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Miiverse:

Miiverse™ is an online gaming community that is built directly into the Wii U system. Using their personalized Mii™ characters, players can enter Miiverse to see games, applications or entertainment content that they and their friends enjoy and are interested in learning more about. They can challenge their friends to play games together, ask a question about a difficult level or discover new elements of their favorite games that they never knew existed. After a notable achievement or other share-worthy moment, players can pause their game or application and seamlessly post messages to the Miiverse community.

Video Entertainment:

Netflix, Amazon Instant Video, Hulu Plus and YouTube all take advantage of the integrated second-screen experience on Wii U. Availability of the services varies country by country. Users should check with their service providers for more information.

Nintendo TVii:

Nintendo TVii, a built-in Wii U application, makes watching TV more simple and fun by bringing together what we watch and how we watch into one, seamless second-screen experience on the GamePad. With hundreds of TV channels, a growing number of video services, and increased time-shifted viewing, finding something to watch is becoming too complicated. Nintendo TVii makes it simple again by bringing together your existing sources – your cable or satellite channels and video services such as Amazon and Hulu Plus into one intuitive and customizable experience.

Nintendo eShop:

The digital storefront offering a variety of games and entertainment that people can download and enjoy. Buy games from classic favorites to new releases, download free game demos, watch trailers, and more. Select games can also be purchased and downloaded at the same time they become available in retail stores.

Video Chat Feature:

Using the built-in camera of the Wii U GamePad controller, consumers can communicate in a real-time video call with friends who also have a Wii U system.

Internet Browser:

Wii U comes with a browser that lets users surf the Web from the comfort of their couches. Users can browse purely on the GamePad while watching a program on TV and share the Web browser experience with another user. Additionally, they can pause a game, launch the browser and search for something, and then re-enter the game right where they left off.

TV Remote:

The Wii U GamePad can also function as an infrared TV remote that enables consumers to conveniently change channels, adjust volume or display a programming guide. It is compatible with most cable and satellite providers' set-top boxes and most TV brands. Functionality may vary by country.

Near-Field Communication (NFC):

The Wii U GamePad has the ability to communicate wirelessly with compatible objects that are held above it. This ability introduces a variety of interesting possibilities for games and activities. More information about this feature will be announced at a later date.

Some features require broadband Internet access.