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PlayStation Vue was the best cable TV replacement — so why did it fail?

On Jan. 30, 2020, PlayStation Vue went dark for good. For years, PlayStation Vue was the very best cable replacement service that you could buy, with desirable channels, high-resolution streams, smart DVR options and widespread compatibility.

It really is a shame that most consumers didn't seem to know this.

I've reviewed a lot of cable replacement services in my time, and I've never come across another one like PlayStation Vue. It was more comprehensive than Sling TV; it was easier to use than Hulu with Live TV; it was more customizable than YouTube TV; it was better in every conceivable way than AT&T TV Now. And, like the Microsoft Zune or the Sega Dreamcast, it was simply a little bit too ahead of its time for mainstream adoption.

Years from now, when cable replacement services rule the streaming space and each one is richer in features than the last, I think we'll look back and say, "PlayStation Vue is what made this possible." But for now, Sony's mighty service is gone, and it's worth asking ourselves, "Why?"

What was so great about PlayStation Vue, anyway?

On its surface, PlayStation Vue was pretty similar to other cable replacement services. You paid a monthly fee, no contract required, in exchange for a bunch of basic cable channels streamed over the Internet. It had DVR features, on-demand content, a comprehensive channel guide and so forth. You know the drill.

What you might not know, though, is just how unusual these features were when PS Vue debuted. Remember: When PlayStation Vue launched in March 2015, its only major competitor was Sling TV. As the two services evolved, PS Vue was always the first to get hot new features, leaving Sling to play catch-up. Here are a few things that PlayStation Vue introduced:

DVR features: Who's got time to watch TV on some network executive's schedule? Nobody, that's who. But back when cable replacements first started to spring up, you could watch shows live, access sporadic on-demand content, or rig up a complicated third-party workaround to record shows. PS Vue was the first to introduce DVR features, which are now standard in every similar service. Tiered subscriptions: Not everyone wants the same channels. While Sling's solution of offering one base plan with lots of little add-ons was ingenious, it also had the potential to get very pricey, very fast. PS Vue's approach was a little more sensible, offering everything from cheap Core plans (which started around \$35 per month), all the way up to all-inclusive Ultra plans (which could go for \$80 per month, or more). User profiles: It's bizarre that many cable replacement services still don't offer individual user profiles, but here we are. PS Vue was the first service to let you personalize a channel list, DVR library and roster of favorite shows, and let everyone else in your household do the same. Channel guide: While channel guides on cable TV have been a thing for decades, cable replacement services didn't used to have them. You'd have to scroll with painstaking care through one channel at a time, and these channels didn't always load all that quickly. PS Vue introduced the easy-to-scan guide, which would tell you what was on now, as well as what would be on in the near future, for a dozen or so channels at a time. Local channels: Sling TV still struggles to offer local channels, relying instead on HD antenna workarounds. Sony incorporated local ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC affiliates right from the start. Availability wasn't perfect, depending on your region, but it was another cable-replacement first.

But, as tech history has demonstrated again and again, innovative features alone won't save a doomed product. PlayStation Vue also suffered setbacks right from the get-go, and Sony never addressed them sufficiently.

What killed PlayStation Vue?

Sony has been tight-lipped about the exact reasons PS Vue had to die. I contacted the company through the PR firm that represents PS Vue and got radio silence in response. This is probably due to the fact that the Vue division is likely mopping up and turning off lights at this point, but still, Sony wasn't all that eager to talk about the issue, even when it first announced Vue's discontinuation.

Since Sony didn't share hard data about Vue's revenue or subscribers, all we have to work with are secondary sources. But based on my own observations from a half-decade of covering streaming media, here are the most likely culprits.

The name: When I advised my mom to cut the cord, I told her that PlayStation Vue was the best option. "No thanks," she replied. "I don't want to buy a PlayStation." This scenario must have repeated thousands upon thousands of times — and not every cord cutter has a tech journalist in the

