon Video from a PC or Mac by using the Amazon.com website. On an Android-based smartphone or tablet, you purchase content from the Google Play Store and play it using an app that comes preinstalled on your mobile device.

The cost to stream TV shows on your computer and/or mobile device varies. For example, if you visit the website for a particular television or cable network (or use the mobile app from that network), streaming programs is free, although commercials are included.

However, if you already pay for a premium cable network, like HBO or Showtime, you can stream programming from one of these networks on a commercial-free basis, using your computer or mobile device, at no additional cost.

Meanwhile, when you pay a flat monthly subscription fee for a streaming service, such as Amazon Prime, Hulu, or Netflix, which typically costs less than \$10.00 per month, you can watch as many TV shows or movies as you'd like from that service, and the programming is commercial free.

Another option is to stream programming from the Internet to your computer or mobile device screen. From a computer, you visit the website for a television network or streaming service. On a smartphone or tablet, you need a specialized app to stream content. Apps for streaming TV shows and movies are available from several types of content providers, including

- Individual TV and cable networks (such as ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, and PBS)
- Cable/satellite service providers (such as Comcast/Xfinity, DirecTV, DISH, or Time Warner Cable)
- Subscription-based streaming services (such as Amazon Prime, Hulu, and Netflix)
- Other online-based content providers (such as YouTube)

Depending on which of these options you choose, the programming may or may not include commercials, and a monthly subscription fee may be required. When specific programming (such as the most recent episodes of a TV series) becomes available for streaming after its initial broadcast varies. In some cases, you might need to wait 24 hours after an episode airs before it's available to stream or purchase.

As long as your computer or mobile device has Internet access, you can stream current and classic TV show episodes on an on-demand basis. You're also often able to watch live television broadcasts in real-time by streaming shows via the Internet to your computer or mobile device. As a result, you can watch television virtually anytime and anywhere, as long as an Internet connection is available.

It's Not All Good

Streaming Doesn't Always Work Internationally

If you travel abroad, some of the apps and services used to stream television programming that originates within the United States will not work. So, if you want to watch the latest episode of your favorite TV show while traveling, it may be necessary to purchase and download that content, rather than stream it.

Streaming TV Shows on Your Computer's Screen

When it comes to watching on-demand or live television programming on your PC or Mac computer's screen, you have three main options, which are described in the following sections.

Visiting a Network's Website

Programs that air on television networks are often available on-demand 24 hours after they air as part of the network's normal programming schedule. For each series, only a limited number of past episodes are typically offered.

A growing number of networks are also now streaming their programming live (in certain regions), or making shows available on-demand at the same time as they're broadcast. All this programming typically includes commercials, but it is free to access. A continuous Internet connection is required, because the programming is streamed from the Internet to your computer screen.

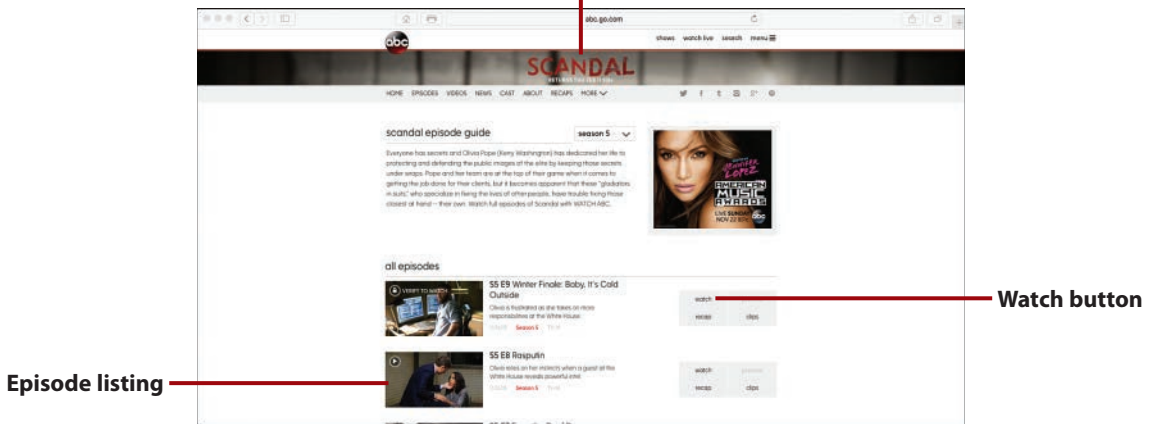
Look for Full Episode Listings

When looking for on-demand TV series episodes to watch from a network's website, look specifically for Full Episode listings, in contrast to Previews, Clips, or Recaps.

Some of the websites for specific broadcast networks include the following:

- **ABC**—<http://abc.go.com>—Click Shows to select a program, and then choose which recent episode you want to watch, or click Watch Live to stream programming the same time it airs on the television network. (Watch Live is available in limited markets at the time the book is being written.) After clicking a show title, click the Watch button associated with a particular episode.

