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Apple TV (1st generation)

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The **1st-generation Apple TV**, stylized as tv, was unveiled by Apple as a work in progress called **"iTV"** on September 12, 2006 at an Apple Special Event using a modified Front Row interface using the Apple Remote.[1][2] Apple TV first shipped on March 21, 2007 with a 40 GB hard disk and Apple TV Software 1.0.[3] An updated model with a 160 GB HDD was released on May 31, 2007; subsequently, Apple ceased selling the 40 GB HDD version on September 14, 2009.[4]

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Product ID	A1218 (Apple TV 1,1)
Developer	Apple Inc.
Generation	1
Announced	September 12, 2006 (iTV) January 9, 2007 (Apple TV)
Released	March 21, 2007
Discontinued	September 1, 2010
CPU	1 GHz Intel Pentium M
GPU	Nvidia GeForce Go 7300 (64 MB)
RAM	256 MB
Storage	40 or 160 GB IDE drive
Ports	Power (IEC C7) USB 2.0 (service use only) Ethernet HDMI RCA component out (R, G, B) RCA audio out (left, right) TOSLINK optical audio out
Operating System	Apple TV Software 1.0 to 3.0.2 (based on Mac OS X 10.4.7 Tiger)



History

Release and naming

Apple started taking pre-orders for Apple TV on January 9, 2007. The name "iTV" was originally going to be used to keep the product in line with the rest of their "i"-based products (iMac, iPod, etc.), but was not used because the British terrestrial broadcast network ITV holds the rights to the name in the UK and threatened to take legal action against Apple.[5]

Software updates

On January 15, 2008, a software upgrade was announced; this turned the Apple TV into a stand-alone device which removed the requirement for a computer running iTunes on Mac OS X or Windows to stream or sync content to it, and making most of the Apple TV's hard disk redundant. The update allowed the iTunes Store content to be directly rented and purchased, as well as photo streaming and podcast downloads from MobileMe (which was called .Mac at the time) and Flickr.[6] Front Row became deprecated, and a new interface was introduced for the original Apple TV in which content was organized into six categories, all of which appeared in a large square box on the screen upon startup (movies, TV shows, music, YouTube, podcasts, and photos) and presented in the initial menu, along with a "Settings" option for configuration, including software updates.[7][8]



The Front Row interface of Apple TV Software 1.0.

On July 10, 2008, Apple released the Remote app through the newly-opened App Store.[9] The Apple TV Software 2.1 update had been released the previous day, adding support for iPhones and iPod Touches running the Remote app as a software alternative to Apple Remote control hardware devices.[10] Later updates to the Apple TV, iTunes, and Remote software added support for the iPad, and introduced support for new features as they were added to iTunes.[*citation needed*]

In July 2011, Apple discontinued the Front Row interface for Mac users.[11]

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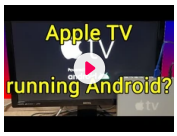
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Discontinuation and alternatives

On September 9, 2015, Apple discontinued service and support for the first generation Apple TV.[12] Beginning May 25, 2018, the iTunes Store is no longer accessible from the device, due to its obsolete security standards.[13] YouTube is also no longer supported on this device.[14]

Some users have found Mac mini models that are capable of running Front Row on Mac OS X 10.4 to 10.6.8 to be a usable alternative to newer Apple TV consoles.[15]

Hacking



Android on Apple TV (1st generation)

Though declared obsolete by Apple, the Pentium M processor of the 1st-generation Apple TV makes it possible for it to be hacked to run other operating systems. A YouTuber managed to get one to boot into Android 2.2 (Froyo). Android 4.0.4 (Ice Cream Sandwich) could also be installed, but with color-related graphical display issues.[16]

The 1st-generation Apple TV can be hacked to run Linux as a pathway to installing a customized version of Kodi media center software.[17][18]

Enthusiasts have also discovered methods of hacking the 1st-generation Apple TV like a Hackintosh to install unsupported versions of Mac OS X.[19] It is possible for it to boot Mac OS X 10.5 from a USB drive, but this may prevent the USB 2.0 port from being connected with other useful peripherals, such as a keyboard. Another option is to copy a bootable disk image to an internal IDE hard drive through a utility like Carbon Copy Cloner and then swap it in. The 1st-generation Apple TV is known to support up to Mac OS X 10.5.5 (with full video and partial audio functionality), 10.5.8 (with no audio),[20] or 10.6.3 (with limited functionality due to RAM limitations).[21]

