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## Introduction

Apples HomePod mini was released in 2020 as a much cheaper version of the now discontinued HomePod. The HomePod mini is a small, smart speaker priced at \$99, that utilizes Apple's Siri (a virtual assistant on iPhone, iPad, Mac etc.) to play music, answer questions, and control smart home devices. It has a compact design, making it perfect for smaller spaces, and is available in five colors: white, orange, blue, black and yellow. The three categories we are going to be talking about today are: Sound Quality, The apple Ecosystem and Siri.

## Sound Quality

First were going to be talking about the sound quality. One of the amazing features of the HomePod mini is its high quality 360-degree audio design. This means that it can fill a room with sound no matter where it's placed. It also has automatic audio calibration, which adjusts the sound based on the size and shape of the room. In addition to that, the HomePod mini has deep bass, resulting in a full, immersive listening experience. As far as sound quality goes I was very impressed by the bass and just crisp quality that Apple was able to pack into this small of a speaker.

So for sound I have to give this product a 10/10!

## **The Apple Ecosystem**

Another reason the HomePod mini is still relevant and useful going into 2023 is its integration with other Apple products. If you have an iPhone, iPad, or Mac, you most likely know how well they work with each other when you're on the same iCloud account. You can use the HomePod mini to make and receive phone calls, send and receive texts, and access your calendar and reminders. Apple's handoff

feature allows you to hold your iPhone near the HomePod and directly transfer music to it quickly and easily! If you have an Apple TV, you can control it with the HomePod and use it as a speaker if you don't like the one built into your TV or your looking for an upgrade making it a great addition to your home entertainment setup. While we're on the topic of how well it works with the Apple TV, you may not have known that you

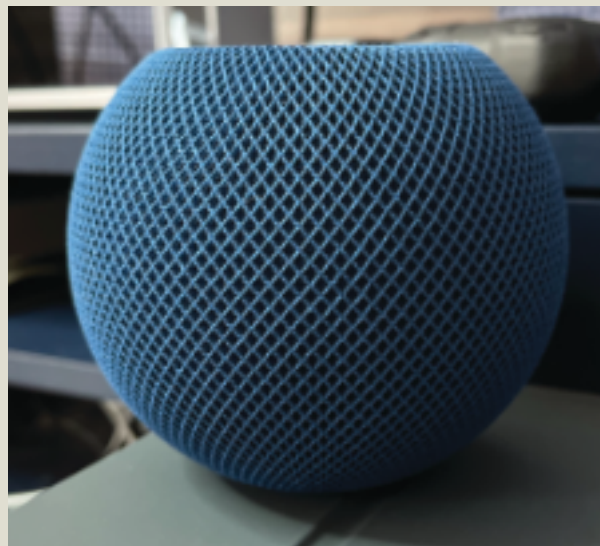
can connect two of these to your TV for a surround sound experience. Lastly, you can have up to 6 HomePods in one house connect to the same network working together, but more about that in the next section. For integration with other Apple products, it does what most people want it to do so I think it deserves a 10/10!

## **Siri**

You probably already know that Siri is built into the HomePod, putting the "Smart" in smart speaker. Siri is a powerful virtual assistant that can answer questions, set reminders, and perform a variety of tasks. With the HomePod mini, you can use Siri to control your smart home devices, set alarms, and even check the weather. With the HomePod mini, you can use something called "Intercom." Intercom allows you to make an announcement to all other HomePods in your house or on your iCloud account.



This may all sound amazing but some Siri functions are limited for example if you ask Siri something like, "Hey Siri, can I use an Xbox controller on a Playstation." Siri will respond with "Ask again from your iPhone." With an echo dot or google home these assistants will give you a direct answer. For this category since you can't fully rely on Siri to give you quick information, I have to give it a solid 6/10!



## Conclusion

So the reason that you clicked on this video, should you buy a HomePod mini going into 2023? Yes the HomePod mini is an amazing device that so many people can benefit from! With that being said, to should be noted that you need to have an iPhone, iPad or Mac to use the HomePod. It will make a great addition to your apple family of products unless your want to use it as your primary virtual assistant, then you may want to explore or looking getting an Alexa or Google home instead. I hope that this helped you if you are questioning getting an Apple HomePod mini.

# Top 5 Linux Distributions From 2022

From UI to the file name is highlighted. The just basic patches, 2022 had some driver manager was also upgraded interesting updates to lots of Linux making it easier to use. distros! Here are the top 5 Linux distributions going into 2023!



## #5 Linux Mint



Linux Mint like many other distros is fully free, open source and works out of the box! One of the biggest updates on 2022 was on the file system. What use to happen when you hovered over a file, both the file icon and the file name were highlighted, much like Mac OS. However in a recent update, only

## #4 Arch Linux



Arch Linux

is an extremely easy to modify version of Linux however, can be a challenge for beginners. Arch Linux is one of the most stable distros. Arch linux is also one of the best distributions because it is good for gaming! This is because you can configure almost everything to work the way you want it to.

## #3 Fedora Linux

updates roughly every 3-5 months. Still, through out all the updates users get the authentic Linux experience!

Fedora Linux is one of the oldest distributions of Linux debuting, November 6, 2003! Even though it's old it is still getting updates that are making significant improvements. In 2022 Fedoras major update was adding a security panel and more security features. This is a feature that is not included in many variations of Linux because it is thought to limit customizability and creativity. However Fedora has included the ability to disable it.

## #2 Debian Linux

Debian Linux is the second oldest maintained distribution of Linux. (The first being Slackware) Since Debian was one of the first versions of Linux a hand full of modern variations are based off of it. Since Debians release, August 16, 1993, it gets

## #1 Ubuntu Linux

In my experience, Ubuntu Linux is the most stable distribution that I have ever used! Since 2004 Ubuntu has been getting updates and other added features improving the operating systems stability and functionality. Ubuntu has a similar UI to Apples Mac OS making it an amazing end of life distro!





## Limited Edition AirPods Pro 2

Apple has announced that they will be releasing a limited edition AirPods Pro case featuring the rabbit in honor of Chinese New Year! Apple previously offered limited-edition first-generation AirPods Pro for the Year of the Ox in 2021 and the Year of the Tiger in 2022. However if you live in the United States you will not be able to get this limited edition being that it is only being sold in Asia!



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