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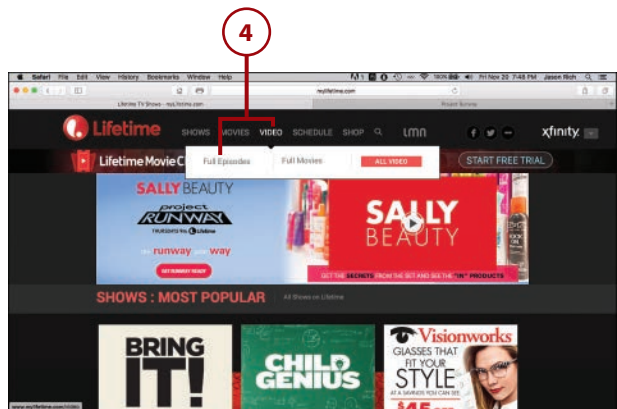
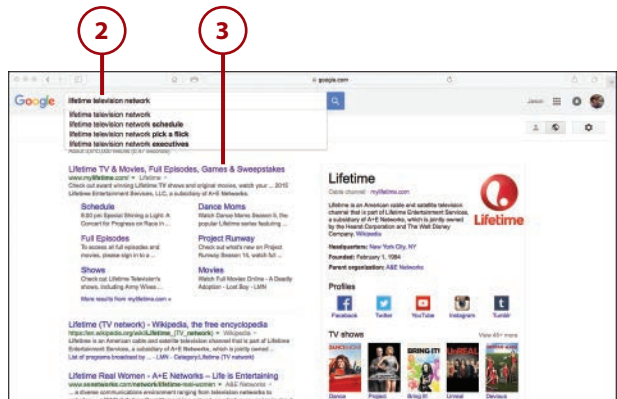
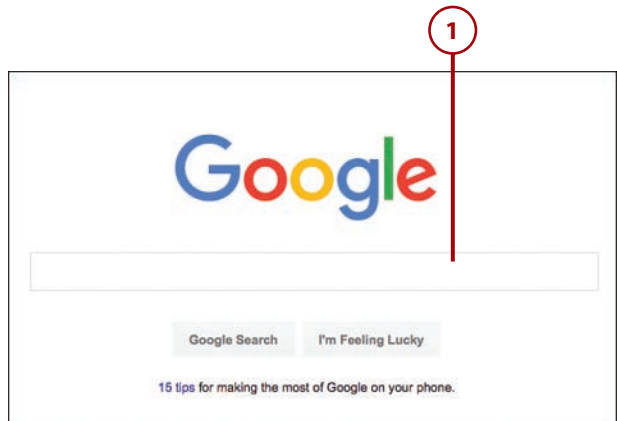
- **CBS**—www.cbs.com—Click the listing for the show you want to stream. A limited number of past episodes are available for each program. If you pay a monthly fee of \$5.99 for CBS All Access, live streaming, as well as access to episodes of current CBS series (and classic CBS series no longer airing on TV) become available. Starting with a brand-new *Star Trek* TV series in 2017, CBS All Access will also begin producing and offering exclusive and original programming.
- **FOX**—www.fox.com—Click the FOXNOW Full Episodes option to watch episodes of recently aired series on your computer.
- **NBC**—www.nbc.com—Click the Full Episodes option to see what series and episodes are available to stream on-demand, or click the Live option to stream live programming from the NBC television network to your computer. (The Live option is available in limited markets at the time the book is being written.)
- **PBS**—From the website's main screen, click the Video option, and then click the Programs option to view episodes of popular PBS shows.

Navigate Networks' Websites

Every popular television and cable network has its own website from which you can stream full episodes of shows that air on that network. These websites also showcase the network's programming schedule and offer video previews, clips, and often short recaps of recent episodes.

To find the website for a specific network, follow these steps:

- 1 Launch your favorite web browser, and visit a popular search engine, such as Bing (www.bing.com), Google.com (www.google.com), or Yahoo! (www.yahoo.com).
- 2 Within the Search field, type the network's name, followed by the phrase **television network**. For example, to find the website for the Lifetime network, type **Lifetime Television Network**.
- 3 Click the Search result for the network you're looking for to access the appropriate website.
- 4 From the network's website, click the option that allows you to watch full episodes of recently aired shows. For example, on Lifetime's website, click the Video option and then click the Full Episodes or Full Movies option.



Purchasing TV Shows to Watch on Your Computer

From online-based services such as the Amazon Video Store, Apple's iTunes Store, and the Google Play Store, you can purchase individual TV series episodes or entire seasons of TV series, and then download that content to your computer. In the next section, the iTunes Store is used as an example to show how content is acquired. The process is similar among all of the services.

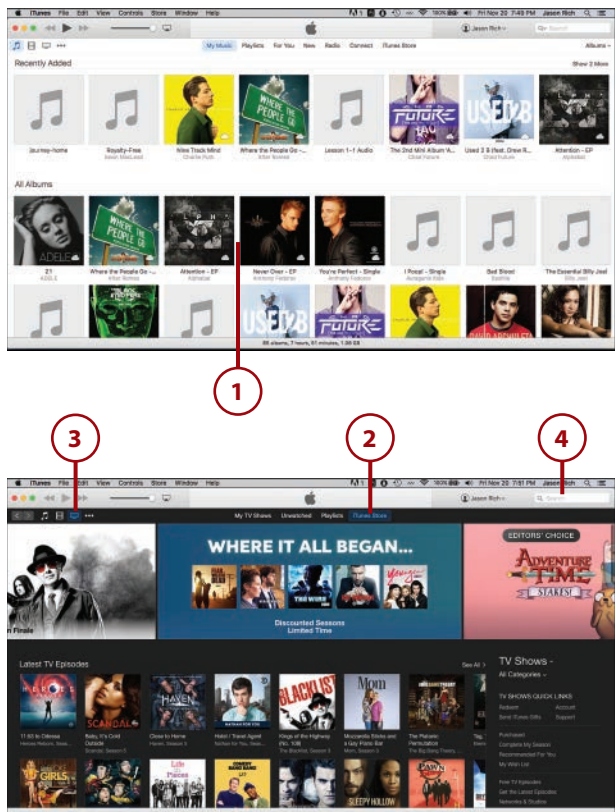
These video files are provided in a specific file format that's compatible with that service's own viewing and digital file management software. However, after you purchase a TV show in digital form, you own it.

