After watching Jonathan Goode's talk on Smart TV's and the discussion that followed, I decided to check a few things, particularly about the Chromecast adapter that allows other devices to display on the TV via WiFi. This seemed like a neat and very affordable device.

What this device does is to display on the TV whatever is on the screen of the tablet, phone or computer rather than by a TV remote. In contrast, with Apple TV and similar devices, selection and control of display source is controlled by a separate remote that is associated with the Apple TV (or similar device) and this remote allows you to switch between various sources of content and select the items you desire within that content.

 My impression is that with WiFi enabled smart TVs there is a similar capability although the TV would have to have multiple HDMI ports in order to connect to different sources or this would have to be provided by a switch.

 I Googled the topic " Chromecast vs. Apple TV" and came up with

the following links.

 I found the second link particularly interesting in that it explained some basic points. The Chromecast approach will work with both Apple and Android devices since it just allows the TV to display the picture or picture stream provided by external device.

Hopes this helps at least some people to a better understanding. Respectively, Sven Spoerri

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