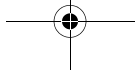




Dell™ Media Center

User's Guide



Notes and Notices

-  **NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your computer.
-  **NOTICE:** A NOTICE indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

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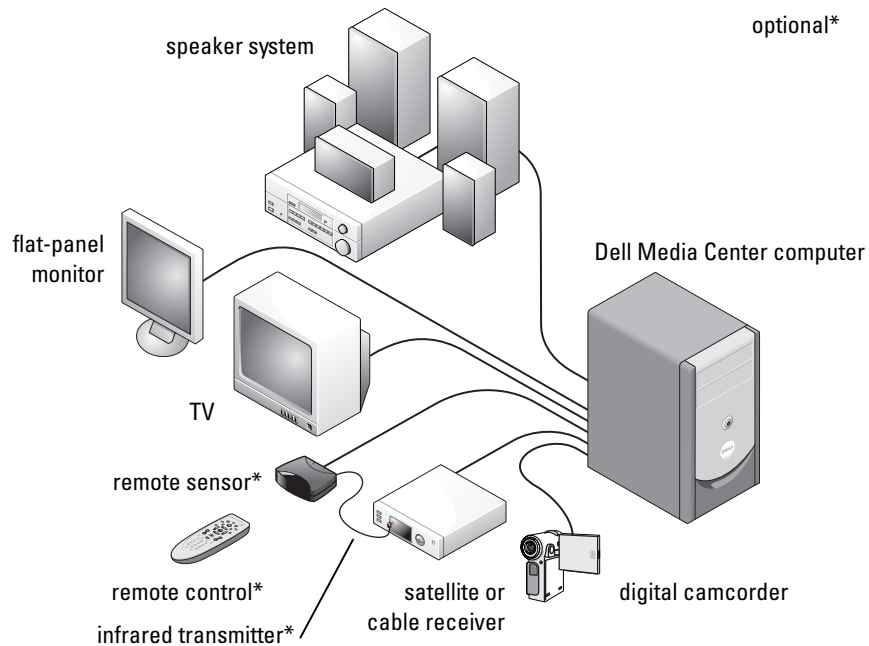
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Quick Start

The Dell™ Media Center is your all-in-one computer entertainment center. Whether you want to watch or record TV programs, play or create CDs and DVDs, or view digital photos or videos from your video camera, Media Center does it all.

Here's how your audio and video components work together with your Dell Media Center computer.

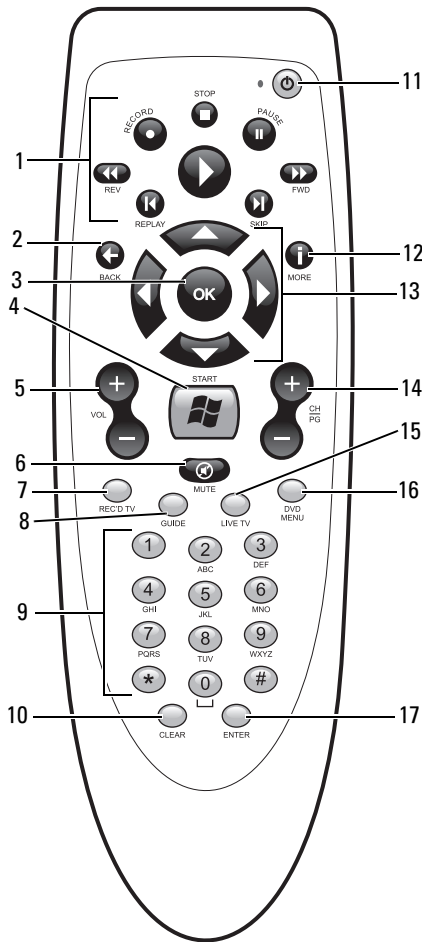


The following instructions explain how to explore some of the more common functions of the Microsoft® Windows® XP Media Center Edition 2005 operating system, using either your mouse/keyboard or the optional all-in-one remote control. For additional information, click ? to access the Media Center online help.

To use the optional remote, you must use the infrared (IR) transmitter if you have connected a digital cable TV box or a satellite receiver to your Media Center. Then, by pointing the optional remote control at the remote sensor you can control Media Center functions and change channels on your television through your digital cable TV box or satellite receiver.


