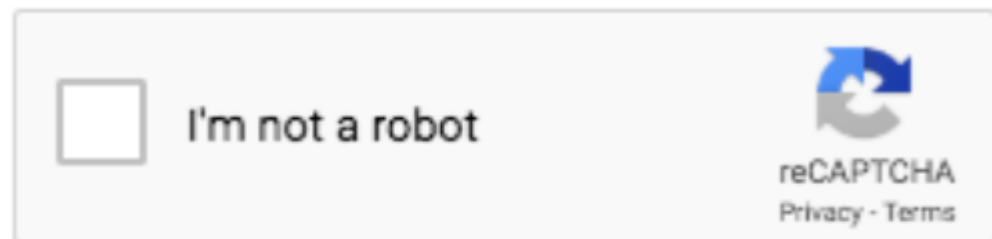


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Front Row App Mac

Freckle by Renaissance helps K-12 teachers differentiate instruction to reach every student at their own level across Math, ELA, Social Studies and Science. You can either try to get Front Row running on Lion, or try Plex. Front Row was discontinued in OS X Lion; that's probably why you can't find it. That said, there's nothing to stop you running it, if you don't mind a few limitations. Mac OS X v10.7 Lion; Mac OS X v10.6 Snow Leopard; Mac OS X v10.5 Leopard; Mac OS X v10.4 Tiger; Mac OS X v10.3 and earlier; Mac OS X Technologies; Classic Mac OS (OS9, OS8 & System 7) Photos for Mac; QuickTime; Safari; Front Row. Also, I deleted all Front Row related launcher apps and scripts from my machine; the only thing I have now is Front Row 1.1 and Front Row Enabler (1.01). Don't forget to restart your machine! IMO, Front Row Enabler-and the directions above-is by far the least troublesome way to get Front Row on your machine. With COUGNATION Front Row, fans can cheer on their favorite team as if they were in the front row of the arena! Created by PrestoSports in partnership with Mount Royal University, COUGNATION Front Row gives fans access to score updates, statistics and game recaps. Receive breaking news, scores and alerts by signing up for notifications. Fans click the notifications button on the more tab to.

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Developer(s)	Apple Inc.
Stable release	2.2.1 (314) / November 9, 2009
Operating system	Mac OS X
Type	Media Center
License	Proprietary
Website	www.apple.com/macosx/features/300.html#frontrow

Front Row is a discontinued media center software application for Apple's Macintosh computers and Apple TV for navigating and viewing video, photos, podcasts, and music from a computer, optical disc, or the Internet through a 10-foot user interface (similar to Kodi and Windows Media Center). The software relies on iTunes and iPhoto and is controlled by an Apple Remote or the keyboard function keys. The first version was released October 2005, with two major revisions since. Front Row was removed and discontinued in Mac OS X 10.7.^[1]

[Versions](#)[\[edit\]](#)

[Introduction](#)[\[edit\]](#)

Front Row was first unveiled on October 12, 2005 with the new iMac G5 (along with the built-in iSight camera, the Apple Remote, and Photo Booth).^[2] The software was billed as an alternative interface for playing and running iPhoto, DVD Player, and iTunes (Internet radio stations could play by adding the station into a playlist in iTunes).

Front Row v1.3.1 running on Tiger

[Apple TV](#)[\[edit\]](#)

The next incarnation, released in the original Apple TV software in March 2007, was a complete, stand alone application that played content directly from libraries. Among the features added were more prominent podcasts and TV show menus, trailer streaming, a settings menu, streaming content from computers on the local network, and album and video art for local media. In the summer of 2007, Apple released an update adding streaming of YouTube videos.

