

5 Google TV Settings to Change Immediately

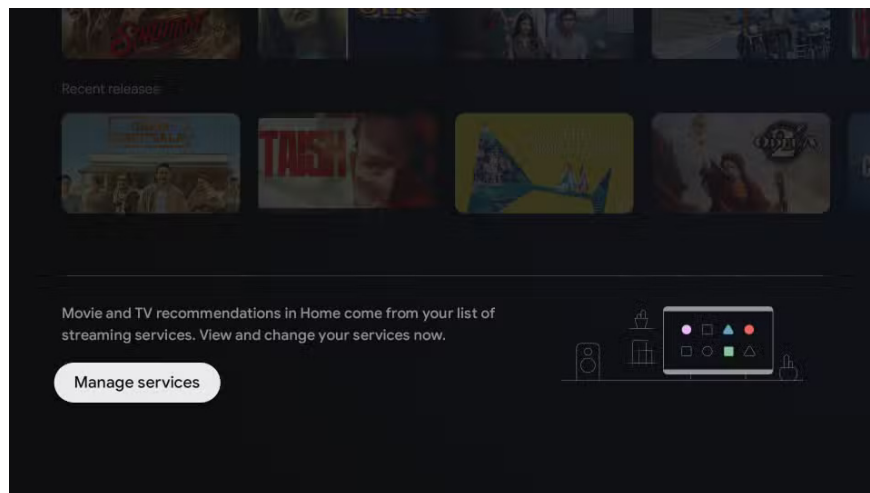
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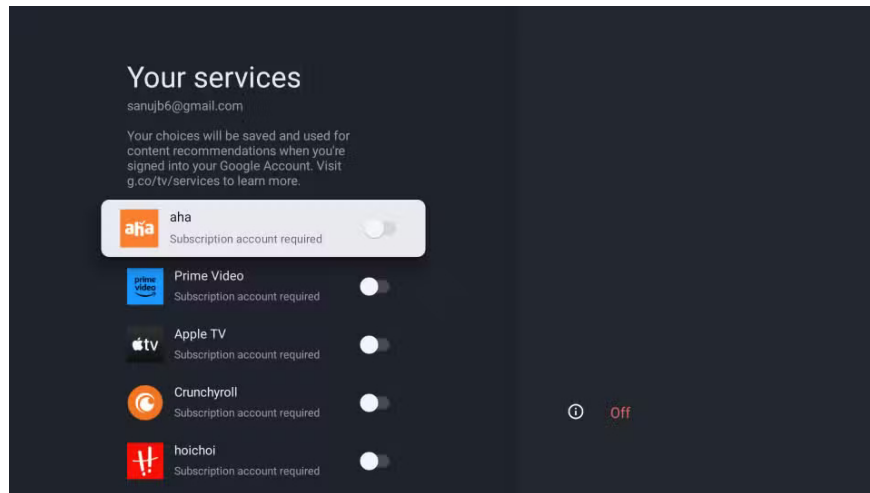
While there are plenty of streaming devices, Google TV is a clear winner, largely due to the Android operating system running in the background. However, the default settings don't always provide the best experience, and there are a few Google TV settings you should change for a better viewing experience.

6. Manage content suggestions

When you set up Google TV, you'll be asked to enter and enable your subscriptions to your services and apps. When you use this feature, Google TV will display more content, like TV shows and movies, on the home screen, in addition to displaying a list of apps and games on your device. This makes it easy to find new content to stream and pick up where you left off.

However, if you add or forget to enable service subscriptions during setup, you can easily manage them. To choose which services Google TV recommends on the home screen, follow these steps:

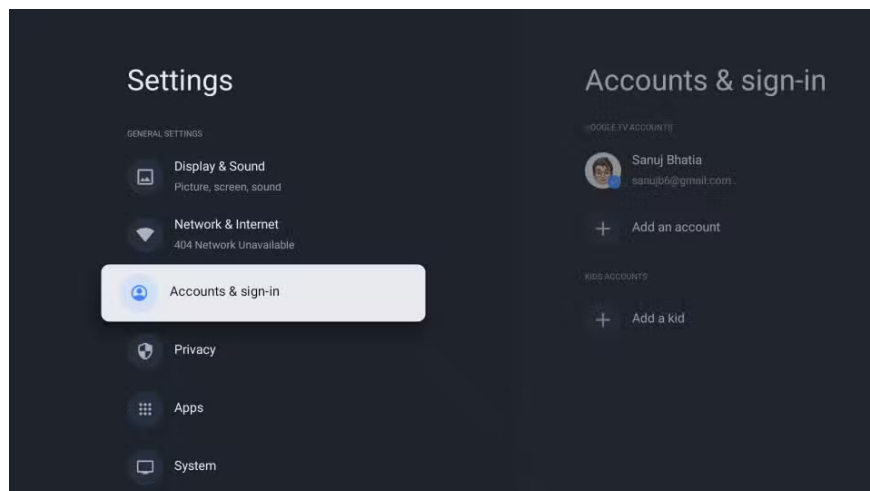


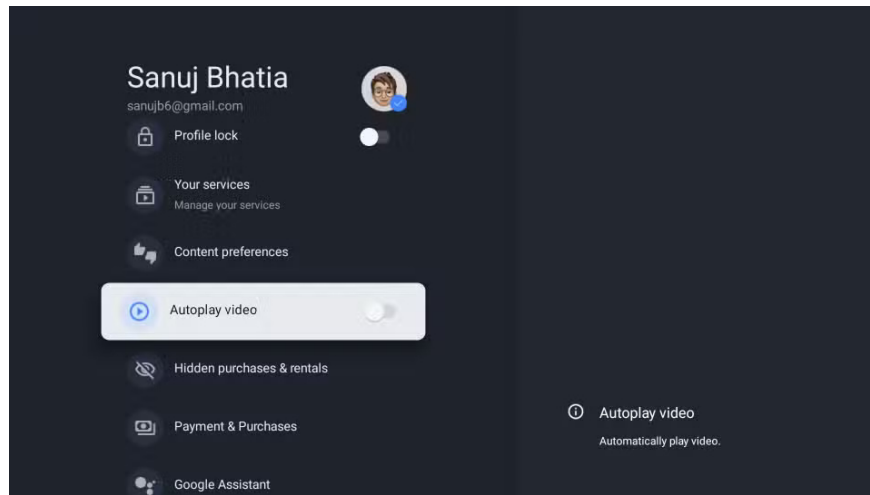


1. Scroll down to the bottom of the home screen.
2. Click **Manage services** .
3. Turn home screen suggestions on or off for each service.

5. Turn off autoplay video previews

Similarly, in addition to showing recommendations, Google also promotes a large amount of content on the home screen in a bar above the recommendations. While this is beneficial to some users because it allows them to watch trailers and previews while discovering new content, it can be annoying, especially since these videos start playing automatically by default. You can easily turn off these video previews on Google TV:



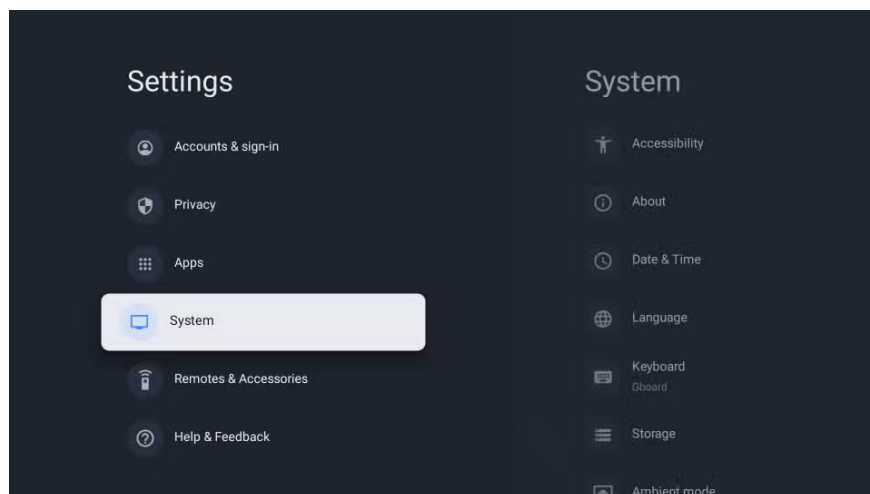


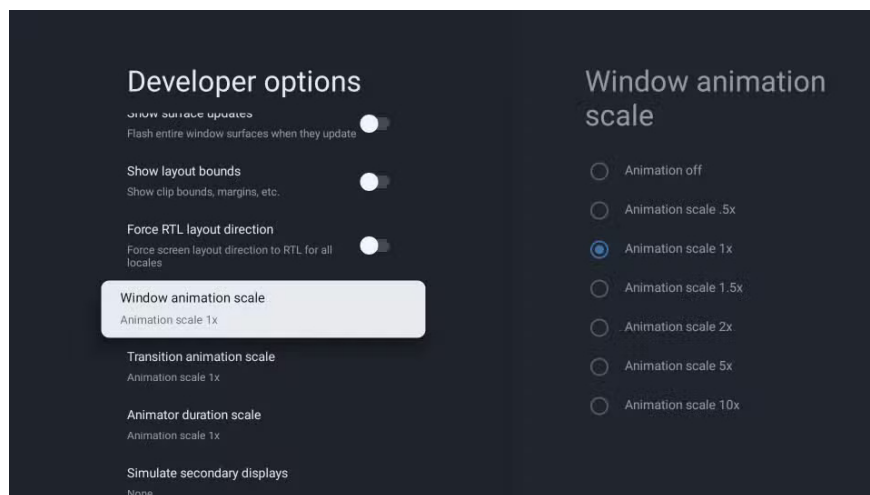
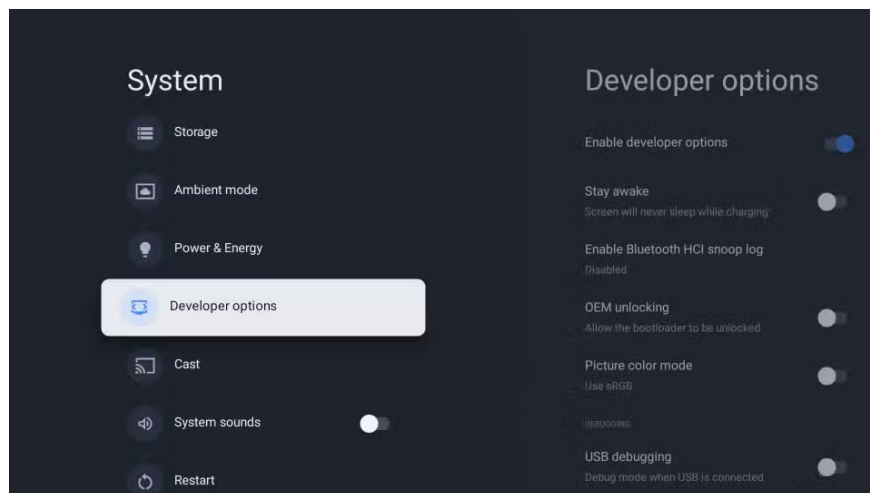
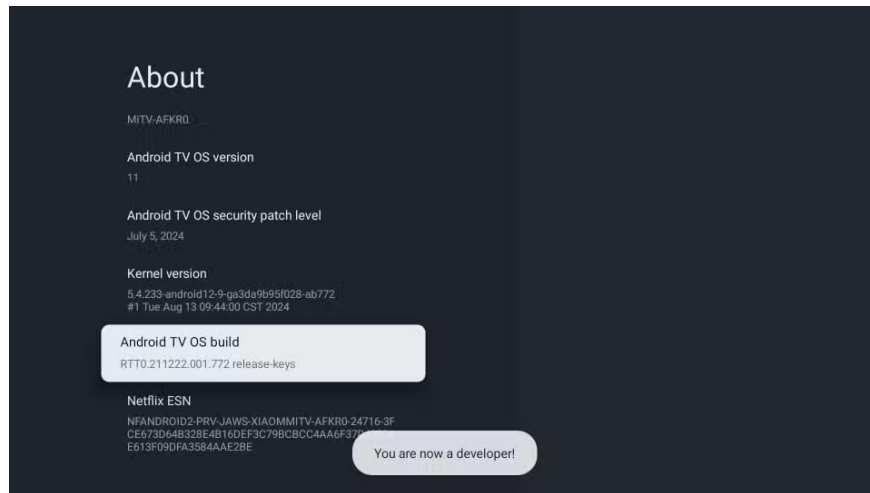
1. Open **Settings** .
2. Select **Accounts & sign-in** .
3. Now, select the profile for which you want to disable video preview.
4. Scroll down and turn off the toggle to preview the video.