Optional Remote Control Buttons

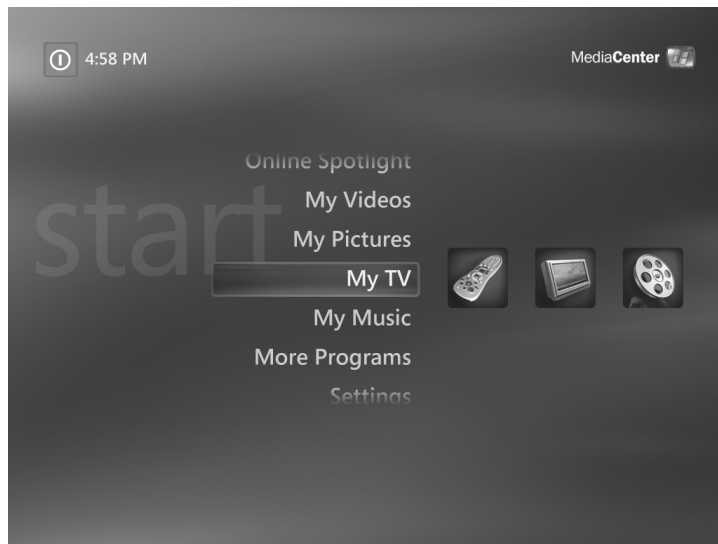
NOTE: If you order an optional remote control, it may differ from the one described in this document.








1	media control buttons	Controls features for a TV, DVD, and CD.
2	BACK	Returns the computer to the previous window within Media Center.
3	OK	Activates Media Center options you select.
4	START	Starts Media Center and opens the Media Center start menu window (see page 7). NOTE: The optional remote control does not wake the computer from hibernate mode. NOTE: For portable computers, the remote control does not wake the computer from standby mode while the computer is running on battery power.
5	VOL	Increases (+) and decreases (-) sound volume.
6	MUTE	Mutes the sound.
7	REC'D TV (recorded TV)	A shortcut to the Recorded TV main menu.
8	GUIDE	Opens the Guide (television program guide) (see page 16) to display available TV channels and programs you can watch and record.
9	numeric buttons	Changes channels or enters text into the Media Center search or text box. NOTE: When entering text in a Media Center search or text box on a computer running Japanese Microsoft Windows XP, you can enter extended characters using the numeric buttons. Follow the instructions on the screen.
10	CLEAR	Deletes the selection and functions like the <Backspace> key on your keyboard.
11	standby	Puts the computer into a reduced power mode.
12	MORE	Provides more information about TV programs you can watch and record.
13	arrow buttons	Helps navigate within all Media Center windows.
14	CH/PG (channel/page)	Changes the TV channel and moves up (+) and down (-), depending on available options.
15	LIVE TV	A shortcut to the full-screen view of live TV. It also moves to the current point of a live TV program after you pause the program.
16	DVD MENU	A shortcut to the main menu for your DVD.
17	ENTER	Selects the desired action or window option.

Starting Media Center

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<p>1 Click the Start button and click Media Center.</p> <p>The Media Center start menu window opens.</p>	<p>1 Press .</p> <p>The Media Center start menu window opens.</p> <p>NOTE: The optional remote control does not wake the computer from hibernate mode.</p> <p>NOTE: For portable computers, the optional remote control does not wake the computer from standby mode while the computer is running on battery power.</p>



Exiting Media Center




Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<p>1 Click .</p> <p>2 Click .</p>	<p>1 Press  and then press  to move to .</p> <p>2 Press the OK button.</p>

Playing DVDs

Media Center allows you to watch DVD movies while using your optional remote control or your mouse to control the DVD menu items. If you play your DVD using another program, the use of some remote control buttons is not supported.

Playing a DVD Movie





- Although Media Center supports closed captioning, subtitles, and multiple languages, these options appear only if the DVD movie includes them.
- If your DVD includes its own playback software, Media Center may not start when you insert the DVD.
- To watch your DVD movie in Media Center, cancel the messages on the screen to use the DVD player software and then start Media Center.