The file can be downloaded and stored on your computer, stored in the cloud, and/or transferred to any of your other computers (or mobile devices) that are linked to the same account you used to purchase the content.

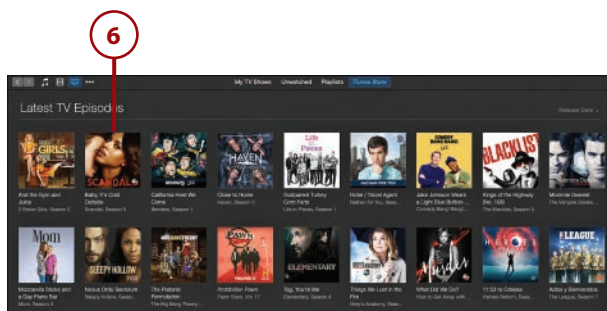
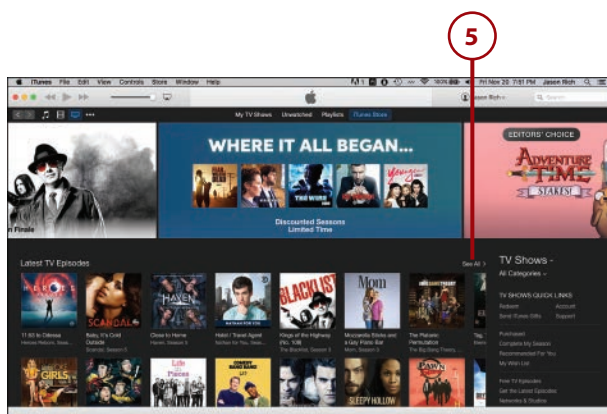
Purchase Content from iTunes

From your Mac or PC, follow these directions to find, purchase, download, and watch a TV show episode using the free iTunes software (www.itunes.com):

- 1 Launch the iTunes software on your Mac (shown) or PC.
- 2 Click the iTunes Store option.
- 3 Click the TV icon that's displayed in the top-left corner of the screen.
- 4 If you know the name of the TV series you want to acquire episodes for, enter the series name into the Search field.



- 5 From the Television screen within the iTunes Store, click the See All option located to the right of the Latest TV Episodes heading to see the latest episodes of popular TV shows that have been added to the service.
- 6 Click the graphic icon for a specific TV series.
- 7 Alternatively, click the See All option associated with the New and Noteworthy heading, or click a show listing that's found under the Top TV Episodes heading (not shown).



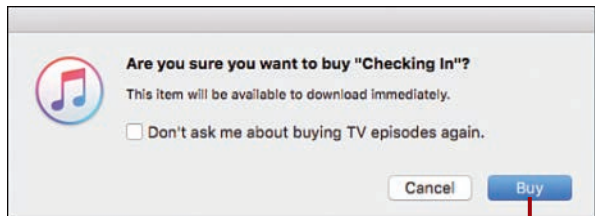
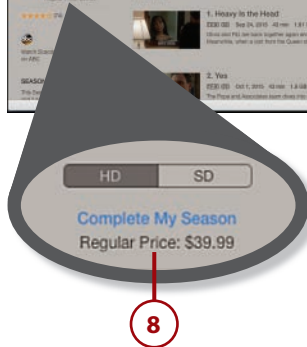
Choose Between HD or Standard Resolution

Most TV show episodes offered from the iTunes Store and some of the other services are offered in Standard Definition or High Definition resolution. The price per episode of a Standard Definition episode is \$1.99, and the price of a High Definition episode is \$2.99. The actual program you watch is the same, but the detail, vibrancy of colors, and overall image quality of a high definition episode will be much better when you view it on your computer or mobile device's screen.

The file size associated with HD TV episodes and movies is much larger, which results in longer download times to acquire the files. In addition, if storage space within your computer's hard drive (or your mobile device's internal storage) is limited, you'll be able to store much more content if you acquire smaller size, SD resolution video files.

- 8 Make sure you're viewing the show description screen for the season you're interested in, click the SD or HD option icon (based on your resolution preference), and then click the Price icon that's associated with the single episode you want to purchase and download.
- 9 From the series description screen, click the Price button for a single episode or click the Buy Season Pass button to subscribe to purchase an entire season of episodes.
- 10 Click the Buy button on the purchase confirmation screen. When prompted, enter the password that's associated with your Apple ID account.
- 11 The purchased episode is downloaded and stored on your computer's hard drive, and simultaneously (and automatically) stored online within your free iCloud account. It's now available to watch on any computer or mobile device that's linked to your Apple ID or that's tied to your iCloud Family Sharing plan (not shown).

Buy season pass



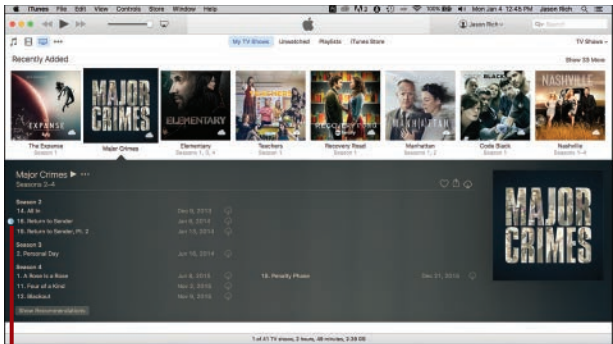
Unlimited Replays

After you own a TV episode, you can watch it as often as you'd like, delete it from your computer or mobile device, and then redownload it at any time from your iCloud account at no additional charge.