4. Turn off animations for a faster experience

Like Android smartphones, Google TV comes in a variety of price points. The Chromecast, which is no longer available, starts at \$40, while the new Google TV Streamer is a whopping \$100. Other vendors also offer Google TV streaming devices, including Xiaomi and Walmart. These devices offer different hardware but often struggle to handle the task.

One way to improve your Google TV experience is to disable animations. This gives your streaming device more resources to process data instead of using them to display animations. To do this, you'll first need to enable Developer Settings, then disable animations entirely.





Here's how you can get started:

1. Open **Settings** .
2. Go to **System > About** .
3. **With the Android TV OS Build Number** selector selected , click the **OK** button on your Google TV remote 7 times.
4. **Go back to System** settings , then select **Developer Options** .

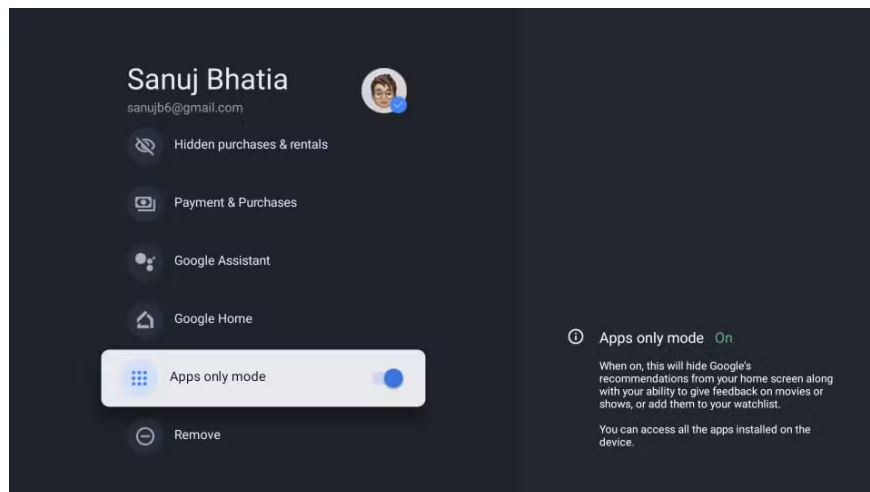
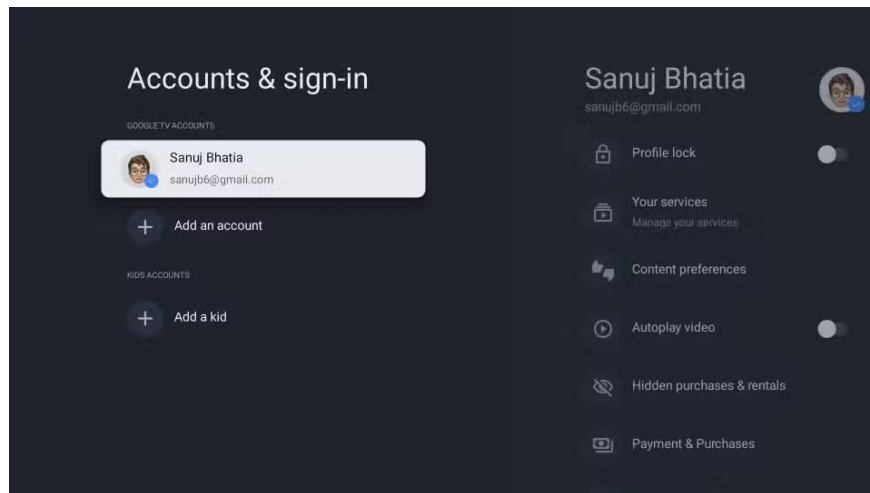
5. In **Developer Options** , scroll down and set **Window animation scale** , **Transition animation scale** , and **Animator duration scale** to **Animation off** .