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<p>1 Start Media Center (see page 7).</p> <p>2 With the Media Center start menu window open, insert the DVD into the drive. The DVD plays automatically after a few seconds. If you have another media playing, Media Center asks if you want to play the DVD. If you don't want to play the DVD, click the X. If you don't click an option, the DVD autoplays in full-screen mode after a few seconds.</p> <p>3 If a DVD menu appears, click the menu items  to control the DVD movie playback.</p> <p>4 Click Stop to stop playing the DVD. The Stopped menu appears with the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resume — Begins playing the DVD where it was previously stopped. • Restart — Begins playing the DVD at the beginning. • Title Menu — Allows you to go to the DVD main menu, if available. • DVD Languages — Allows you to change the language for the DVD sound track, subtitles, and menu. • Eject — Opens the disc tray. <p>5 To change the window size, click  on the taskbar of the DVD window.</p>	<p>1 Start Media Center (see page 7).</p> <p>2 With the Media Center start menu window open, insert the DVD into the drive. The DVD plays automatically after a few seconds. If you have another media playing, Media Center asks if you want to play the DVD. If you don't want to play the DVD, press the arrow buttons, ◀ ▶, to highlight the X, and then press the OK button. If you don't select an option, the DVD autoplays in full-screen mode after a few seconds.</p> <p>3 If a DVD menu appears, use the menu items to control the DVD movie playback.</p> <p>4 Press STOP to stop playing the DVD. The Stopped menu appears with the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resume — Begins playing the DVD where it was previously stopped. • Restart — Begins playing the DVD at the beginning. • Title Menu — Allows you to go to the DVD main menu, if available. • DVD Languages — Allows you to change the language for the DVD sound track, subtitles, and menu. • Eject — Opens the disc tray. <p>5 To change the window size, you must use the mouse. Click  on the taskbar of the DVD window.</p>

Playing a DVD Already in Your Drive

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<p>1 Start Media Center (see page 7).</p> <p>2 Click Play DVD.</p> <p>NOTE: If you do not see the Play DVD option, press ↑↓ on your keyboard to scroll through the list.</p> <p>The DVD movie begins playing in full-screen mode.</p>	<p>1 Start Media Center (see page 7).</p> <p>2 Press the arrow buttons, ▲▼, to highlight Play DVD and press the OK button.</p> <p>NOTE: If you do not see the Play DVD option, scroll through the list by pressing ▲▼.</p> <p>The DVD movie begins playing in full-screen mode.</p>

Watching a DVD Movie in a Resized Window

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<p>1 While the DVD movie is playing, click .</p> <p>The Media Center start menu window opens with the DVD playing in the inset window.</p> <p>2 To resize the window, click  on the taskbar and then manually adjust the window size.</p> <p>NOTE: If you manually resize the Media Center window, the DVD movie plays in the same window size.</p>	<p>1 While the DVD movie is playing, press .</p> <p>The Media Center start menu window opens with the DVD playing in the inset window.</p> <p>2 To resize the window, you must use the mouse. Click  on the taskbar and then manually adjust the window size.</p> <p>NOTE: If you manually resize the Media Center window, the DVD movie plays in the same window size.</p>

Viewing Your Pictures (Digital Photos)

Media Center allows you to view your pictures (digital photos) individually, as a slide show, or as a slide show with music. You must organize your pictures in the **My Pictures** folder in Windows Explorer to view them in Media Center.

Viewing Pictures in Media Center

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<p>1 Start Media Center (see page 7).</p> <p>2 Click My Pictures.</p> <p>NOTE: If you do not see the My Pictures option, press ↑↓ on your keyboard to scroll through the list.</p> <p>The right side of the window displays thumbnails and folder icons, if you have organized your pictures into folders.</p> <p>3 Click the picture or click the folder to view the pictures inside the folder. The selected picture opens in full-screen mode.</p> <p>4 To view additional pictures not displayed in the window, click ▼▲ in the window or press ↑↓ on your keyboard to scroll to other pages of picture files and folders.</p>	<p>1 Start Media Center (see page 7).</p> <p>2 Highlight My Pictures and press the OK button.</p> <p>The right side of the window displays thumbnails and folder icons, if you have organized your pictures into folders.</p> <p>3 Press ◀▶ to move through your picture files and folder files.</p> <p>4 Highlight the picture or the folder to view the pictures inside the folder and press the OK button. The selected picture opens in full-screen mode.</p> <p>5 To view additional pictures not displayed in the window, press ▲▼ to scroll to other pages of picture files and folders.</p>