12 Click My TV Shows at the top of the screen to view all TV episodes (and complete seasons of shows) that you own.

13 Click an episode listing to begin viewing that episode. If the episode listing has an iCloud icon associated with it, this means the episode's video file is stored within your online-based iCloud account, but not on the computer (or mobile device) you're currently using. Click the iCloud icon to download the episode. As the episode is downloading, you can begin watching it by clicking its listing.

14 After an episode begins playing, playback controls are displayed at the bottom of the screen. These include a volume slider, a time slider, an AirPlay icon, a Rewind to Beginning icon, a Rewind icon, a Play/Pause icon, a Fast Forward icon, a Fast Forward to End icon, a Closed Captioning icon, and a Full Screen viewing mode icon. Click the X icon to exit the episode and return to the previous iTunes menu (not shown).



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Watch TV on Airplane Flights

If you're planning a trip that involves a long flight, instead of relying on the airplane's in-flight entertainment service to offer programming you're interested in, consider purchasing and downloading a collection of TV show episodes and/or movies to watch on your notebook computer, smartphone, or tablet during the flight. Remember, after you purchase and download this content, an Internet connection is no longer needed to view it.

Keep in mind, even if an airplane offers Wi-Fi, the airlines typically disable streaming services and websites, such as Netflix, so you can't use them. This also applies aboard cruise lines, in some hotels, and at some airports.

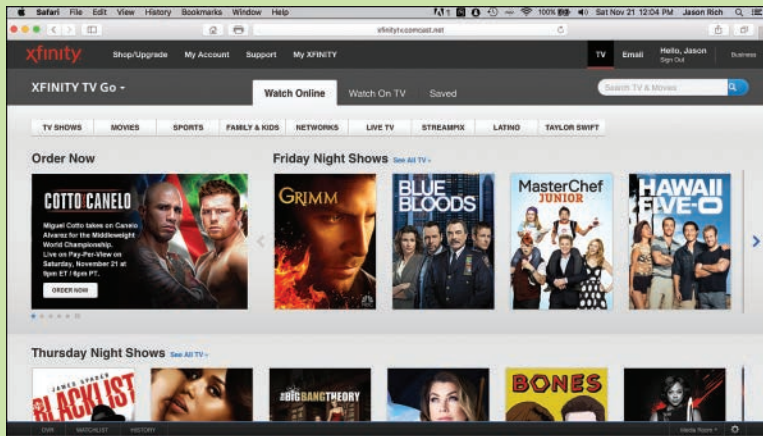
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WATCH SHOWS FROM YOUR CABLE OR SATELLITE SERVICE PROVIDER'S WEBSITE

Most cable and satellite television service providers offer a website for their paid subscribers that allows you to stream (and in some cases download) programming from participating networks at no additional charge.

For example, if you subscribe to Comcast/Xfinity for your home's cable television service, visit the My Xfinity website (<http://my.xfinity.com>) to watch TV shows (and movies) online. Other cable and satellite service providers offer a similar option.

When you're on the website, sign into your account by clicking the Sign In option (and then enter your username and password). Next, click the TV option, and then click the Watch Online option. Listings for current and classic TV series that are available to watch online are displayed.



Streaming TV show episodes from your cable or satellite TV service provider's website is a free service for paid subscribers. This is different from Pay-Per-View or Paid On-Demand programming, which is also offered. In some cases, you can also now stream live broadcasts from various TV networks directly to your computer screen (from your cable/satellite TV service provider's website). This is a feature that's becoming more widely available.

To determine what online streaming services your cable or satellite television service provider offers, contact its customer service department, or visit the website that's listed on your monthly bill.

Streaming TV Shows on Your Smartphone or Tablet

Whether you're using an iPhone, iPad, or an Android-based smartphone or tablet, if you want to stream TV shows (or movies) on your mobile device, you need to have a continuous Internet connection. You'll also need to download and install a specific app offered by a television or cable network, your cable or satellite television service provider, or a streaming service. These apps are all available, for free, from the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or the Google Play Store (Android).

Check for Connection Requirements

Some apps require you use a Wi-Fi Internet connection (in contrast to a 3G/4G/LTE cellular data connection) to stream programming. If you plan to sometimes use a cellular data connection, be sure to download an app that functions with that type of connection.

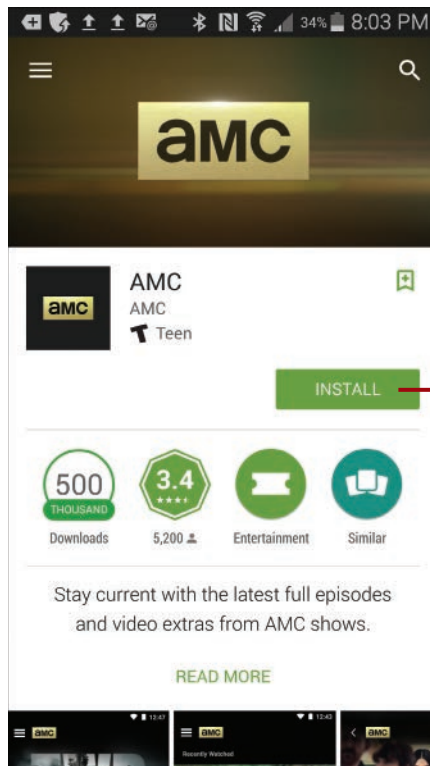
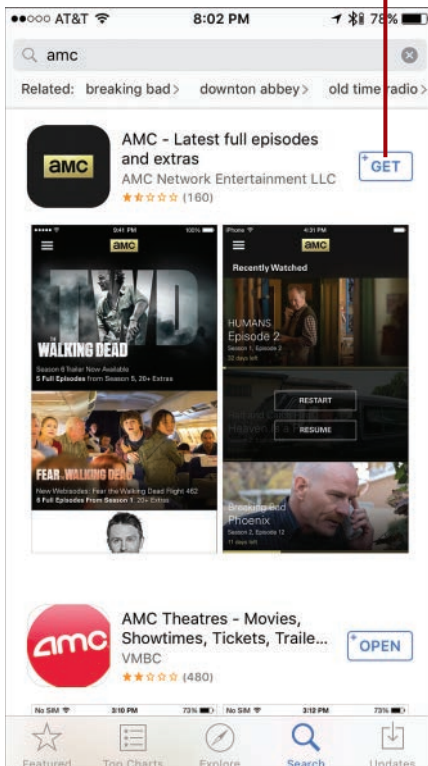
Using Network-Specific Mobile Apps