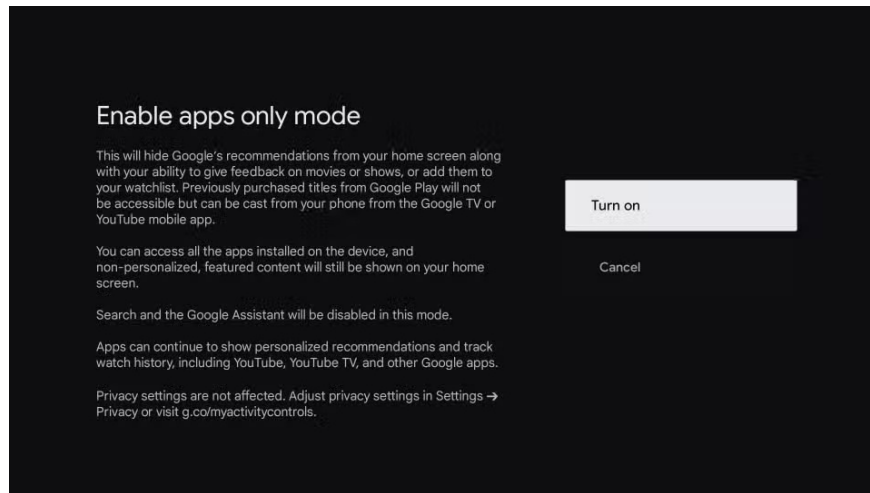
This small tweak can make a big difference to the performance of your Google TV device.

3. Turn on Apps-Only Mode

If you find the default Google TV home screen too cluttered, you might want to try Apps-Only Mode. This mode removes unnecessary suggestions from the home screen and puts your apps at the forefront.

However, it's worth noting that Apps-Only Mode will disable Google Assistant and Google Home integration . You also won't be able to download new apps. To do that, you'll have to disable Apps-Only Mode again.





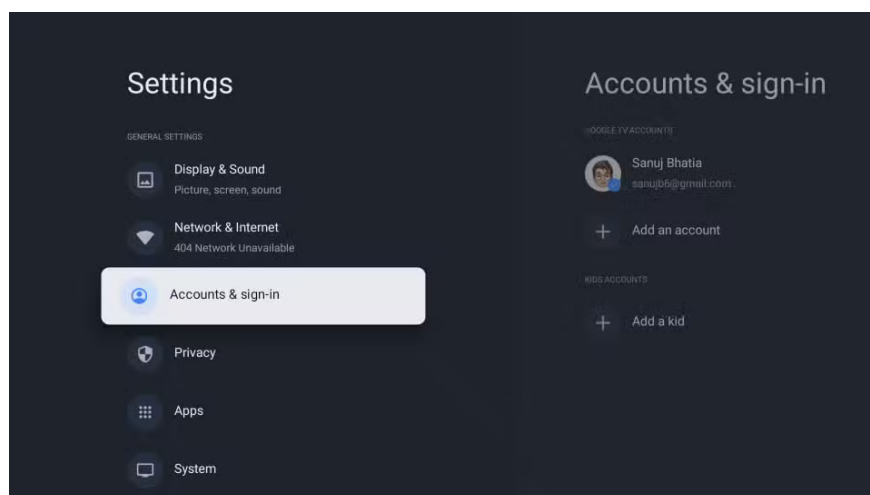
To enable Apps-Only Mode on Google TV, follow these steps:

