How do I get access?
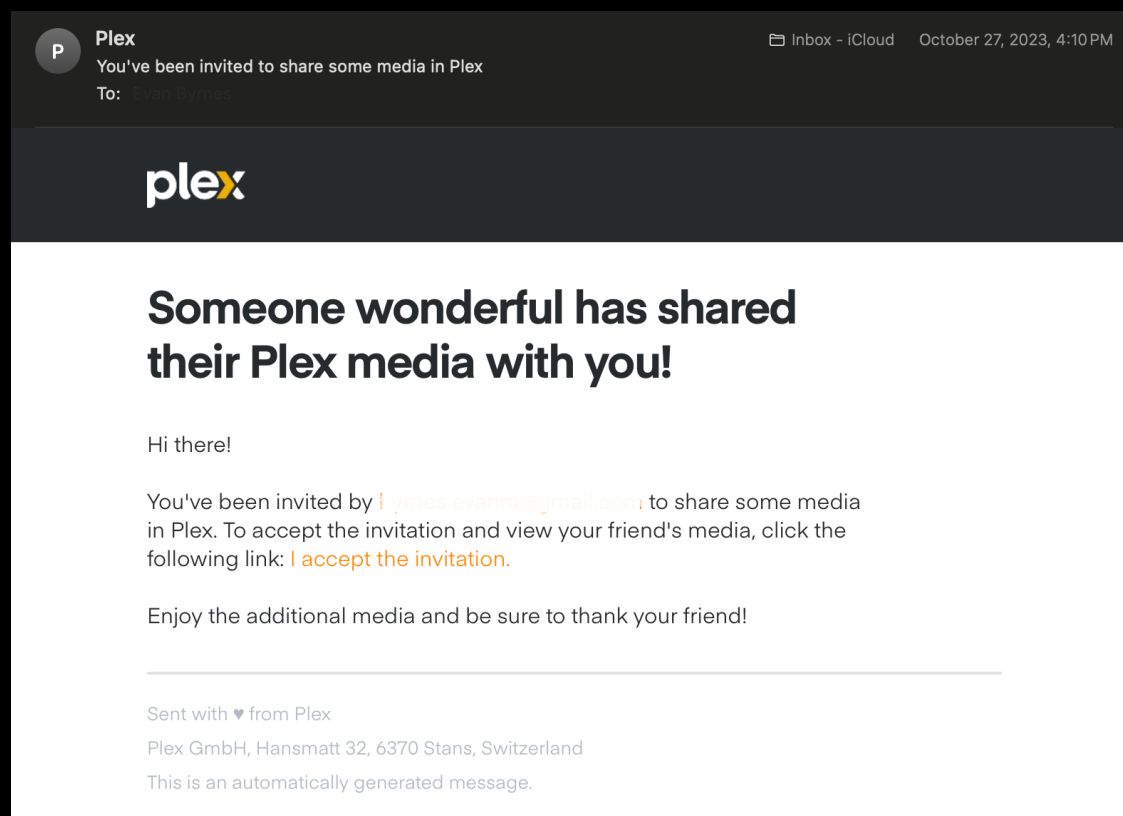
Easy! Create a Plex account and then email me the email address you used. Complete sign-up here: https://www.plex.tv/sign-up/

You will then receive an email that looks like this:

Click 'I accept the invitation' and follow the prompts to complete setup. This should be done from a computer, rather than a mobile device to ensure maximum compatibility.

What do I get access to?

You will have full access to anything I provide access to. Plex is based upon libraries, ie TV (New Shows), Classic TV (Old Shows), Movies, Disney Movies, UHD Movies, etc. I will share most everything, except for special libraries such as UFC fights.

Can you see what I'm watching?

Yes, but who cares? I don't have the time or interest to review the logs anyway.

Where can I watch?

You won't have any geographic restrictions. Go on vacation? Take a streaming stick and watch Plex from there. Only watch from home? That's fine too.

Supported Devices?

All of them. Sort of. The home apps such as those on AppleTV, Roku, and Google TV should all be free to use. However, Plex charges a one time fee of $5 for use of their mobile apps on iOS, iPadOS, and Android.

Overseerr

What is Overseerr?

Overseerr is a tool you can use to request media. This includes TV and Movies. It's simple and automated, but not instant. All requests are auto-approved and staged for download. Plex availability to vary greatly upon the type of request. For example, a blockbuster film will be far easier to locate and grab than something obscure. Additionally, a film like Foul Play, requested in 4K may not be available at all, and could take months or years to fullfil.

How many requests can I make?