All the popular television networks offer their own proprietary mobile app that enables you to stream current or recent TV show episodes and watch them, for free, on your mobile device's screen. The number of recent episodes for specific TV series varies, and programming typically includes commercials. Episodes are often made available via the mobile app 24 hours after they air on the network, but this varies.

Some of the network-specific mobile apps also offer the capability to stream live programming directly to your mobile device's screen. Each television network has its own app, and the features, functions, and programming selection offered by each app varies greatly.

To find network-specific apps for your mobile device, visit the app store for your device and enter the name of the network in the Search field. Tap the appropriate search result listing to view the app's description screen. Next, tap the Get button (iPhone/iPad) or Install button (Android) to download and install the free app.

Tap Get to install an iPhone/iPad app.



Tap Install to install an app from the Google Play Store.

Table 4.1 lists a small sampling of apps available from the popular television networks.

Table 4.1 Popular Television/Cable Network Apps

Television Network	App Name
A&E	A&E
ABC	Watch ABC (primary app) ABC News (news app) Many local ABC affiliate stations across the U.S. also have their own mobile apps.
AMC	AMC
BBC News	BBC News
Bravo	Bravo Now
CBS	CBS (primary app) CBS Sports (sports app) CBS News (news app) CBS Local (access to local affiliate programming) Many local CBS affiliate stations across the U.S. also have their own mobile apps.
CNN	CNN App
ESPN	WatchESPN
Food Network	Watch Food Network
FOX	FOX Now (primary app) Fox News (news app) Fox Sports Go (sports app) Many local Fox affiliate stations across the U.S. also have their own mobile apps.
HBO	HBO Now (for non-cable TV subscribers) HBO Go (for paid cable TV subscribers)
HGTV	HGTV Watch
Lifetime	Lifetime

Television Network	App Name
NBC	NBC Watch Now (primary app) NBC News (news app) NBC Sports Live Extra (sports app) NBC Sports Talk (sports app) Many local NBC affiliate stations across the U.S. also have their own mobile apps.
PBS	PBS Video (primary app) PBS Kids Video (kids' programming app)
Showtime	Showtime Anytime
SyFy Network	Syfy Now
The CW Network	The CW
TNT	Watch TNT
USA Network	USA Now

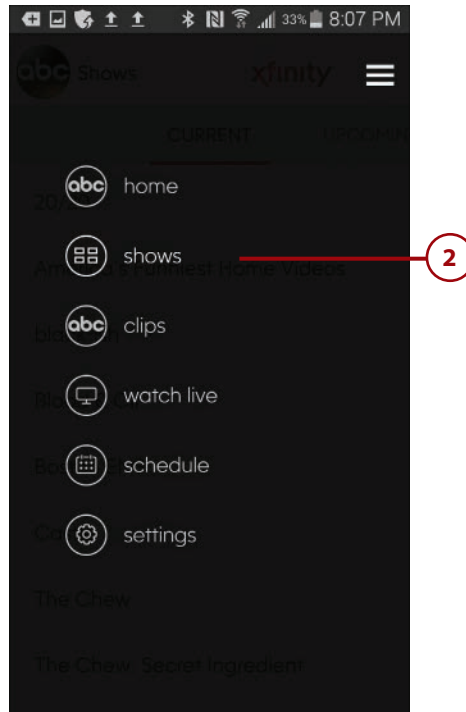
Use a Network's Mobile App

When you're ready to begin streaming and watching specific shows using an app from a particular television or cable network, make sure your mobile device is connected to the Internet and then follow these steps, which are demonstrated here using the WatchABC mobile app on an Android smartphone.

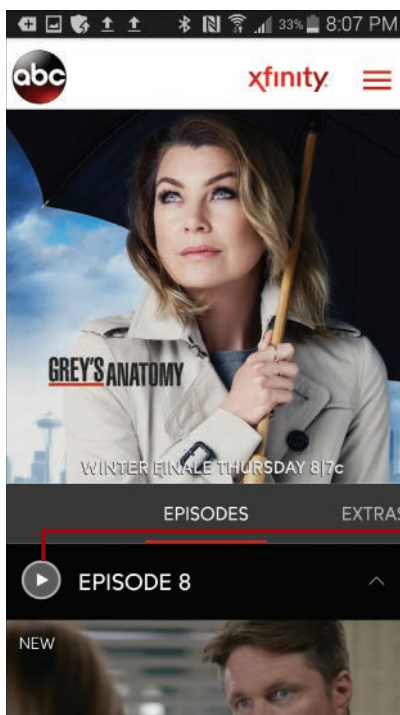
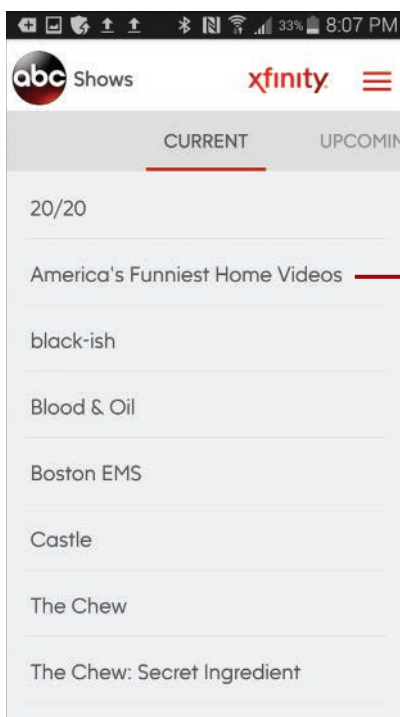
Fast Forward Is Not Offered

When streaming TV shows using a network's mobile app (or the mobile app from your cable/satellite TV service provider), you have the option to rewind, but the fast forward option is typically disabled. You can, however, pause the program and restart it at any time in the future from where you left off.