family. PS Vue's name probably fooled many people into thinking that it was a PlayStation-only service, even though it was available on other platforms. Inconsistent apps: While PS Vue was compatible with just about everything, from tablets, to streaming players, to smart TVs, the PS4 app was always far and away the best. (Even the PS3 app had some issues.) PS Vue apps on other platforms often lagged, crashed, or simply wouldn't let users log in due to locational issues. Viewers who didn't own a PS4 probably felt like second-class citizens. Pricing: I think that PS Vue's pricing was very fair. However, that doesn't mean that the service was cheap. Over time, PS Vue's subscription costs crept upward, to the point where the cheapest option cost \$50 per month. That's an awful lot, considering that some cable replacements started at half that price. By the time you got to the \$85-per-month upper tier, you might just as well have gone for a traditional cable package. Lost channels: PS Vue added new channels over time, but it lost a ton of content as well. Viacom and Sinclair both left in 2018, leaving PS Vue without BET, Comedy Central, Nickelodeon and a whole host of local channels. This might have been tolerable if Sony compensated users with a whole suite of new channels or a price break, but channels continued to trickle in while prices went up. It wasn't a good proposition for customers.

There's no denying that Sony made a few mistakes along the way with PlayStation Vue, and I believe that addressing them sooner might have saved the service. But I also believe that PS Vue was downright visionary, as far as cable replacements go, and the responsibility for this one ultimately lies with consumers.

If viewers had done a little more research and been a little more patient with PS Vue, it could have been a much bigger service, and that would have given it more resources, allowing it to solve its problems faster. But, like a lot of great innovations in tech, the market just wasn't ready for what it had to offer.

If Sony ever throws its hat in the live-streaming ring again, I hope that people give it a fair chance and see what it has to offer. And if not, at least we'll always have Crackle.

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Suspensions on PlayStation™Network.

Learn why we suspend players from PlayStation Network (PSN) and what to do if you are suspended.

Why we suspend players.

When you create an account for PlayStation™Network (PSN), you agree to obey the PlayStation™Network Terms of Service, which includes the Community Code of Conduct.

If you breach these terms we may temporarily or permanently suspend your account. For the most serious breaches, we may suspend your PlayStation console from accessing PlayStation Network.

How do I know if my account or console has been suspended from PSN?

If we suspend your account or PlayStation console, you will see an error code when attempting to sign in to PSN.

We usually email you explaining why you've been suspended and how long it will last. We send that to the email address associated with your account (your sign-in ID). Be sure to check your junk or spam folder for the email.

If you have not received a notification, please contact us for further information.

When will my PSN suspension end?

You can access your account once your temporary suspension ends. You can see how long is left by checking the email notification from PlayStation Safety.

Can I appeal my PSN suspension?

Every suspension on PlayStation Network is the result of a thorough investigation by PlayStation Safety staff. As a result, suspensions are final and cannot be appealed unless:

You have been suspended for an account debt. This will be lifted once you have paid off the balance. For more information, please visit the PlayStation Network suspension for account debt guide.

What happens if my account or console is suspended?

If your account is suspended, you will not be able to access PlayStation Network. That means you will not be able to use some products and services, even ones you paid for.

If your console is suspended you will not be able to connect to PlayStation Network with any account.

How can I manage my subscriptions if my account is suspended?

If you are suspended, the following settings will not be available to you:

Add/Remove a Payment Method Turn On/Off Auto Renew for subscription products.

We will never take automatic payment for a subscription from a suspended account. If a subscription payment is due while your account is suspended, we will not attempt to take payment and your subscription (and any associated benefits) will lapse.

In the event that you would like to make changes to your subscription settings while your account is suspended, you will need to contact us.

How to set up a PlayStation for streaming.

If you've got a family fun night planned, get some TV & Movies ready!

Welcome to the PlayStation family! Now that you've got your console it's time to set it up and check out all options you have for family entertainment. Streaming is one way to bring friends and family alike together with your favorite movies and shows. Whether you're making jokes the whole time or silently engrossed, TV is one way to get the people together.

Setting up your PlayStation.

First things first you want to make sure your PlayStation is ready for streaming. After you've got your power cord and HDMI plugged in properly, you will need a connection to the internet to be able to stream. If you haven't gotten your device connected yet, here are the steps how.

Connecting through a LAN cable.

Select "Settings" from the main menu. Select "Network" Select "Set up Internet Connection" Select "Use a LAN Cable" Select "Easy"

Connecting through WiFi.

Select "Use WiFi" Select "Easy" Find the name of the network you want to connect to and select it. Configure your settings to your preferences.

If your WiFi network can not be found after configuring settings, select "Set up Manually" instead and configure them by hand.

Popular streaming apps.

There are plenty of streaming apps available on your PlayStation 4. Be sure to check out the different types of content in each to make sure you're getting the best one for you!