The current limit is 5 per month. The server currently houses more than 3400 Movies, and over 45000 episodes of television. The likelihood of missing content is small, and storage space isn't free. This limit ensures that only truly desired content is selected. Additionally, a single request for a TV show could be hours of entertainment, while taking up significant storage space. No exceptions.
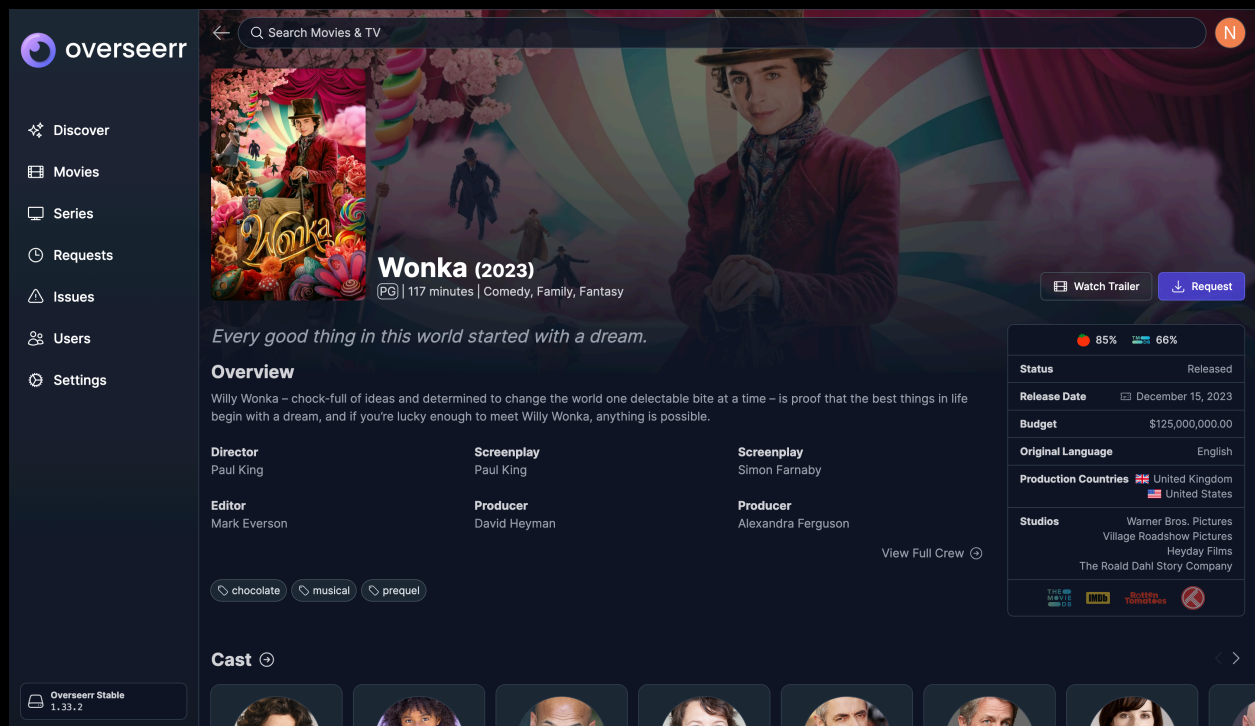
How do I make my requests?
Go to https://requests.byrneslane.com and sign in with your Plex account. Choose the type of media you'd like to request on the left, Series or Movies. Then enter the name of the content you're looking for.