- 1 Launch the app from the Home screen.
- 2 Tap the app's main menu icon and select Shows (or a similar option) to view a listing of the network's shows (displayed alphabetically).



- 3 Tap the title you want to watch, and then tap the episode you want to stream.
- 4 Tap the Play icon for the episode.

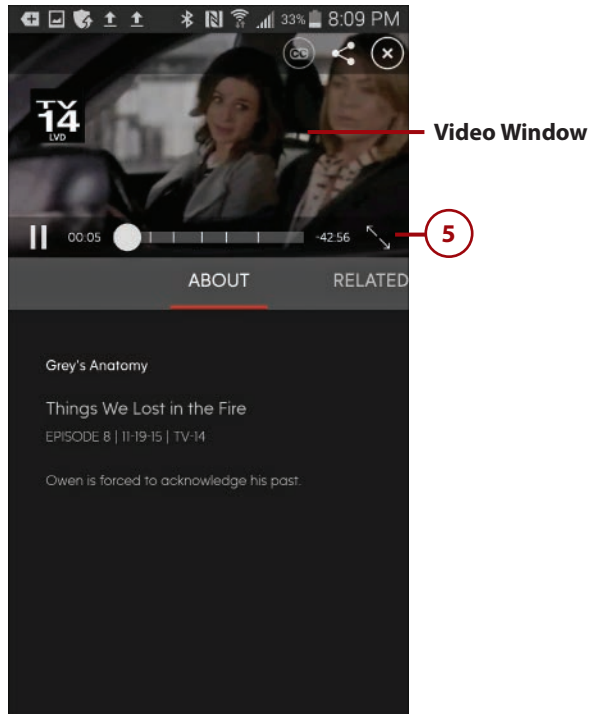


- 5 Tap the Full Screen icon to view the streaming show in full-screen mode, rather than viewing it within a small window onscreen.
- 6 To see the largest image possible, rotate your smartphone or tablet to landscape mode. The onscreen icons automatically disappear after a few seconds. To make them reappear, tap anywhere on the screen.

Watch Live Programming

If the network's app offers the capability for you to stream live programming, from the app's main menu, choose the Watch Live (or equivalent) option. This feature does not work in all cities or regions across the United States, and in some cases, you need to subscribe to a supported cable or satellite television service to access live programming from the network's app.

Some networks, such as CBS, are experimenting with a paid subscription service that allows you to watch all the network's programming (past or present), on a commercial-free basis, for a flat monthly fee. CBS's paid service is called CBS All Access (www.cbs.com/all-access).



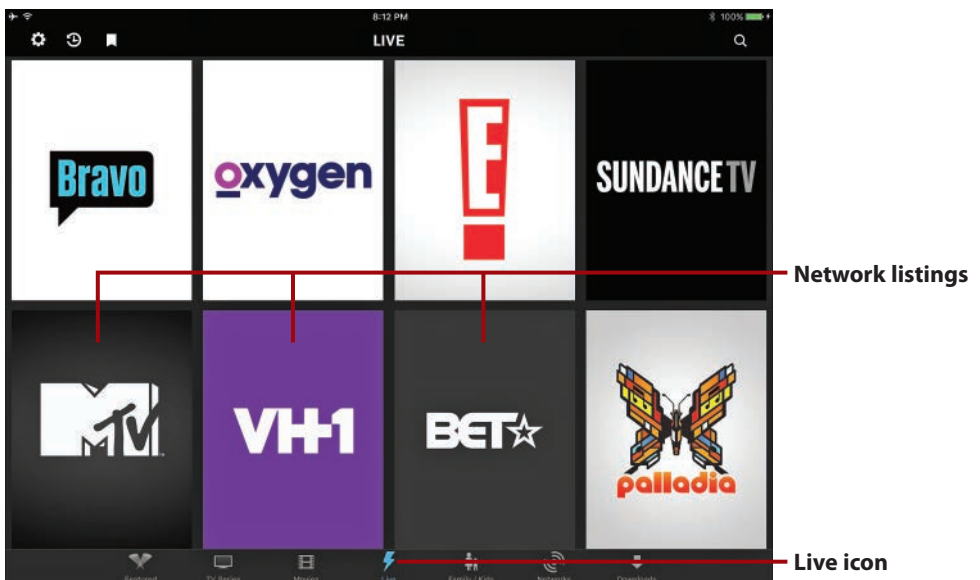
Using a Mobile App from Your Cable or Satellite Service Provider

Instead of loading individual apps onto your mobile device for all the television and cable networks you watch programming from, another option is to install the app offered by your existing cable or satellite service provider.

Many of these service providers, such as Cablevision, Comcast/Xfinity, DirecTV, Dish, and Time Warner Cable, offer their own apps that give you access to the live feed of many popular television and cable networks from your mobile device, as well as stream on-demand episodes of shows starting 24 hours after they originally air on their respective networks.

