

12 NETFLIX HACKS TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Can't decide what to watch? Try Netflix Roulette.

You don't have to spend hours deciding what to watch on Netflix. Let [this service](#) make the decision for you. For the best matches, filter your results by direction, actor, or keyword.

Browse hidden genres.

With thousands of movies and shows on Netflix, there are only so many categories that will fit neatly under their Browse function. So, what do you do if you're looking for the perfect classic?

Netflix has tons of hidden categories — here's how to see them: [Netflix Hidden Categories List](#)

Customize subtitles.

Tired of not being able to understand a foreign film because the subtitles are too small?

Netflix lets you change subtitle appearance dramatically, even letting you adjust fonts, colors, backgrounds, and size. Head to "Subtitle appearance" under your account settings.

Watch Netflix with long-distance friends.

Maybe you don't want to watch Stranger Things alone. Maybe "the Upside Down" is just too scary. Well, you don't have to, my friend.

Use [Rabbit](#), a free platform that lets you share what's on your screen (Netflix and [Hulu](#) included) with one or more friends. Only one of you needs a Netflix and Rabbit account, but all of you need Google Chrome to view shows or movies. You can even instant message and talk while the movie or show is playing.

Rate everything you watch to get the best recommendations.

After you watch something, don't forget to give it a star rating. Each time you do this, Netflix gets to know you a bit better and will make more show and movie

recommendations, saving you from spending an hour browsing for something to watch the next time.

Get better movie ratings, recommendations, and change the look of your account with the Flix Plus Chrome extension.

[Flix Plus](#) was developed by LifeHacker so that you can enjoy a more personalized experience on Netflix. Not only will the free plugin show you movie ratings from IMDb and Rotten Tomatoes, but you're also able to remove spoilers, filter recommendations by hiding certain titles, and more. Plus, it'll tell you when a movie is about to expire on Netflix.

Find and change your viewing history.

Go to "[Viewing activity](#)" to see what has been viewed on your account.

You can also delete items from the list. This will help you get recommendations about things you actually want to see and not recommendations based on your kids' viewing activity.

Turn off auto play on your kid's profile.

Netflix uses many tricks to get viewers to spend as much time on the platform as possible. The tricks work on adults, and they likely work even better on kids.

You can turn off at least one of these tricks — the auto play feature — by heading to "Playback settings" and unchecking the box next to "Play next episode automatically."

This way, your kid (and you) don't get sucked into a never-ending binge-watch.

(You're welcome. ;))

Customize the subtitles.

By selecting "[Subtitle appearance](#)," you can mess with the subtitles.

You can make the words bigger or smaller, change the font, select the brightest colors and choose strange color combinations.

Maybe you want to help your kid learn to read. Maybe you just think your kid will have fun making the subtitles look wacky. Either way, Netflix makes this easy.

If you change your mind, you can just select "Reset to default" on that page.

Make your profile look unappealing.

If everyone keeps watching Netflix using your profile, they can easily mess up all your lists and history. So, just rename it to something else like "My feet stink." Problem solved.

Watch Netflix at off-peak hours for better video quality

Improve your video quality by streaming during less busy hours (like early in the morning, late at night, etc.), according to a Digital Trends report.

During the study, they found video quality and speed improved significantly during hours when fewer people were logged in and watching.

Sort movies by year.

While Netflix features the ability to sort movies and TV shows by genre, there's a simple hack that can also sort chronologically by year (in a web browser).

Just go to a category page like horror, drama, or comedy and look for a small box with four dots inside on the upper right-hand side of the page.

It will then expand the "Suggestions for You" drop-down menu, which gives you the option to sort by year of release with the most recent titles at the top of the page and the older ones at the bottom. *It can even sort in alphabetical or reverse alphabetical order.*