Viewing Pictures as a Slide Show

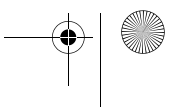
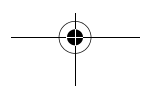
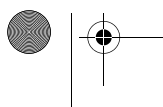
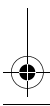
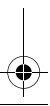
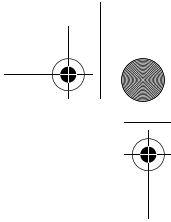
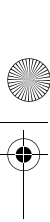
Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Click My Pictures. <p>NOTE: If you do not see the My Pictures option, press ↑↓ on your keyboard to scroll through the list.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Click the folder of pictures you want to view. 4 Click Play slide show to display your pictures automatically. You can also press ←→ on the keyboard to manually go to the next or previous picture. <p>If you do not select the pictures you want to view as a slide show, Media Center uses the first folder listed.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Highlight My Pictures and press the OK button. 3 Highlight the folder of pictures you want to view and press the OK button. 4 Highlight Play slide show and press the OK button to display your pictures automatically. You can also press ◀▶ to manually go to the next or previous picture. <p>If you do not select the pictures you want to view as a slide show, Media Center uses the first folder listed.</p>

Sorting Pictures

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Click My Pictures. <p>NOTE: If you do not see the My Pictures option, press ↑↓ on your keyboard to scroll through the list.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Click Sort by Name or Sort by Date. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Highlight My Pictures and press the OK button. 3 Highlight Sort by Name or Sort by Date and press the OK button.

Viewing a Slide Show With Music


Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Click My Music. <p>NOTE: If you do not see the My Music option, press ↑↓ on your keyboard to scroll through the list.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Click the song you want to play. 4 If the music doesn't automatically start, click  on the bottom Media Center toolbar. 5 Click . 6 Click My Pictures. <p>NOTE: If you do not see the My Pictures option, press ↑↓ on your keyboard to scroll through the list.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Click the folder with the pictures you want to view. 8 Click Play slide show. When Media Center switches to full-screen mode, the inset window disappears and the music continues to play. 9 To stop the slide show, click . To stop the music, click Stop on the DVD menu. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Highlight My Music and press the OK button. 3 Highlight the song and press the OK button. 4 If the music doesn't automatically start, press the Play button, . 5 Press , highlight My Pictures, and press the OK button. 6 Highlight the folder with the pictures you want to view and press the OK button. 7 Highlight Play slide show and press the OK button. When Media Center switches to full-screen mode, the inset window disappears and the music continues to play. 8 To stop the slide show, press STOP; press STOP again to stop the music.








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If Your Computer Has an Optional TV Tuner

Media Center allows you to watch on your TV or your computer monitor any program offered by your TV service provider. However, before you can watch TV using Media Center, you must correctly set up your computer for the TV signal source (cable, satellite, and so on) and run the software wizard. For more information on hardware setup, see the setup diagrams that came with your computer.

 **NOTE:** A TV tuner card is required for using the TV features.

Watching a TV Program

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Click My TV. 3 Click Live TV. 4 To change channels, click  ch  on the bottom Media Center toolbar or press the channel number on your keyboard (<Num Lock> must be enabled). <p>NOTE: The Media Center toolbars appear when you move the mouse.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5 To minimize the TV window, click  on the top Media Center toolbar. You can further change the window size with the mouse. To maximize the TV window to full-screen mode, click on the TV image. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Highlight My TV and press the OK button. 3 Click Live TV. 4 To change channels, press the CH/PG button or enter the channel number by using the numeric buttons. 5 To minimize the TV window, press  to return to the Media Center start menu window. To return to full-screen mode, press the left-arrow button, , to scroll down to the inset window, and then press the OK button.

Television Program Guide

Media Center provides a television program guide that allows you to scroll through a list of the current TV programs and channels available from your TV service provider. The television program guide displays the channel and network, as well as the program title and scheduled time block. The number of days displayed in the television program guide depends on your TV service provider. When you select a program title, a detailed description of the program appears at the bottom of the window.




