

SETTING UP

Thank you for your purchase.



Your Media Center computer includes the following items:

- **Remote control** (may look different than the one shown)
- **Batteries** (for the wireless remote control)
- **Remote sensor (Infrared "IR" receiver)**—Receives signals from the remote control. (may look different than the one shown)
- **Infrared (IR) control cable**—Sends input from the remote sensor to a set-top box to change channels.
- **FM antenna**—Receives FM radio signals (optional)

Remove your computer components from the packaging and lay them out for easy access during the setup process.



Remote control and batteries



Remote sensor



Infrared (IR) control cable



FM antenna

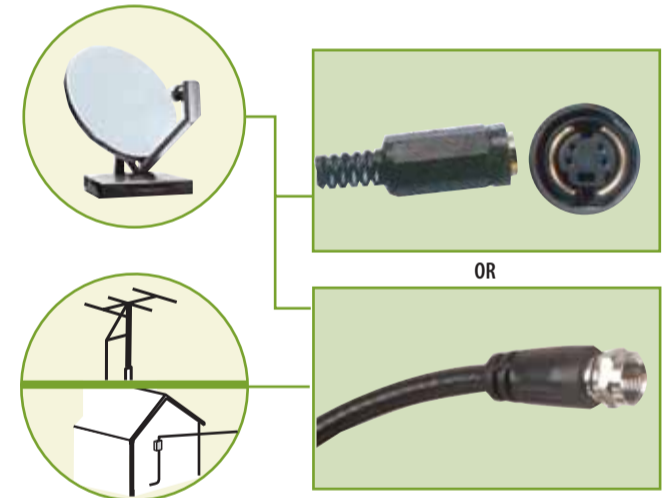
PLANNING YOUR MEDIA CENTER COMPUTER SETUP

Before you start connecting computer components, take a few minutes to make sure that all of these connections are available in the location you've selected for your Media Center computer.

- **Power outlet**
- **Internet connection**



- **Video source**



SETTING UP YOUR MEDIA CENTER HARDWARE

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Install remote control batteries

- 1 Insert two AA batteries into the remote control, matching the + and – inside the battery compartment.



Connect the remote sensor

- 1 Connect the remote sensor to any USB port on your computer.
- 2 Position the remote sensor so the remote control has a direct, unobstructed view of the sensor. The remote control has a limited range and must be within the sensor's 45° window of visibility.



Connect the video and audio source

S-Video—Provides the sharpest picture. If you use S-Video, you also need to connect the audio using RCA stereo cables.

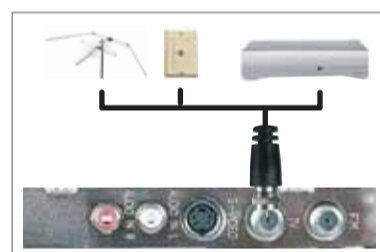
Connect an S-Video cable (not included) from a video device to the S-Video in jack on the back of your computer, then connect an RCA cable (not included) from the audio out jacks on the video device to the audio in RCA jacks on your computer.

Coaxial (TV)—Carries both video and audio signals. Use this to connect a direct cable or an antenna video source to your Media Center computer.

Connect a coaxial cable (not included) from a video device to the TV jack on your computer.



S-Video computer connection



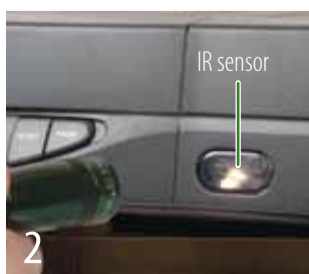
Coaxial computer connection

Connect the IR control cable

If your Media Center configuration uses a set-top box for the video source, connect the infrared (IR) control cable to the remote sensor and to the set-top box IR sensor window. The IR control cable sends input from the IR remote sensor to your set-top box to change channels.

- 1 Plug the IR control cable into any 1/8-inch jack on the back of the remote sensor. (The sensor included with your computer may look different.)
- 2 Locate the IR sensor on the set-top box by shining a flashlight through the set-top box IR sensor window. Look for a 1/2- to 3/8-inch metallic rectangle with a 1/8-inch dark circle in the middle. This is the IR sensor.
- 3 Remove the adhesive paper from the back of the IR cable, then place the sticky side of the IR cable on the set-top box sensor window. Make sure that the infrared cable is placed directly in front of the IR sensor that you located in Step 2.

NOTE: See your set-top box guide for more information about remote settings



SETTING UP OPTIONAL COMPUTER CONNECTIONS

Connecting a TV

You can use a TV as a display device. However, some older TVs provide a lower quality display than computer monitors or flat-panel TVs that are optimized for your Media Center computer.

Your Media Center computer provides display outputs from a VGA (monitor) port or an S-Video port. Select the highest quality port that your TV supports:

VGA—Best. If your TV has a VGA port, use this.

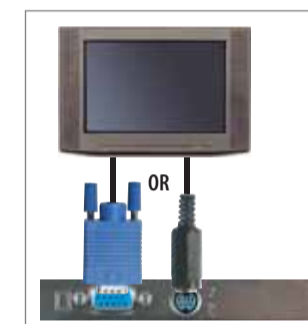
S-Video—Good. Display quality is acceptable for TV images but not as good for Media Center functions.

For a better TV display picture, you may need to lower the Media Center screen resolution to 800 × 600 or 640 × 480. See your online *User Guide* for instructions.



Analog audio jacks
(your computer's jacks may vary)

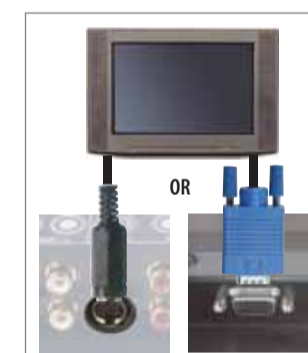
- 1 Connect a VGA cable (not included) or S-Video cable (not included) to the VGA port or S-Video jack on the back of your computer.
- 2 Connect the other end of the cable to the VGA port or S-Video jack on the back of your TV.
- 3 Turn on your TV and select the TV In video source. For more information about selecting the TV In video source, see your TV's documentation.



VGA/S-Video TV connection

Connecting the computer to an existing home stereo or home theater

Your Media Center computer includes audio jacks that support a 7.1 Surround Sound audio system. The sound system setup varies, depending on your sound system's audio inputs. Use your computer and sound system's setup posters and other documentation to connect your computer to the sound system.



VGA/S-Video computer connection

COMPLETING MEDIA CENTER SETUP

After your computer components are connected, you're ready to turn on the power and finish installing the software.

- 1 Press the power button on the front of the monitor or TV, then press the power button on the front of your Media Center computer. Make sure that your sound system (optional) is turned on.
- 2 Follow the Windows setup screens.
- 3 Turn on any peripheral devices, such as printers or scanners, and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the device setup.

NOTE: The Media Center setup wizard requires Internet access to complete the Media Center software configuration. Before starting the Media Center setup, make sure that your Internet connection is set up.

Before starting the Media Center setup wizard, make sure that software releases and security updates are current. See your online *User Guide* for instructions.

- 4 After you complete the initial Windows setup, press the **Start** button on the remote to start the Media Center setup wizard.
- 5 Follow the setup screens to configure the Media Center software for your specific requirements.

