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How to Play iTunes Purchased or Rented Movies With Roku 3

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Simple introduction of Roku

Roku is a very popular media player on United States. It helps us easily enjoy the newest and hottest movies, TV shows, musics from various media channels and network. There are hundreds of free channels, like Youtube, Netflix, Hulu Plus, Spotify etc. you can find on Roku player. Besides, you can also rent or bought your favorite movies from paid channel, like Amazon instant video, redbox and so on.

By downloading a Roku player app on your iOS devices (Roku can support iOS 6 or later, and is compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch.), we can also stream the photos, music and videos on our iOS devices to Roku with easy taps.

However, Apple makes everything so proprietary sometimes that it's difficult for people to enjoy the content in iTunes library with more channels. Take iTunes purchased movies/TV shows for example, if we want to watch the iTunes movies on our TV or home theater system, we can only stream the iTunes videos via Apple TV. Plex server or Chromecase and Roku are unable to do this. In my opinion, that is the last hurdle keeping Roku from being a total Apple TV killer.

Why people need to watch iTunes movies via Roku?

I wrote this article just because I recently read the topic posted on the roku forum by jefffetrow. He asked like this " I have a few places in my house that have TVs, but no cable boxes. I have a Roku and an Apple TV on a couple, for different reasons. Mostly, the Apple TV is for streaming all the Home Sharing movies and TV shows I have on a 5TB hard drive, connected to a Mac Mini, whose only job is video streaming. I'd love to eliminate the need for both boxes, and would happily switch to Roku 100% of the time, if only I could get it to see/play all the media in the shared iTunes Library. Has anyone made their Roku see/play shared iTunes libraries? And if so, can you tell me how? Thanks in advance!" - *From Roku Forum*

However, as the iTunes movies are all encrypted by the DRM protection, they are not allowed to stream with any other Non-Apple devices. But if we can bypass the annoying DRM protection, we can play the iTunes movies via Roku freely and easily. And TunesKit iTunes DRM Removal for Mac is the best choice to bypass the iTunes DRM protection.

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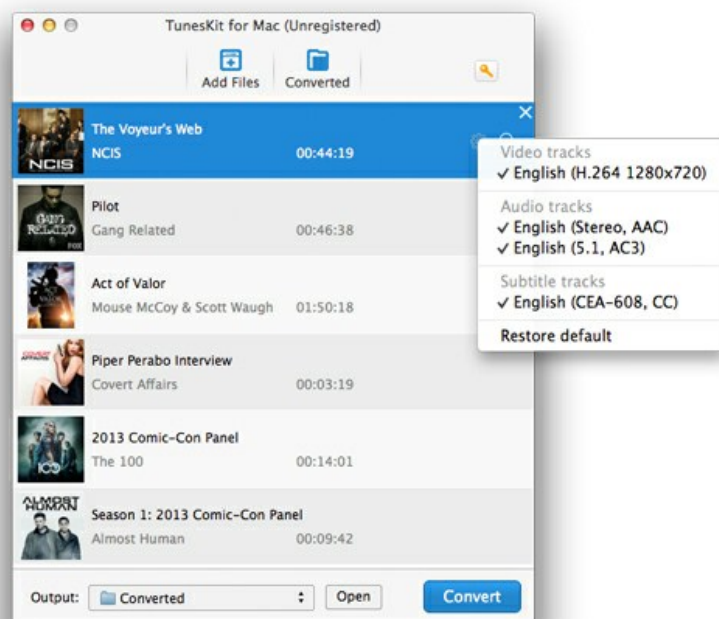
TunesKit iTunes DRM Removal for Mac is the world's No1. DRM removal application for iTunes movies/TV shows on Mac os x. It can easily strip iTunes DRM protection directly and change iTunes DRMed M4V videos to unprotected MP4 format with few clicks. The most valuable is that TunesKit will preserve the original quality 100% by keeping the original subtitles (CC also), audio tracks, AC3 5.1 surround and HD resolution.

Note: 1. To use TunesKit for Mac successfully, you have to run the Mac OS X 10.8 or later and installed the newest iTunes; 2. TunesKit is a

home edition. Any commercial use is not encouraged.

Step 1 **Add M4V Movies from iTunes Library**

You can click "Add Files" icon to import the iTunes movie files to TunesKit directly. But if you don't set your iTunes library in the default path, you have to drag and drop the files to TunesKit instead.

Step 2 **Click "Convert" button to start removing the DRM protection**

If you want to select the output subtitles, audio tracks for the output video, you can also set it manually by clicking the settings icon before the conversion. Once click the "Convert" button, TunesKit will start to convert iTunes DRM M4V to MP4 very soon.

Step 3 **Stream iTunes movies to Roku 3**

If you are trying to stream the iTunes movies to Roku 3 via iOS devices, you have to sync the iTunes movies to iOS device at first, then download Roku player app on your iOS device, and connect your iOS device to the same network as your Roku player, then steam the iTunes movies directly via Roku player app **(https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/roku/id482066631?mt=8)**.

But if you are trying to steaming the iTunes movies to Roku 3 from Mac computer, then you have to install Plex server for help. Here below are the detailed steps.

Step 1. Install Plex server on your Mac.

Once the Plex server is installed successfully, it will detect all of the movies, television shows, and music on your Mac.

Step 2. Install Plex server on Roku 3.

First you'll need to download and install the Plex Channel on your Roku. Because it's not a default channel currently, so we have to do this manually on Roku website under your Roku account.

Step 3. Configure Plex on the Roku.

You have to configure the Plex server before steaming the videos on Mac. Then you can better watch the iTunes movies on Roku 3.

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