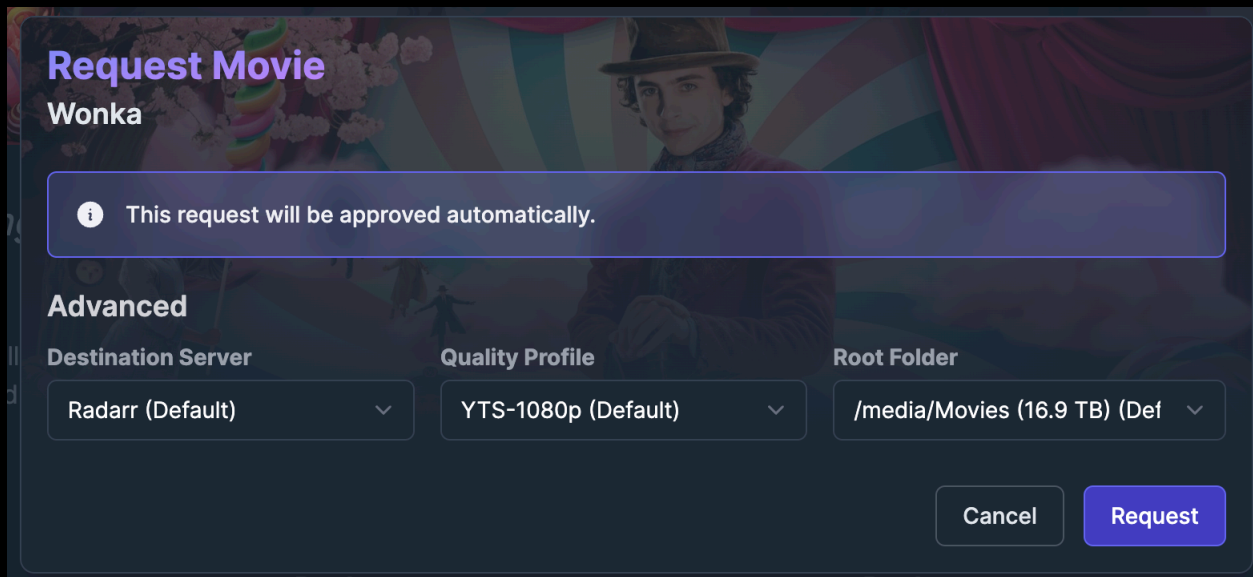In this example, I'm searching for the movie Wonka:
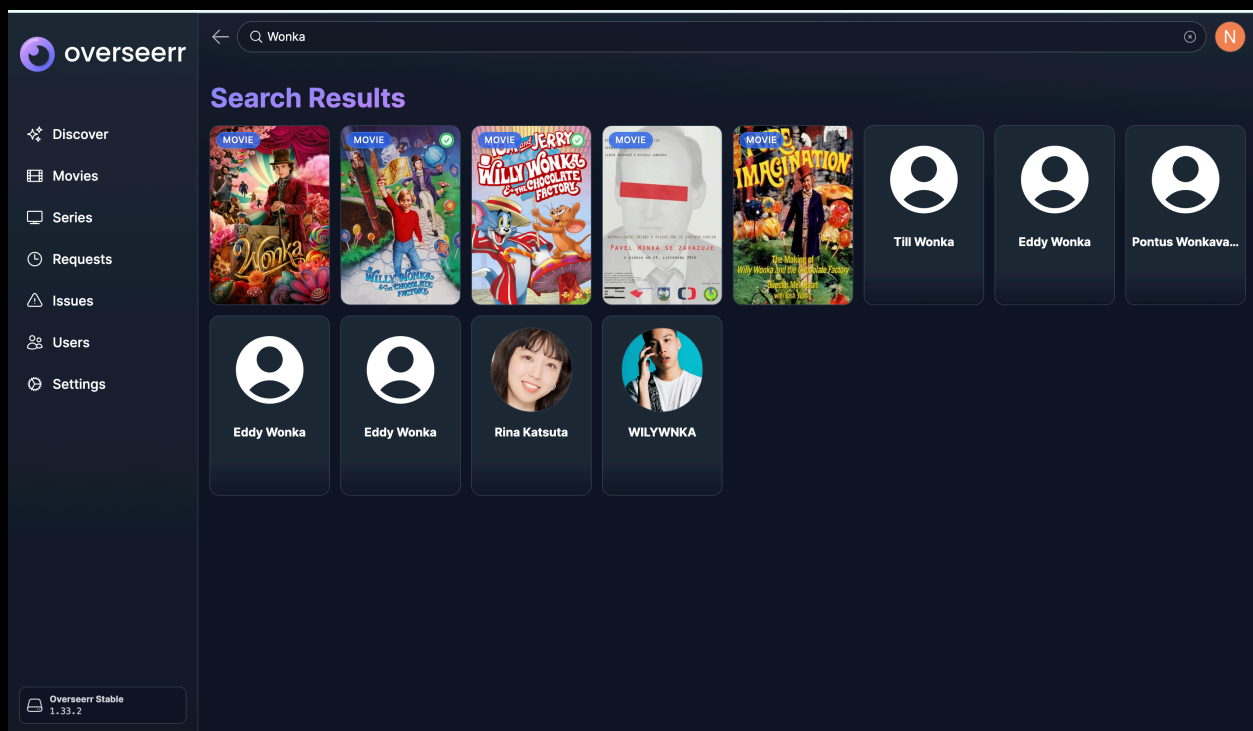
I then click on the one I want:

I can review the information about the movie, including cast, release date, and language to validate this is the one I want.