Using the Television Program Guide

- The television program guide is a shared programming schedule that is visible to all users. When someone attempts to schedule a recording when another recording is scheduled, a message appears explaining the conflict.
- If the television program guide is not updated, the number of calendar days displayed decreases each day.
- You can have Media Center automatically connect to the Internet and update your television program guide. Not all Internet Service Providers (ISPs) support this feature. Check with your ISP.

If your ISP does not support automatic television program guide updates, you must update the television program guide manually in the **Settings** window. You can manually update the television program guide at any time even if you have set up automatic updates.

- If the television program guide is not updated, the following message appears next to each channel: `No data available.`
- Your TV service provider determines the number of channels and calendar days that appear.
- The television program guide does not display past TV listings.



 **NOTE:** If you are using your optional remote control to navigate through Media Center, you must use the arrow buttons to highlight a specific function.














Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Click My TV. 3 Click Guide. 4 To see a program description, move the cursor over the program. The description appears at the bottom of the window. If you cannot see the complete description, right-click the mouse. 5 To navigate through the channels, click   in the window or press ↑↓ on your keyboard. To get to a specific channel, type the channel number. 6 To watch a program, click the program. 7 To view upcoming programs on a specific channel, move your cursor over the channel number and station call letters. Future programs appear at the bottom of the window. You can also click  in the window to scroll through future programs for the channels that are displayed. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Press the GUIDE button. 2 To see a program description, highlight the program and the description appears at the bottom of the window. If you cannot see the complete description, press the MORE button. 3 To navigate through the channels, press ▲▼. To get to a specific channel, specify the channel number by pressing the numeric buttons. 4 To watch a program, highlight the program and press the OK button. 5 To view upcoming programs on a specific channel, highlight the channel number and station call letters. Future programs appear at the bottom of the window. You can also press ▶ to scroll through future programs for the channels that are displayed.

Recording TV Programs


Media Center allows you to record TV programs so that you can watch them at your convenience. You can record the program you are watching, a future program, or a program series by using the television program guide, the **Search** option, or manually. If you schedule the recording of several programs or a program series, you can change the priority order in the **Recorded TV** window in **My TV**. See "Changing Recording Priorities" on page 22.


Recording a Program Using the Television Program Guide







-  **NOTE:** Depending on the time of day, some networks share the same channel. The television program guide may display the programming for one network, which can cause recording options to be unavailable. You may need to manually update the television program guide before scheduling a recording.
-  **NOTE:** During scheduled recordings, you can only watch the program being recorded. If you change channels while recording, the recording stops.







Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Click My TV. 3 Click Guide. 4 To navigate to the program you want to record, click   in the window or press   on your keyboard. If the program is scheduled at a future time and does not appear, click  in the window or press  on your keyboard to scroll through future programs. 5 Click the program. 6 Click Record to record the program or click Record series to record the program series. The Record  or Record series  icon appears in the television program guide next to the program. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Highlight My TV and press the OK button. 3 Highlight Guide and press the OK button. 4 To navigate to the program you want to record, press  . If the program is scheduled at a future time and does not appear, press  to scroll through future programs. 5 Highlight the program and press the OK button. 6 Highlight Record and press the OK button to record the program or highlight Record series and press the OK button to record the program series. The Record  or Record series  icon appears in the television program guide next to the program. <p>NOTE: When you schedule a recording in the television program guide, you can press the REC'D TV button once to record a program, twice to record a series, or three times to cancel the scheduled recording you just selected.</p>

Recording a TV Program Using the Search Option

 **NOTE:** During scheduled recordings, you can only watch the program being recorded. If you change channels while recording, the recording stops.



 **NOTE:** If you go to another area in Media Center, the TV channel you last selected is displayed in the inset window at the bottom of the window.

