

Smart TVs get smarter, by just a little bit

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Show attendees check out Samsung smart TVs at the Samsung booth at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

In the not-so-distant future, couch potatoes will be waving, pointing, swiping and tapping to make their TVs react, kind of like what Tom Cruise did in the 2002 movie "Minority Report." That's the vision of TV manufacturers as they show off "smart TVs" at the International CES in Las Vegas.

The sets will recognize who's watching and will try to guess what viewers want to see. They'll respond to more natural speech and will connect with your smartphone in a single touch.



Vito Anzalone, far right, looks at the back of Sony's 4K XBR LED televisions at the Sony booth during a news conference at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Monday, Jan. 7, 2013. The 2013 International CES gadget show, the biggest trade show in the Americas, is taking place in Las Vegas this week. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

But don't worry about "Big Brother" looking back at you. Manufacturers such as [Samsung Electronics Co.](#) will allow motion-capturing cameras to be pointed away.



Moti Elmaliach, center, of Israel, writes on a display using Panasonic's electronic touch pen at the Panasonic booth at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

Gesture recognition still has a ways to go and in some demonstrations, I found voice commands got lost in translation.



A model stands next to Samsung 110-inch 4k Ultra HD TV at the Samsung booth at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

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