SMART ASSISTANTS
ALEXA, GOOGLE HOME, SIRI

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WHAT IS A SMART ASSISTANT?

- help answer questions
- act as a phone
- smart home support
WHAT CAN A SMART ASSISTANT DO?

- set a timer when you’re in the kitchen
- tell you weather/traffic when taking a day trip
- play music during a party
- add items handsfree to your shopping list instead of hunting down paper/pens
What’s Needed?

- WiFi
- Amazon Account (Prime optional)
- Smartphone or tablet (iOS, Android, Kindle Fire)
Versions/Prices

Differences
- Speaker quality
- Size
- Outputs (bluetooth, AUX)
• amazon.com purchases
• Smart home support (smart light bulbs, smart switches, etc)
• music services (amazon music exclusive, spotify, pandora, iHeartRadio)
• multi-room audio
• calling & video calling (no Skype support)
  • receiving and calling (drop-ins)
• Misc services (uber, capital one, etc)
• Only records when the hotword (Alexa, Echo, Amazon) is spoken
• Activity can be manually deleted online or in the smartphone app
• More important to keep your Amazon password strong and secure
What’s Needed?

- Wi-Fi
- Google Account
- Smartphone or Tablet (iOS or Android)
 Versions/Prices

Differences

- Speaker quality
- Size
- Home Max has an output for connecting to other speakers
- Outgoing calls (no Skype support)
- Google Assistant (Google!!! search, calendar, weather, news, uber, etc)
- Music (Google Play exclusive, iHeartRadio, Pandora, YouTube Music)
- Video (YouTube, Netflix, etc)
- Shopping (Google Express)
- Google Cast - Multi-room audio + Chromecast
- Smart Home integration (smart lights, smart switches, smart appliances, etc)
• Conversations with Google Home are encrypted by default
• Only records when the hotword (OK Google, Hey Google) is spoken
• Activity can be manually deleted online or in the smartphone app
• Can access your contacts, search history on other devices, etc only if given permission
What's Needed?

• WiFi
• Apple ID
• iPhone or iPad (iOS only—not compatible with Apple computers)
APPLE HOMEPOD
SINGLE VERSION – ONE PRICE

APPLE HOME POD $350

Released in February 2018
• Siri assistant (search web, calendar, weather, news, etc)
• Hand-off phone calls (start on iPhone)
• Push notifications for texts, can read text out loud
• Music (Apple Music)
• Smart Home
• Apple TV integration
• Airplay 2 - multiform audio
• Conversations with HomePod/Siri are encrypted and anonymous by default
• Only records when the “Hey Siri” prompt is spoken
• Will only announced personal info (calendar, texts, etc) when the owner of the Apple device is nearby
Apple HomePod
- Best for iPhone/Apple users, since it’s locked to iOS users only
- Only assistant with access to Apple Music’s expansive library

Amazon Echo:
- Best for shopping; Amazon integration

Google Home:
- Best for Google search
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QUESTIONS?