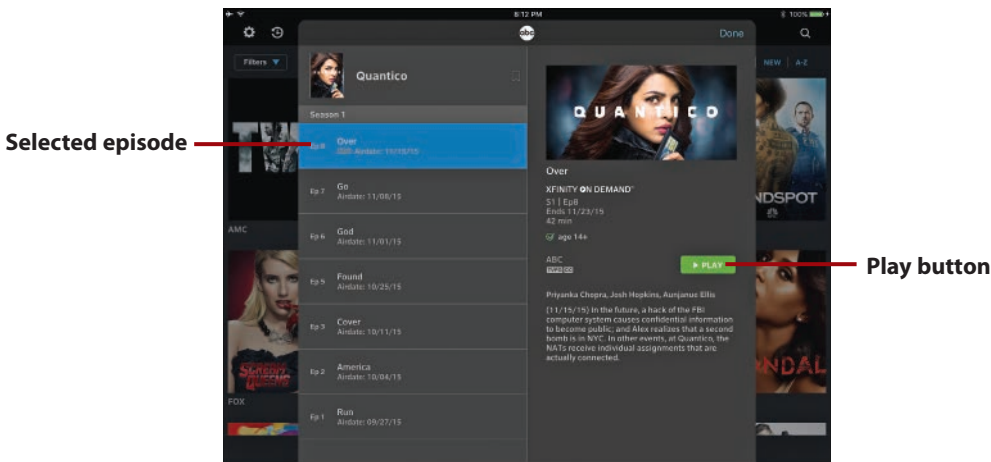
The programming you're able to stream is the same as what you'd see on your television set as a paid cable or satellite TV subscriber, so if a particular show included commercials, you see those same commercials as you stream the program. However, if you watch programming from premium cable channels, such as HBO or Showtime, via your cable or satellite provider's app, this programming is commercial free.

The Xfinity TV GO app (for Comcast/Xfinity cable TV subscribers), for example, allows you to stream live programming from many popular networks. Simply tap the Live icon that's displayed near the bottom-center of the app screen, and then tap a network's logo to begin streaming that programming.



To watch TV shows on an on-demand basis (as opposed to live), tap the TV series icon that's displayed at the bottom of the screen, tap the thumbnail graphic for the TV series you watch to watch (they're listed alphabetically), and then tap the listing for the episode you want to watch. Tap the Play icon to begin streaming that episode.

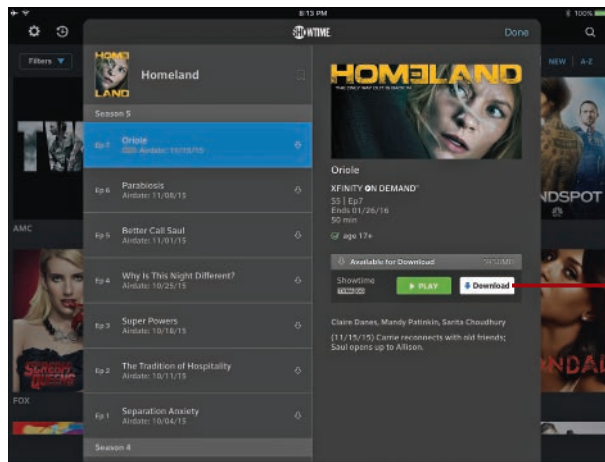
If you want to stream live programming, tap the Live icon at the bottom of the screen and then tap the logo for the television network you want to watch. (Not all TV networks can be streamed live to your mobile device, however.)



Use the App's Search Tool to Quickly Find What You Want

All network apps have a Search tool icon (it's shaped like a magnifying glass). Tap this icon, and then enter in the Search field the title of a TV show or movie or any search phrase that will help you quickly find the programming you're looking for. This can be a keyword, actor's name, or episode title, for example. Tap a search result to view that content.

The apps offered by a growing number of cable or satellite TV service providers also offer the capability to download specific TV show episodes, store them within your mobile device, and then watch them at your leisure, even if an Internet connection is not available later. If this function is available, you see a Download button near the Play button for a TV episode listing.



Episode Download button

Using a Streaming Service's Mobile App

To recap, a streaming service such as Amazon Prime, Hulu, or Netflix is a paid, online-based service that offers a vast and ever-growing library of current and past television show episodes, classic television episodes, and current and classic movies from many content providers that you can stream on a commercial-free basis to your computer, smartphone, tablet, video game system, streaming device, or Smart TV.

Many of these streaming services also produce their own original television series and movies, which are available exclusively from that service.

For the iPhone, iPad, and Android-based smartphones and tablets, each of these streaming services has its own mobile app that's available from the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play App Store (Android). After you begin paying for the streaming service, which typically costs less than \$10.00 per month, and set up your own account, you can stream unlimited programming using the app you've downloaded.