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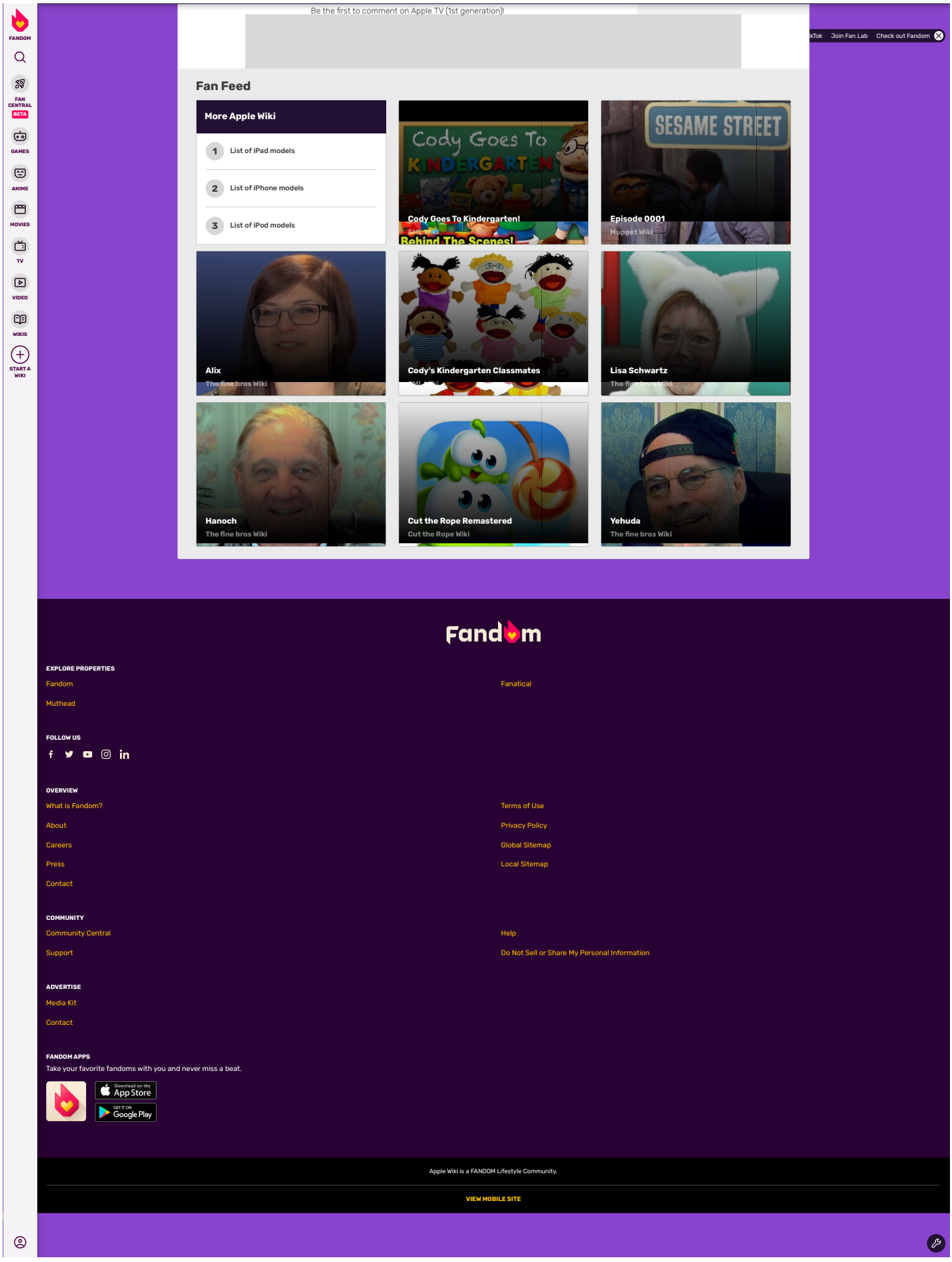
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