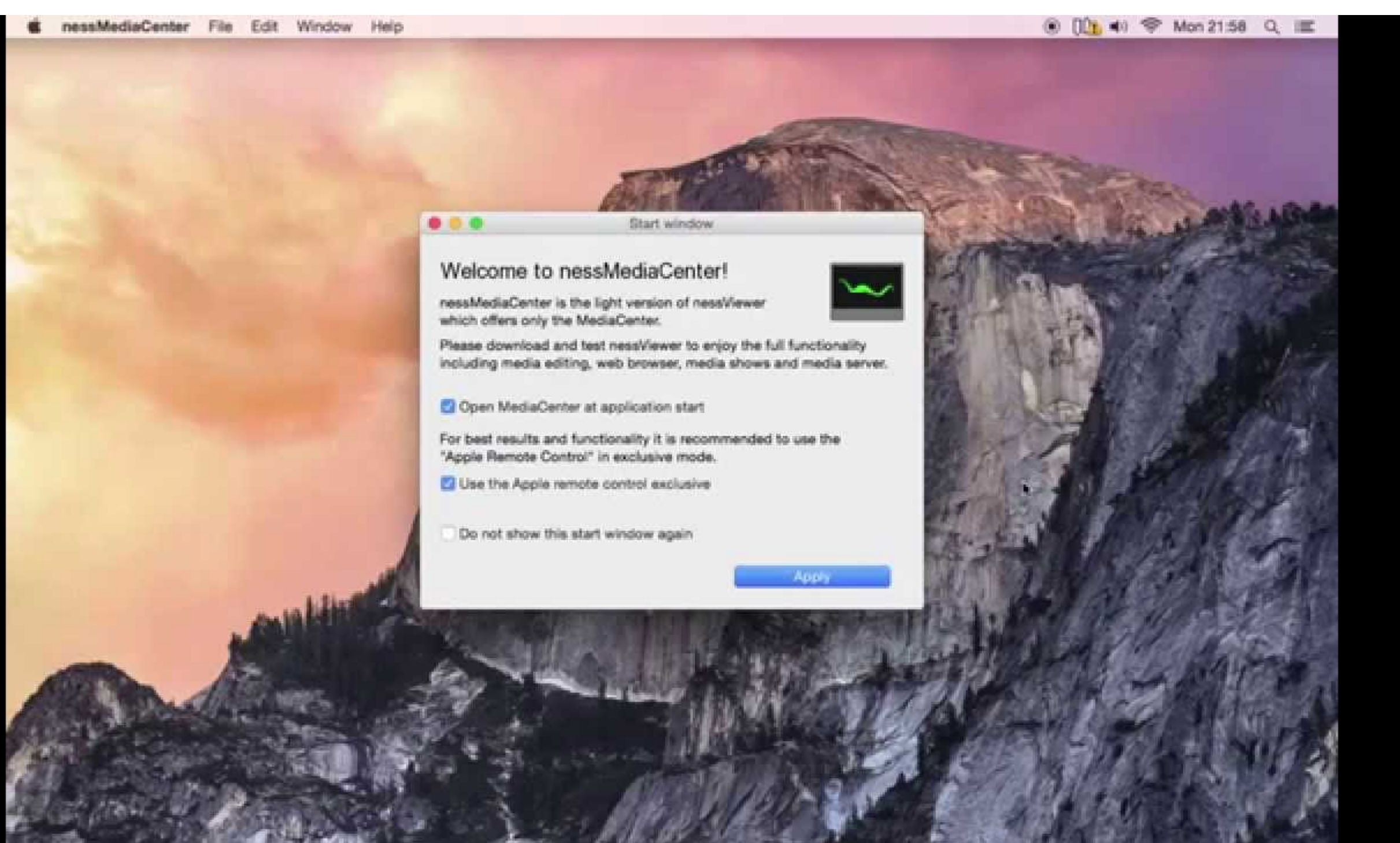
[Version two](#)[\[edit\]](#)

Released in November 2007 with Mac OS X v10.5 (Leopard),^[3] version two of Front Row included the new features introduced with the Apple TV (except for the YouTube viewer), a different opening transition, ending AirTunes functionality, and a launcher application in addition to the Command+Escape keyboard shortcut.

