

Re: TV Listings?

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At 20 Sep 2007 17:21:13 -0500 Beverly Howard [Ms-MVP/MobileDev] wrote:

Has anyone found a good USA TV listings option?

I used PTVL (Pocket TV Listings) for a couple of years. It wasn't perfect, but it worked well enough, stored up two weeks of listings and could sync listings through Activesync.

They used Zap2it's data, but Tribune Media (Zap2it's lords and masters) discontinued support for automatic retrieval of listings just last month, and now a third-party (not-for-profit) organization is providing the listing data for a fee (they have to license the data from Tribune.) At \$20 per three months, I decided to pass.

The ones I have tried over the years have been pretty unusable, but a few months ago found;

PTVL had a nice search feature and usable grids- it was 90% there. My biggest gripe was that the channels were displayed in a random order, forcing you to "sort" them in the program everytime you launched it (there was no auto-sort option.)

<http://tvlistings.zap2it.com/>

While far from ideal on a ppc, in pie's "Desktop" mode it's "usable" especially if you set up an account on your desktop and go through the process of running your first login on the ppc (it uses cookies to remember your login)

If that's the best we've got, I'm REALLY going to miss PTVL! :-)

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"I don't need my cell phone to play video games or take pictures or double as a Walkie-Talkie; I just need it to work. Thanks for all the bells and whistles, but I could communicate better with ACTUAL bells and whistles." –Bill Maher 9/25/2003