

# Windows Media Center

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# What's on the Agenda?

- **A Little Bit of WMC history**
- **What's up with WMC?**
- **WMC Hardware**
- **WMC Software**
- **WMC in XP versus Vista/7**
- **WMC Futures - Windows 8 (??)**

# A Little Bit of History

- **First, Windows XP Media Center Edition**
- **Versions diverged in 2005, Media Center Extender(s) added**
- **New version with Vista but dropped support for many MCX's**
- **TV Pack added in 2008, only with new PC**
- **TV Pack+ included in WMC for Windows 7**

# What's up with WMC?

- **Up to 16 TV Tuner devices - DVR/PVR**
  - **Analog, Digital OTA, Clear QAM, CableCard**
- **Electronic Program Guide - schedule**
- **Burns to DVD, xfer to portable players**
- **10-Foot User Interface**
- **Media organizer (videos, music, etc.)**

# WMC Hardware

- Originally just with certified PC's
- HTPC (Home Theater PC)
- TV Tuner devices (and content!)
- Remote control with sensor
- Media Center Extenders
  - XBox 360
  - Linksys DMA2200 (discont'd)
  - HP MediaSmart HDTV (discont'd)

# WMC Software

- **WMC API**
- **Add-ons (SecondRun.tv, etc.)**
- **WMC work-alikes:**
  - **XBMC**
  - **Media Portal**
  - **Boxee**
  - **MythTV**

# WMC Add-ons

- **SecondRun.tv**
- **Lifextender**
- **Hulu Desktop Integration**
- **My Channel Logos**
- **DVRMSToolbox with iPodifier**
- **My Movies 3**
- **WebGuide**
- **Media Browser**

# WMC Futures - Windows 8

- . **Very touchy pre-Windows 7**
- . **Windows Media Center not included in Windows 8 by default**
- . **DVD Playback and some audio codecs moved to Media Center Pack, a priced upgrade for Windows 8 Pro**
- . **Why? Usage.**



# References

- [Windows Media Center home page](#)
- [Wikipedia's Windows Media Center page](#)
- [HTPC info at Anandtech](#)
- [WMC add-ons info: Everything-Microsoft](#)

# That's All Folks!

Thanks!