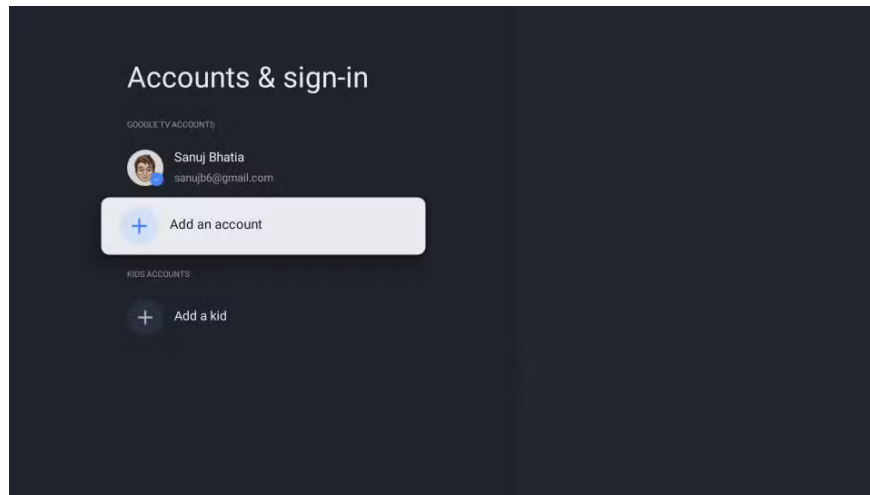
1. Go to **Settings** .
2. Select **Accounts & sign-in** .
3. Select the profile for which you want to disable home screen clutter.
4. In profile settings, turn on the toggle for **Apps only mode** .

Select **Turn on** and now you have a much simpler Google TV home screen.

2. Set up user profile

Often, you're not the only one using the TV in your home. There may be other family members or friends using the same TV. In these cases, you can set up profiles for each user, allowing each to have their own personalized recommendations and watchlists without being confused with the main profile.





To add more profiles to Google TV, follow these steps:

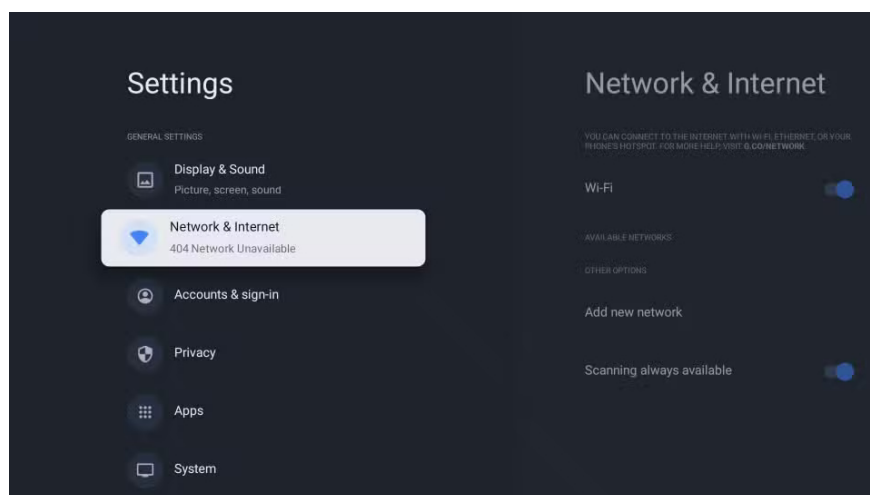
1. Open **Settings** .
2. Select **Accounts & sign-in** .
3. Click **Add account** and sign in with other members' Google ID using QR code .

Try them out as they can streamline your Google TV experience.

1. Use custom DNS

The Domain Name System (DNS) is like a phone book for the Internet , turning website names into IP addresses . By default, most Google TVs rely on Google's DNS servers, and while they rarely go down, DNS issues can cause some video streaming apps on your smart TV to lag.

Luckily, you can easily switch to a custom DNS on your TV for better speeds and improved privacy, like Cloudflare's 1.1.1.1 DNS service . Other benefits include blocking ads and bypassing content restrictions.



404 Network Unavailable

fa:da:56:31:3c:17

Signal strength
Excellent

Privacy
Use randomized MAC (default)

