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The Tube 2.7: TV Streaming via iChat

Posted May 18th 2008 9:00AM by [Steven Sande](#)

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The folks who brought you the [TubeStick](#) USB digital TV tuners have released The Tube 2.7. [Equinix](#) is providing this free upgrade to The Tube, the software component of the TubeStick products. The new version enhances the timeshifting and electronic program guide features of The Tube 2.6, and adds even more functionality. What's new?



- **Placeshifting** -- Share a digital TV show via iChat. If you're running Leopard, just drag The Tube icon to an active chat. Your chat buddies can view or record the show, and you can talk about the show while watching it.
- **Enhanced EPG** -- The Electronic Program Guide (EPG) is updated twice daily, and an open plug-in structure opens the door to other program guides.
- **Leopard Features** -- Add a stack of video recordings to the Dock, use QuickLook to preview your recordings, and set up Time Machine to avoid backing up your videos.
- **Create A Podcast Of Your Recordings** -- Any recordings added to a TubeToGo web gallery can be subscribed to via RSS, so recordings can be browsed and viewed on Apple TV.
- **Closed Captioning**

Do you already own a TubeStick? Go get the update. If you don't, the new features in [The Tube 2.7](#) may be just the thing to push your purchase decision!

Note: A bug fix, v 2.7.1, is now the downloadable version of The Tube. Check the [version history](#) for details.

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1 5-18-2008 @ 11:18AM

Andrew said...



Too bad they still don't support DVB MPEG4!
Lucky me living in the first country in Europe to use MPEG4 instead of MPEG2.. Go Norway! :(

P.S. If someone from Equinix reads this please put some more pressure on your team to actually do something about it. I would love to use my Tubestick at home.

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2 5-19-2008 @ 7:52AM

ryanwalklin said...



Just get an Elgato DTT stick. The 3.0.2 software supports NZ/Norwegian h.264/AAC broadcasts.



3 5-18-2008 @ 2:33PM

David Chartier said...



Brilliant idea with the iChat sharing and chatting. Some apps like Joost let you chat with whoever else is watching a show at the same time, but being able to watch a show with a *friend* is really valuable.

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4 5-18-2008 @ 11:10PM

Seth said...



iChat is a clever add, but the EPG is damn-near unusable in the US. Equinix... supports XM-TV... you can add your program guide...

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— US. Equinix "supports XMLTV, you can add any program guide you prefer." Cool! So what's this "xmltv" thing you speak of? Hmm...sourceforge link. That's worrisome. Ahh. PERL scripts. Not liking this... Fink project. Erm.... getting more uncomfortable. X11? Yikes! Surely Equinix has a list of sites to download what I need without resorting to extreme hackery...

<http://www.equinix.com/us/products/tubestick/xmltv.html>

I see. Only if I live in Germany.

I don't know how much utility sharing my broadcast (IE, network) television with other people over iChat will really be. Me? I'd just like to know what's on without having to go to TVGuide.com... after all, there's a big stupid list of channels on the right hand side. It sure would have been nifty if Equinix had figured out some way to populate their blank spaces with programming.

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