Front Row 2 has an undocumented plug-in architecture, for which various third-party plugins are now available, based on reverse-engineering the Front Row environment. Because it uses QuickTime to render video, Front Row can utilize any codec installed in QuickTime, including DivX, Xvid, and WMV, and play DVD images copied to the hard disk. However, because Front Row does not use QuickTime X, it lacks support for certain codec features like Sample Aspect Ratio.

['Take 2'](#)[\[edit\]](#)

In January 2008, Apple announced an update branded 'Apple TV Take Two' for Apple TV Software. In addition to the prominent addition of direct downloads for movies, TV episodes, and podcasts via the iTunes Store, movie rentals, the ability to view online photos from Flickr or MobileMe (branded .Mac at the time), and the ability to stream audio to AirTunes were added. This update did away with Front Row and introduced a new interface 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.^{[4][5]}



[Discontinuation](#)[\[edit\]](#)

Front Row was discontinued with the July 2011 release of Mac OS X Lion (v 10.7). The software appeared in neither the early Developer Previews nor the final version.

While it was initially possible to reinstall Front Row by copying the frameworks and application into OS X Lion,^[6]iTunes v 10.4 on 22 July 2011 broke compatibility, causing those who updated iTunes to lose access to their music through Front Row.^[7]

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(This post is a work in progress, that I will continue to update and tweak. The comments are great, with a whole variety of suggestions and details of other setups. I'll try and keep the comments open as long as I can)

Apple Front Row

Apple TV or Mac Mini?

No getting away from it - I still yearned for a Mac based media centre. I'd hoped Wii Transfer would fit the bill, but the quality of the video streaming isn't good enough (yet?).

That meant either a Mac Mini or an Apple TV, but that's a hard decision. Apple TV has the ease of use that makes it ideal for the home. No fiddling about, but no PVR functionality either. In the end, I went for the Mac Mini's potential over the Apple TV 'just works', and using FrontRow and EyeTV to provide the interface.

But, I'd dabbled with a Mac Mini media Centre a couple of years ago, with a G4 Mini hacked to use FrontRow. I gave up on it a few months after, but recently decided that the time was now right. So what's different this time around?

Front Row built into Leopard - rather than tied to particular machines and requiring a hack to make it work. Front Row 2 also adopts the plugin 'appliance' architecture of Apple TV, as well as supporting sharing from other macs. As far as I can see it only lacks the YouTube feature of the Apple TV.

Screen sharing - After using other VNC clients, the inbuilt screen sharing facility is easy and responsive. I can barely notice a difference in performance between administering the Mac Mini and working on my MacBook Pro.

Intel Mac Minis - Compared the original G4 Mac Mini I was trying to use, the new Intel Mac Minis are faster, have larger hard drives and Bluetooth and airport as standard (which the G4 didn't have). They also come with a built in remote and receiver. I previously used a bluetooth phone and Salling Clicker, which works, but it isn't the kind of 'slick solution' you can hand to someone else and expect them to want to use it. The Apple remote works very well, and isn't too simple (it is easier to lose though, and you can't ring it to find out where it is.)

Leopard brings everything you need to run a media centre, with the exception of a PVR, and an automagic system for adding new content to the Mini. Finally, I was trying to run the last system through our old CRT telly, that only had 2 scart inputs. It looks like ass. Now that we have an LCD, it doesn't.



So after studying the Apple Refurb Store for a few weeks, I picked up a good deal:

So, onto the setup...

Preferences

One of the first things you'll want to do is minimise the possibility of the OS giving you messages, so go to System Preferences > Bluetooth, and make sure this option isn't ticked:

Otherwise you'll get interfering messages, worrying about the lack of a keyboard attached. Likewise, go to System Preferences > Software Update and make sure it isn't checking for updates.

