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Getting started: How often do you play video games? What's your favorite video game?

GOOGLE STADIA



Google Stadia is Google's streaming service, which allows users to play games in 4K from a Chrome browser. Available to stream on devices such as Android (and eventually iOS) phones, laptops, tablets, and televisions via Chromecast Ultra, Google Stadia effectively replaces the traditional game console. You have access to several of the biggest games on the market, including Mortal Kombat 11, Destiny 2, Borderlands 3, and Darksiders Genesis, and updates are handled on the server, so you never have to wait before playing your games.

Not all of Stadia's most impressive features are integrated yet, but Google recently showed its long-awaited connection to YouTube, allowing you to click a link from within a video's description to be taken to it on Stadia. Viewers watching a streamer on YouTube will be able to instantly jump into their game to play with them or use a sharing system to replicate their save file and play from where the streamer left off. They'll even be able to start playing games directly from YouTube ads in as little as

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five seconds, and they can access the Google Assistant for tips on how to clear tricky sections of games they're playing.

Stadia will also receive exclusive games, with a few hundred titles added to the service overall while it continues to be updated with new features. However, the service has a long way to go if it wants to compete directly with xCloud or with the new PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series X consoles. That should happen eventually, as Google's internal development staff is growing, led by veteran producer Jade Raymond. It also recently acquired Journey to the Savage Planet creator Typhoon Studios.

Stadia is certainly one of the most robust game-streaming services today, but we would still suggest waiting until it receives a better game lineup. Still, if you don't own a traditional console, it's a quick way to jump into top gaming, and you can cancel your subscription if you decide Google Stadia isn't for you. You can currently access the free version, which caps its games at 1080p resolution. The Pro option costs $10 a month and allows 4K streaming, along with a library of "free games" each month and discounts.

The main issue with Stadia is in its library, which is currently limited to just over a hundred games, a tough situation when competing with entire libraries of thousands of games across PlayStation and Xbox. However, the good thing is that it's comparable to those platform's services, PS Now and Xbox Game Pass, at least in terms of price.

**Adapted from https://www.digitaltrends.com/gaming/best-game-streaming-services/*

Glossary:

- **4K:** 4K resolution refers to a horizontal display resolution of approximately 4,000 pixels.

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7.You don't have to wait a long time for a game to load.

3.Google acquired Typhoon Studios.

1.Playing games in 4K.

6.As you watch a game being streamed, you can immediately access

4.Free games and discounts for those who pay a subscription

2.It's still under construction

1.Just 100 games approximately.

2.You don't need a console.

5.You can connect through YouTube.

9.Reasonable prices as those offered by other gaming platforms

1.Stadia will receive exclusive content

4.You don't lose time waiting while updates are installed

2.Their experienced staff is growing.

2.Be a real rival to Xbox and PlayStation.

1.Expand their game catalogue.

8.Easily access tips to clear certain sections.

3.Access to top games

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