Next click on Request:
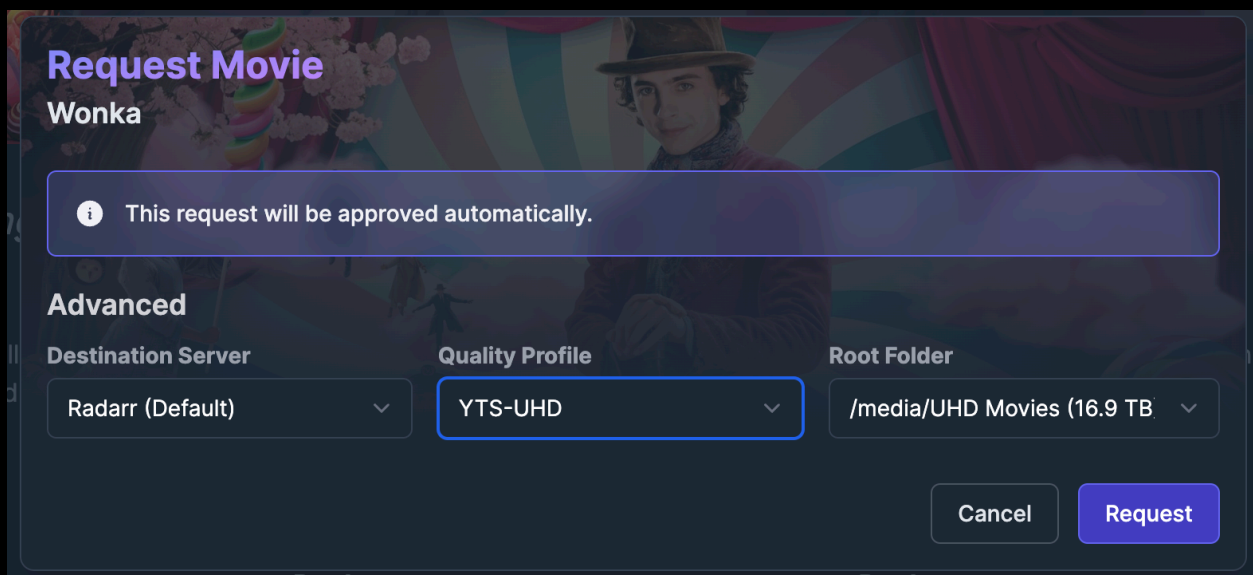
The default options will be set to grab a 1080p copy and store it to the correct location. **You should never change the Destination Server.** If you want a higher quality copy, change the Quality Profile. If you select any quality profiles that contain Ultra-HD or UHD, you should also change the Root folder to /media/UHD Movies.

4K Example:

Other Notes and Considerations

Quality Playback

Lower quality media will playback smoother than higher quality media in almost every scenario. Companies like Netflix and Hulu have what are called load balancers.These are multiple servers that monitor network traffic and direct requests across multiple servers. I don't have that.

A 4K video could and will be impacted by a number of things, such as computing power server side, local network performance server-side, internet access from the server, internet access to the location playing back the media, and local network performance where the media is playing.

Most of these challenges cannot be overcome. You can help with the processing issue, by enabling Direct Play on your streaming device. This will be a requirement for playback.

The setting is under advanced for settings in the Plex App on Apple TV and should be set to Allow: https://support.plex.tv/articles/settings-plex-for-apple-tv/

Even with changing this, there will likely always be potential issues with 4K video playback remotely.

Smooth Playback but poor quality video/audio

"X video is low quality, or has channel marks, etc." This happens. If it exists on the server, it does so at the highest practical quality. A show may be available in 720p HDTV, which is the equivalent of a DVR recording of a 720p show, or 1080p BluRay. If the show is a a 30 minute sitcom, with 5 seasons, that file size difference could be the difference of 500 GB per series.

Current prices put storage at $15 / 1000GB, making that show $7.50 more expensive to store. As there are 725 shows on the server, that represents a significant cost difference.

All of "the best shows" are in the best quality available. Everything else is in a better good than nothing at all condition. Most everything is in WEBRip or WebDL quality, however, which is equivalent to streaming from a proper HD service, or buying from iTunes.

Quality Guide

Movies:

Quality Profile	Resolution	Platform
Any	Any (Could be less than HD, could be 4K)	Movies
SD	480p, sourced from TV, DVD, Web	Moves
HD-720p	Higher quality 720p, not size limited	Moves
HD-1080p	Higher quality 1080p, not size limited	Moves
Ultra-HD	Higher quality 4k, not size limited	Moves
HD - 720p/1080p	Combination of the above. Will grab which ever is available. If 1080p becomes available after 720p is grabbed it will be upgraded	Moves
YTS-1080p	1080p, Default setting. Best compromise of quality and size	Moves
YTS-UHD	4K, Default setting. Best compromise of quality and size	Moves