

How can I stream on a SmartTV?

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You may experience issues trying to load FORMED on your SmartTV's browser. This is because the pre-loaded browser on your SmartTV may not be compatible with our site configurations. Our supported browser's are Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge and Internet Explorer.

For this reason we recommend the below suggestions for using FORMED on your SmartTV.

Direct Connection:

You may use an **HDMI cord/cable** to connect your HDMI-enabled computer to your SmartTV (all of which have at least one HDMI input). After you have connected the cord to both devices your computer screen should be mirrored on your SmartTV.

If not you may need to navigate to your computer's projector/projector settings and ensure that either "Duplicate" or "Second Screen Only" is selected. The latter choice will cause the video to only appear on the TV.

Chromecast:

If you use **Google Chrome** (<https://www.google.com/chrome/browser/desktop/>) as your browser you can stream videos or movies from FORMED with a **Chromecast** (<https://www.google.com/chromecast/tv/>) to your SmartTV. This device will allow you to stream FORMED from your computer, tablet or smart-phone to your SmartTV.

*We've found the easiest way to cast FORMED is by using a computer with the chrome browser, rather than casting from a phone or tablet.

Casting from your Computer:

Instructions for installing and "casting" (the term for streaming your video to your TV from Chrome) are below:

1. Plug the Chromecast into a USB port on your TV and follow the instructions provided in the Chromecast manual to connect to your wi-fi.
2. Download and install the **Google Cast Plugin** (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/google-cast/boadgeojelhgndaghljhdicfkmllpafd?hl=en>) to your Chrome browser on your computer. Ensure that this device is on the same wi-fi as your TV.
3. Connect Chrome to your SmartTV.

You will then see the Chromecast icon (a rectangular box with a slanted wi-fi signal in the lower right corner) in the top right of a "cast-eligible tab" - one for which you can cast to your TV. Click that icon and select your TV from the list. Your browsing screen should then be visible on your SmartTV screen. You can then control the video through the player on your computer.