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Click My TV. 3 Click Search. <p>A window appears with the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Categories — Displays general categories including Educational, Kids, and Sports as well as subcategories to find your program. • Title — Displays a search box for you to type in the program name using the keyboard. Media Center automatically searches for the program based on each character you type. The more characters you type, the more specific the search results. • Keyword — Displays a search box for you to type in a keyword using the keyboard. Media Center automatically searches for the word in the program title or program description based on each character you type. The more characters you enter, the more specific the search results. • When the search is complete, a list of programs appears. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 To navigate through the list and find the program you want to record, click   in the window or press   on your keyboard. 5 Click the program. If it is a program series, click on the specific episode you want to record. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Highlight My TV and press the OK button. 3 Highlight Search and press the OK button. <p>A window appears with the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Categories — Displays general categories including Educational, Kids, and Sports as well as subcategories to find your program. • Title — Displays a search box for you to enter in the program name using the numeric buttons. Media Center automatically searches for the program based on each character you enter. The more characters you enter, the more specific the search results. • Keyword — Displays a search box for you to enter in a keyword using the numeric buttons. Media Center automatically searches for the word in the program title or program description based on each character you enter. The more characters you enter, the more specific the search results. • When the search is complete, a list of programs appears. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 To navigate through the list and find the program you want to record, press  . 5 Highlight the program and press the OK button. If it is a program series, highlight the specific episode you want to record and press the OK button.

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<p>6 Click Record to record the specific program or Record series to record the program series.</p> <p>The Record  or Record series  icon appears in the television program guide next to the program.</p> <p>NOTE: If there is a recording conflict, Media Center displays a message and allows you to select the program you want to record.</p> <p>7 Click  to return to the Media Center start menu window.</p>	<p>6 Highlight Record and press the OK button to record the program, or highlight Record series and press the OK button to record the program series.</p> <p>The Record  or Record series  icon appears in the television program guide next to the program.</p> <p>NOTE: If there is a recording conflict, Media Center displays a message and allows you to select the program you want to record.</p> <p>7 Press  to return to the Media Center start menu window.</p>

Recording a TV Program Manually



Media Center allows you to begin recording before the scheduled TV program begins.

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Click My TV. 3 Click Recorded TV. 4 Click Add Recording. 5 Click Create a custom recording with channel and time or keyword. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To create a custom recording by specifying the channel and time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Enter the channel number by using the numeric buttons on your keyboard. – Click - + to adjust the following settings: recording frequency, date, start and stop times, storage, and quality options. You can also enter start and stop times by using the numeric buttons on the keyboard. • To create a custom recording by specifying a keyword: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Use the keyboard to specify an actor's name, a director's name, a movie title, or a generic keyword. 6 When you complete the changes, click Record. <p>NOTE: If there is a recording conflict, Media Center displays a message and allows you to select the program you want to record.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Click  to return to the Media Center start menu window. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Highlight My TV and press the OK button. 3 Highlight Recorded TV and press the OK button. 4 Highlight Add Recording and press the OK button. 5 Highlight Create a custom recording with channel and time or keyword and press the OK button. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To create a custom recording by specifying the channel and time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Enter the channel number using the numeric buttons on your keyboard. – Press ▲▼ to select - + and adjust the following settings: recording frequency, date, start and stop times, storage, and quality options. You can also enter start and stop times by using the numeric buttons. • To create a custom recording by specifying a keyword: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Use the numeric keypad to specify an actor's name, a director's name, a movie title, or a generic keyword. 6 Press the OK button to confirm each setting change. When you complete the changes, highlight Record and press the OK button. <p>NOTE: If there is a recording conflict, Media Center displays a message and allows you to select the program you want to record.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Press  to return to the Media Center start menu window.

Changing Your TV Program Guide Settings

Media Center allows you to change the settings for playing and recording TV programs as well as playing DVDs. If you set up a program recording and another program is scheduled at the same time, you can enable Media Center to resolve the conflict.

Changing Recording Priorities

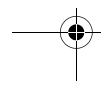
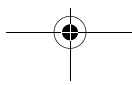
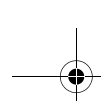
Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Click My TV. 3 Click Recorded TV to display the following options: Sort by Date, Sort by Title, Scheduled, and Add Recording. 4 Click Scheduled to display the following options: Sort by Date, Sort by Title, Series, and History. 5 Click the desired option to find the program you want to change. 6 Click the program you want to change. A window appears with the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cast & More — Lists the cast and provides additional information. • Record Settings — Displays the recording start and stop times and other recording settings. • Do not Record — Cancels the scheduled recording. • Keep Until — Keeps a program until you want to remove it. • Other Showings — Lists additional program showings. 7 Click  to return to the Media Center start menu window. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Highlight My TV and press the OK button. 3 Highlight Recorded TV and press the OK button to display the following options: Sort by Date, Sort by Title, Scheduled, and Add Recording. 4 Highlight Scheduled and press the OK button to display the following options: Sort by Date, Sort by Title, Series, and History. 5 Highlight the desired option to find the program you want to change and press the OK button. 6 Highlight the program you want to change and press the OK button. A window appears with the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cast & More — Lists the cast and provides additional information. • Record Settings — Displays the recording start and stop times and other recording settings. • Do not Record — Cancels the scheduled recording. • Keep Until — Keeps a program until you want to remove it. • Other Showings — Lists additional program showings. 7 Press  to return to the Media Center start menu window.