Proxy settings
None

IP settings
DHCP

Forget network

IP settings


DHCP

Static

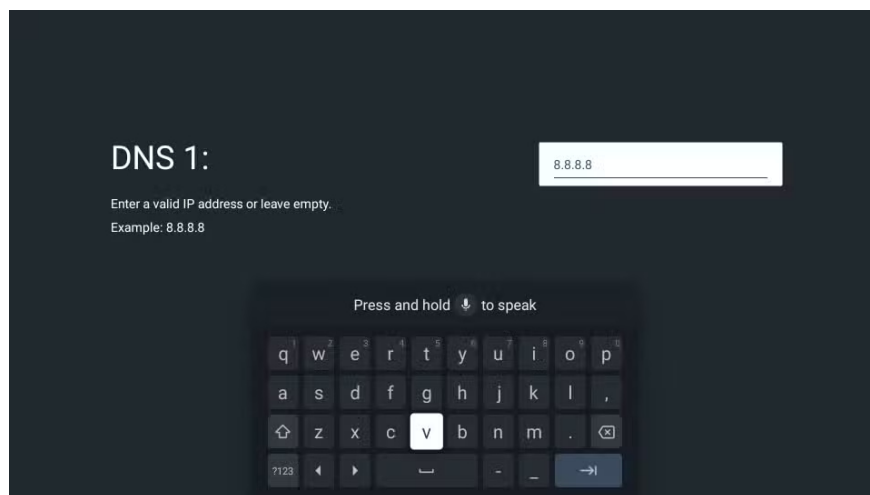
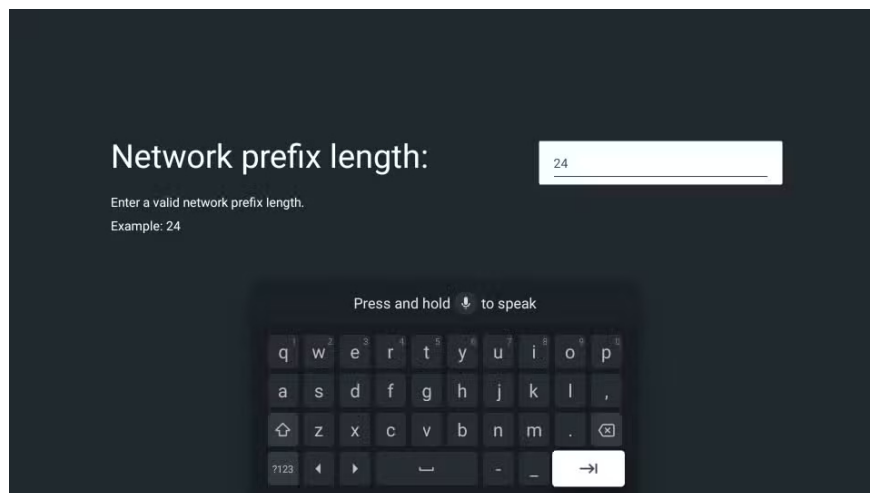
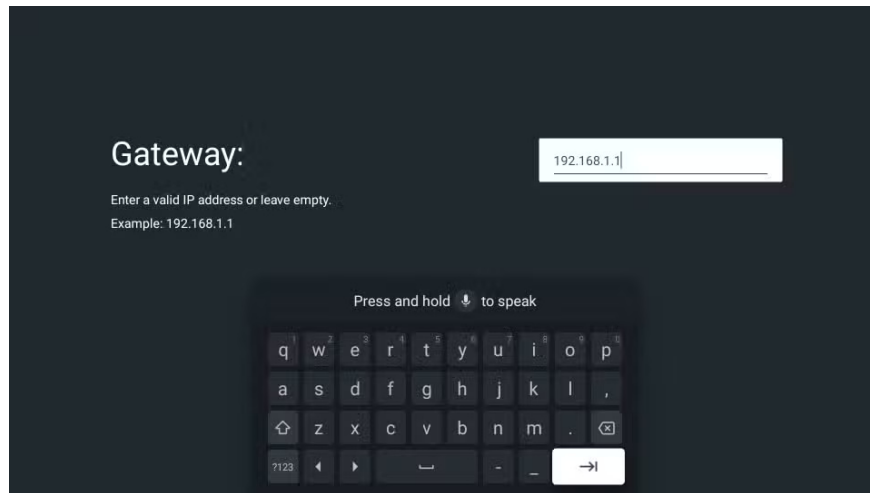
IP address:

192.168.1.128

Enter a valid IP address.
Example: 192.168.1.128

Press and hold  to speak





To change DNS on Google TV:

1. Go to **Settings** and select **Network & Internet** .
2. Select the Wi-Fi your device is connected to and go to **IP Settings** .
3. Select **Static** .
4. Do not change the IP Address, Gateway or Network prefix length; continue to click **Next** .
5. Now, set custom DNS on your Google TV.

Keep in mind that using some custom DNS servers can cause problems. In this case, simply forget the network and reconnect to return to default settings.

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