Hardware

This is how my hardware is setup: A Mac Mini sends video to the TV with a DVI to HDMI cable, while the sound is sent through my stereo with a headphone to dual composite cable. If I wasn't playing music, I would just send the audio to the TV. I'm using a Western Digital MyBook external drive to store everything on, but I'd like to replace this with something larger, quieter and (if possible) no blinking lights! The only other piece of hardware is the EyeTV Hybrid dongle.

Essential Apps and plugins

You probably have a different list of essentials, but having tried **a lot** of potential apps, these are the ones I've settled into using:

Perian

A plugin that allows playback of .avi, .flv (amongst many others) in Front Row. Installs as a System Preference.

Syncopation

I use this to automate the adding of new content from my MacBook. You set the Mac mini to subscribe to however many Macs you want, and as long as its open on both, it will suck in any new tracks, movies etc. Works really well, I just wish it had some way of letting you know on the MacBook end that all new tracks have been imported. For Movies though, I'm finding it easier to share the Movies folder on the Mini and just drop the files in there, rather than try and get them into iTunes.

Handbrake

For ripping your DVDs, everyone should know about this!

EyeTV

Along with an Elgato Hybrid stick, this provides the PVR functionality, along with more recording features than my DVD Recorder does. Being able to set up smart recording schedules is genius, and I tend set every recording to automatically export as Apple TV, which adds it to iTunes for me.

PyeTV

A 'Front Row Appliance', which adds an EyeTV menu item to Front Row. This has now reached version 1, is easier to install, and the transitions between EyeTV and FrontRow are smoother.

Also, I haven't tried it yet, but Sapphire looks interesting.

Moving the iTunes Library

I soon ran out of space on the Mac Mini, and while I was loathe to add yet another bloody plug to the overloaded adaptors behind the telly, it had to be done. (An external hard drive doesn't tend to be as quiet as the Mac Mini either!). Relocating the Movies folder to the external hard drive was as easy as using an alias, but the iTunes library is a bit more troublesome. It **should** be as easy as choosing the new location in iTunes Preferences > Advanced, but I couldn't manage to do this and retain paths. Everytime I wanted to play something, I had to select the new path to the file.

Instead, I created a folder on the hard drive, and rather than copy across everything manually, I chose this new folder as the library location in the advanced preferences, and used 'consolidate library'. This not only copied everything across, but this time updated the paths to the media files, and everything plays as it should!

Switching between FrontRow and EyeTV

Everything works well in this setup, with the exception of navigating between the 2 applications - Frontrow and EyeTV. There are a few ways around this:

1. Before launching FrontRow, I make sure that EyeTV is open, and on fullscreen mode (see below). Then I can go back to EyeTV by pressing the menu button on the FrontRow main screen. Pressing and holding the menu button in EyeTV shows it's onscreen menu (in which you can do almost all the work that you'll need to do). Pressing menu once will return you to FrontRow. Sometimes it can be annoying if you don't remember to press and hold in EyeTV, and you get whisked away to FrontRow.
2. The Pye TV plugin for FrontRow adds an EyeTV menu, from which you can launch FrontRow, its recordings, or the programme guide.
3. Setting recordings to automatically export to Apple TV means that they will appear in FrontRow's 'TV Shows' menu a few hours afterwards (depending on the length of recording, processor speed etc).

Finally, you'll want to make sure that Syncopation, EyeTV and FrontRow are all set to open at startup. If EyeTV is set to 'Start EyeTV in full screen' (Preferences > Full Screen), then when the Mac restarts everything is ready to go.

Downsides

When it works, it's great. The trouble is that 15% of the time something happens - EyeTV crashes, iTunes has been updated and won't let you play anything until you've accepted terms and conditions, or another app is telling you that an update is available.

For these times, I don't have an easy solution, other than to screen share and sort it out with the MacBook. Sometimes (like in the instance of EyeTV crashing) you just have to restart.

I'll add more detail and photos when I can...