Watching Recorded TV Programs

Media Center stores all your recorded programs in **Recorded TV**. In the **Recorded TV** window, you can sort the programs by name, date, or category. You can also delete a recorded program or program series and check for any recording errors.

Playing a Recorded TV Program

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Click My TV. 3 Click Recorded TV. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A window appears with the following options: • Sort by Date — Organizes all recorded programs by date. • Sort by Title — Organizes all recorded programs by name. • Scheduled — Provides a list of all programs scheduled to be recorded. • Add Recording — Adds a program or a program series that you want to record. 4 Click either Sort by Date or Sort by Title, and click the program you want to watch. 5 Click Play. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Highlight My TV and press the OK button. 3 Highlight Recorded TV and press the OK button. <p>A window appears with the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sort by Date — Organizes all recorded programs by date. • Sort by Title — Organizes all recorded programs by name. • Scheduled — Provides a list of all programs scheduled to be recorded. • Add Recording — Adds a program or a program series that you want to record. 4 Highlight either Sort by Date or Sort by Title and press the OK button. 5 Highlight the program you want to watch, and press the OK button. 6 Highlight Play and press the OK button.



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Other Features

Using My Music

Media Center allows you to copy, organize, and play CDs or digital music files in your music library (Media Library).


Copying a CD to the Media Library

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Click My Music. 3 Insert a CD. Media Center displays the title of the CD you inserted plus all available CDs in your Media Library. 4 Click the CD you want to copy, and then click Copy CD. The copy options are displayed, including the option that allows you to add copy protection for your music. 5 Select the copy option you prefer. 6 Click Copy CD. 7 You are asked to confirm whether or not you want to copy the CD into your Media Library. Click Yes. A message displays when the copying is complete. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Highlight My Music and press the OK button. 3 Insert a CD. Media Center displays the title of the CD you inserted plus all available CDs in your Media Library. 4 Highlight Copy CD and press the OK button. 5 Highlight the CD you want to copy, and then highlight Copy CD. The copy options are displayed allowing you to add copy protection for your music or not. 6 Highlight the copy option you prefer. 7 Highlight Copy CD and press the OK button. You are asked to confirm whether or not you want to copy the CD into your Media Library. Highlight Yes and press the OK button. A message displays when the copying is complete.

Creating a Queue and Saving it as a Playlist Using the Optional Remote Control

The queue is a temporary list of songs to be played in **My Music**. You can create a queue and save it as a playlist to add to your permanent set of playlists. Once you have created the playlists, you can access them in Media Center.

To create and save a playlist, perform the following steps:

- 1 Press , highlight **My Music**, and press the OK button.
- 2 Navigate to the music you want to add to the playlist by highlighting one of the music categories (**Albums**, **Artists**, **Playlists**, **Songs**, or **Genres**), and press the OK button.
- 3 Highlight your music choice, press **OK** to select the music, and then select **Add To Queue**.
- 4 Press the OK button.
A confirmation of your choice is displayed.
- 5 Repeat steps 3 and 4 until you have selected all of the music for your playlist.
- 6 Press the arrow buttons to navigate to the inset window in the lower-left corner of the window to go to **Queue**, and press the OK button.
- 7 On the **Queue** screen, select **Edit Queue**, and then select **Save As Playlist**.
- 8 Press the numeric buttons to enter a name for the playlist, and then select **Save**.
You will see your new playlist the next time you go to **My Music**.

Playing Music

You can use **My Music** to play music grouped in a variety of different categories including albums, artists, playlists, and genres. The following table shows how to set and play music grouped by the album category.