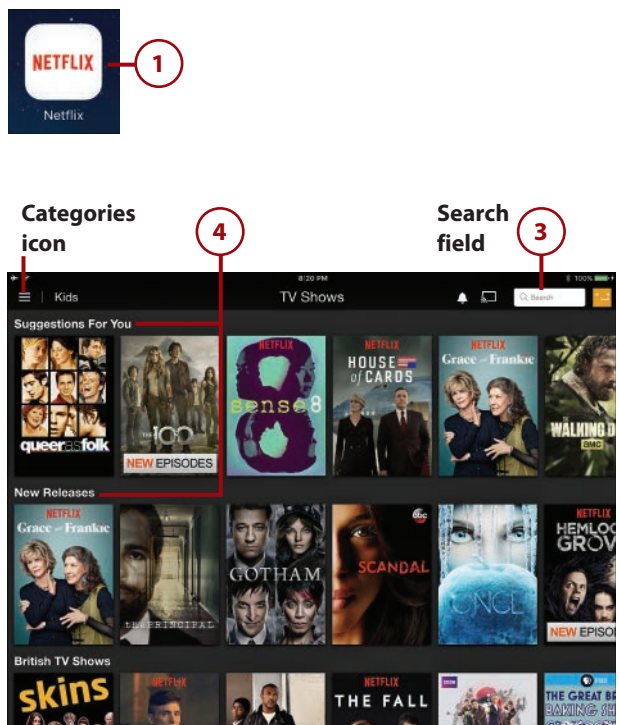
For more information about any of these services, and the unique collection of programming each offers, visit the following websites:

- **Amazon Prime Video**—www.amazon.com/gp/video/storefront
- **Hulu**—www.hulu.com
- **Netflix**—www.netflix.com

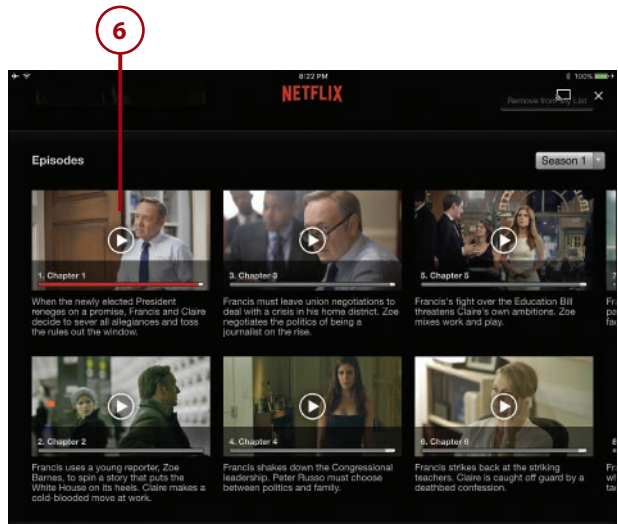
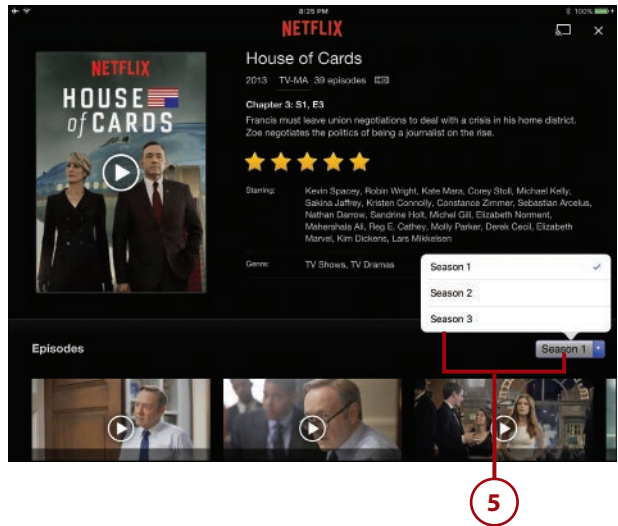
Use the Netflix App

The layout of the various streaming services' apps vary, but how they function is pretty much the same. To give you an idea of how these apps work, the following are general directions for using the Netflix app on an iPad.

- 1 Make sure your mobile device is connected to the Internet, and then launch the Netflix app from the Home screen.
- 2 When prompted, sign in to the service using your username and password (not shown).
- 3 Scroll through the listings of available TV series and movies, perform a search by typing what you're looking for into the app's Search field, or tap the Categories option/icon to find programming based on a specific genre.
- 4 Based on your past viewing habits, the app may suggest specific shows or movies you might like. See the listings under the Suggestions for You heading. You can also view listings for newly added programming under the New Releases heading.



- 5 Tap the Season pop-up menu and then tap a specific season number (assuming multiple seasons of that series are available). You see individual listings for each episode within that season.
- 6 Tap the Play option associated with the episode you want to watch.



- 7 Use the onscreen controls to play/pause the programming. In some cases, Fast Forward and Rewind icons and a Time slider are displayed. When a Time slider is shown, drag your finger to the right along the slider to fast forward, or drag your finger to the left to rewind. Additional onscreen controls allow you to turn on/off closed captioning, adjust the volume, and switch to full-screen viewing mode. If the onscreen controls are not visible, simply tap anywhere on the screen.



Mobile Apps That Make Watching TV More Interactive

In an effort to engage television viewers, many networks have begun experimenting with the creation of a mobile app that's designed to be used while watching particular shows on a television set. In this situation, show-specific mobile apps are offered (for free from the App Store or Google Play App Store) that sync up with the live television broadcast and allow viewers to access additional content on a mobile device's screen, interact in real-time with show cast members and/or other fans, plus participate in polls, or provide other types of live feedback.

Each show-specific mobile app offers a vastly different interactive experience. For example, in conjunction with the SyFy cable television series *12 Monkeys* and *Expanses*, the SyFy Sync mobile app is able to take control of the optional Phillips Hue lighting system installed in your room (www.meethue.com) and change the room's lights to match the colors of particular scenes in the show to create a more visually immersive viewing experience.

Special apps for some TV networks' morning shows, nightly news broadcasts, and late-night talk shows are also available. This includes apps for *The Today Show*, *NBC Nightly News*, *The Tonight Show*, *ABC News*, *48 Hours*, *CBS News*, and *ABC News*.

Discover What Show-Specific Apps Are Available

When a specific app is available for a television show, it's promoted during the show's broadcast. You can then enter the television show title within the Search field of the App Store or Google Play Store to find, download, and install the app.

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