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This eBook addresses the subject, with respect to 'Roku Manufactured' Streaming Devices, as international devices and as such

this eBook is not country specific, addressing any geographical differences where they are significant.

Note: Should a potential purchaser merely wish to make use of the more limited access to local network and on-line media content

provided by 'Roku Manufactured' Streaming Devices to stream video & movies, using the basic features of a specific

'Roku Manufactured' Streaming Device and associated software, then this eBook is not a requirement and such potential purchasers

are advised that this eBook will be of no interest to them and should not attempt to purchase it.

The main change in the expected functionality of the traditional television set, or 'Dumb' TV, in the last few years is the

ability to do rather more than passively watch scheduled broadcast television programmes. A 'Smart TV' is a TV set which has

'integrated network connectivity', it can 'see' the home network, and through it is connected to the Internet.

The functionality of a 'Smarter' TV or 'Dumb' TV / 'Roku Manufactured' Streaming Device Combination, used to emulate the

functionality of a Smart TV through the use of NOW TV or Roku Box hardware and software combination, may be fully utilised by

giving it access to a suitable DLNA®/uPnPTM Compliant Network & Internet 'channel' Digital Media Server Application running on a Windows/Linux/Apple Mac OSX based Desktop or Laptop computer. Such an application gives the 'Smarter' TV access to home network

media content and a large number Internet 'channels' which are not provided by the NOW TV or Roku Box itself. A 'Smarter' TV

can be the platform for 'Cord-Cutting' or 'Cord-Fraying', the complete or partial disconnection of paid Cable or Satellite TV

Services.

This eBook provides all the practical instructions that the reader requires to add access to local network and additional

user selected internet 'channels' to any 'Dumb' TV, using a Windows/Linux/Apple Mac OSX based Desktop or Laptop computer, an

Internet DLNA®/uPnPTM Compliant Digital Media Server application and home broadband network.

Unlike other methods which rely on the Graphical User Interface (GUI) of an device external to the 'Roku

Manufactured' Streaming

Device used to 'Push' content to the 'Dumb' TV / 'Roku Manufactured' Streaming Device Cobination, the method described here more

closely emulates the behaviour of a typical Smart TV by 'seamlessly integrating' an installed Graphical User Interface (GUI)

along side that of the 'Roku Manufactured' Streaming Devices' Graphical User Interface (GUI) itself, in use, to 'Pull' digital

media content to the screen of the 'Dumb' TV in use.

Although a Smart Phone/Tablet is not required to use the techniques described within this eBook, the reader may choose to take

advantage of one as a Touch Screen Graphical replacement for the more usual Infra-red remote contol usually supplied with NOW TV

or Roku Boxes. This allows selection of both local Network and, the added, internet 'channels' using a Smart Phone or Tablet.

This eBook does NOT address the 'Sideloading' of the Official 'PLEX' 'client' 'app' 'Plex' for 'Plex Media Server' to NOW TV Box,

Roku 1, 2 XS, 2 XD, 3 or Roku Streaming Stick Devices, since this would be a copyright violation.

This eBook is highly graphical in nature in order to minimise the amount of text the reader is presented with, this is reflected

in the high page count and larger than usual file size of the eBook, it moves very quickly after a little reading into 'hands-on'

practical demonstrations.

No advanced technical aspects of the underlying networking technology are discussed. No prior knowledge or advanced technical

skills are required to achieve the final result. The reader is not required to understand, and will not be presented with, any

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