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<p>1 Start Media Center (see page 7).</p> <p>2 Click My Music.</p> <p>3 Click Albums.</p> <p>A window displays icons of all available album titles with pictures of each album cover.</p> <p>4 Click the album title/cover icon.</p> <p>A window displays the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play — Plays the selected album. • Add to Queue — Adds the album to the queue. • Create CD/DVD — Creates a CD or a DVD from digital music or video files on your hard drive. • Edit Info — Modifies the information about the album. • Delete — Deletes an album from the computer. <p>5 Click Play to start playing the CD (album).</p> <p>A window appears with the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View Cover — Organizes the albums by cover. • View Queue — Displays the queue of albums. • Shuffle — Rearranges the music tracks on the album. • Repeat — Replays the album. • Buy Music — Allows you to connect to the Internet, find CD information, and buy music CDs. • Visualize — Changes the graphics displayed when playing music. • Edit Queue — Modifies the queue. 	<p>1 Start Media Center (see page 7).</p> <p>2 Highlight My Music and press the OK button.</p> <p>3 Highlight Albums and press the OK button.</p> <p>A window displays icons of all available album titles with pictures of each album cover.</p> <p>4 Highlight the album title/cover icon and press the OK button.</p> <p>A window displays the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play — Plays the selected album. • Add to Queue — Adds the album to the queue. • Create CD/DVD — Creates a CD or a DVD from digital music or video files on your hard drive. • Edit Info — Modifies the information about the album. • Delete — Deletes an album from the computer. <p>5 Highlight Play and press the OK button to start playing the CD (album).</p> <p>A window appears with the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View Cover — Organizes the albums by cover. • View Queue — Displays the queue of albums. • Shuffle — Rearranges the music tracks on the album. • Repeat — Replays the album. • Buy Music — Allows you to connect to the Internet, find CD information, and buy music CDs. • Visualize — Changes the graphics displayed when playing music. • Edit Queue — Modifies the queue.

Using My Videos

Media Center allows you to organize and play videos on your computer.

Organizing Your Videos

When you attach a digital video camera to your computer, Windows XP asks how you want to capture the video. Various programs allow you to capture and edit video files. Most programs automatically save the file to the **My Videos** folder in Windows Explorer. If not, you must move your videos into the **My Videos** or **Shared Video** folder in Windows Explorer in order to play them in Media Center. When you have placed all your videos into the **My Videos** or **Shared Video** folder, you can rename, add, delete, and organize them into folders.



To organize and store your videos in the **My Videos** folder in Windows Explorer:

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **My Documents**.
- 2 Double-click the **My Videos** folder.

If you want to share your videos with others, place them in the **Shared Video** folder. To organize and store your videos in the **Shared Video** folder in Windows Explorer:

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **My Documents**.
- 2 Under **Other Places**, click **Shared Documents**.
- 3 Double-click the **Shared Video** folder.

Playing Digital Videos

Using the Mouse and Keyboard	Using the Optional Remote Control
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Click My Videos. The right side of the window displays small images of your video files and folder icons, if you organized your videos into folders. 3 Click an image to play the video. The selected video plays in full-screen mode, or the folder opens displaying a list of video files. If you want to play the video in the smaller window, click the BACK button. 4 To view additional videos not displayed in the window, click   in the window or press ↑↓ on your keyboard to scroll to other pages of video files and folders. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Start Media Center (see page 7). 2 Highlight My Videos and press the OK button. The right side of the window displays small images of your video files and folder icons, if you organized your videos into folders. 3 Press ◀▶ to highlight an image and press the OK button to play the video. The selected video plays in full-screen mode, or the folder opens and displays a list of video files. If you want to play the video in the smaller window, press the BACK button. 4 To view additional videos not displayed in the window, press ▲▼ to scroll to other pages of video files and folders.

Using More Programs

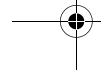
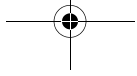
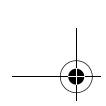
Sync to Device (Synchronization) Using the Optional Remote Control

When you connect a universal serial bus (USB) device that is compatible with Media Center, you are prompted to synchronize the device.

To synchronize media to a portable media device:

- 1** Connect your portable media device to the Media Center computer.
- 2** Press the **START** button on the remote.
- 3** Highlight **More Programs** and press the **OK** button.
- 4** Highlight **Sync To Device** and press the **OK** button.

For additional information, click **?** to access the Media Center online help.



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