Using PlayStation's Movie & TV menu.

As of March 29, 2018 PlayStation has given its TV & Video section a complete makeover. Instead of having to jump between different apps, the menu will show all of your streaming content available. All you have to do is sign into your apps and then refresh the TV & Video page. This makes finding all of your favorite titles significantly easier!

How to download streaming apps.

Go to the PlayStation Store and find the apps you have subscriptions to. Download it to your PS4. Refresh your TV & Video page to show all the available content.

Using PlayStation Vue.

Here we have a pretty stellar subscription service available directly from your PlayStation Main Menu. There are 4 different subscription options from \$39.99 to \$74.99, depending on how many channel options you would like available to you. To find movies click on the Channel you want to watch (HBO, Showtime, etc) and select the movie option from your menu bar!

Click below to check out the rates and options for channels available on PlayStation Vue!

Setting up PlayStation Vue.

Go to the PlayStation Store . Choose which subscription service is best for you. Add in your payment options. Open the PlayStation Vue app from the Movie & TV menu. Find the movies and shows you want to watch and select them.

Already have a casting device?

Any supported device can be connected through your console. I've included below the instructions for the two most popular casting devices, the Roku and Google Chromecast!

How to connect your Roku to the PlayStation Vue.

Add PlayStation Vue from the Channel Store on your Roku. Open PlayStation Vue from your Roku. Select "Activate your device". (If you don't have a PlayStation Vue account, follow the link above to check it out!) Go to [psvue.com/activateroku](https://psvue.com/activateroku) Sign in with your PlayStation Network ID Enter the activation code shown on your Roku device.

How to connect your Google Chromecast to PlayStation Vue.

How to stream movies on Playstation.

There are plenty of choices for watching movies on your PlayStation 4. No matter what you are in the mood to watch more than likely there is a way for your console to get it on the screen. So check out below and see how to get the best movies streaming on your TV!

Streaming apps.

From apps like Hulu, Netflix, and Amazon Prime you can find just about anything you are want. All of the lists are pretty diverse meaning you can find one title on Netflix chances are you won't find it on Hulu.

How to use streaming apps on your PlayStation.

Set up your subscription online by following the link below. Download the app from the PlayStation Store to your PS4 Launch the app on your PS4 Sign in to your account from the service. Find the movies you wanna watch and get the popcorn ready!

Available streaming apps.

I've collected a list of streaming apps available on your PS4. Click the links to check out what they have to offer. If you like what you see you can set up your subscription online by following the instructions on the website!

PlayStation Store Downloads.

Another option you have is to buy and download the movie directly from the PlayStation Store. If you're not too big of a movie person to justify paying for a monthly subscription to a streaming service than this is definitely an option to check out. This way you can watch your favorite movie for a one-time fee whenever you want.

All you have to do is find the movie you want to download, add in your subscription.

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Casting through PlayStation Vue.

Another amazing option that PlayStation Vue has is the ability to hook up your casting device to your TV and run it through your PS4. Any supported device can be connected through your console. I've included below the instructions for the two most popular casting devices, the Roku and Google Chromecast!

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How to connect your Google Chromecast to PlayStation Vue.

Download PlayStation Vue from Google Play Open PlayStation Vue while connected to the same Wi-Fi as the Chromecast Sign in with your PlayStation Network account Tap the casting icon to connect.

YouTube.

These days YouTube has been opening a lot of channels when it comes to their viewing content. There are a few different options when it comes to YouTube content, and all of them are at pretty fair prices.

There is YouTube Premium, which gives you access to all the content that YouTube creates. For \$11.99 a month all of their TV shows to their movies will be available to you whenever. Or, if you are already a Google Play subscriber, your YouTube Premium account comes for free!

Now on YouTube TV, which sounds like it will only give you access to TV shows. But, a subscription to YouTube TV also gives you access to titles that were created by other companies. This way you can watch movies like Maleficent without having to spend the \$2.99 to rent it. (Of course, if you're not interested in a monthly subscription, renting is always a one time fee you can foot the bill on!)

How to rent or buy a movie from YouTube.

Search for the title you wish to watch or Click here to see the movies available Select the rent or buy option, depending on your preference. Add in your payment options and enjoy your movie.

How to subscribe to YouTube Premium.

Thoughts?

What is your favorite way to watch movies on your PlayStation 4? Which do you think is the easiest? Or, just tell us about your favorite movie in the comment section below!