Start Here

Actual Components May Vary
Easy to set up and fun to use
Enjoy more of your TV, movies, music, photos, and home videos in one place. A simple and delightful interface that puts you in control of your complete entertainment experience. Designed to integrate easily into your existing home entertainment components.

Easily preserve and share memories
Capture, personalize, and create DVDs of your home movies and back up your photos, music, or favorite TV programs on DVD. Use the optional HP Personal Media Drive as an easy way to add more storage or archive your digital content.

Watch what you want, when you want
Pause and replay Live Standard and High Definition over-the-air TV and record hundreds of hours of your favorite TV shows without a monthly fee, or enjoy DVD movies in high-quality video and digital surround sound. (Surround sound system is required, sold separately. Additional cables may be required, sold separately.)

Explore a whole new world of on-demand entertainment
Explore the Internet for exciting content like on-demand movies and music through Online Spotlight, or instant message friends while watching your favorite TV shows. (Separate service contracts and/or fees may be required.)

Final Setup
Initial Configuration

After you first turn on your system:
2) Follow the onscreen instructions for the initial Microsoft Windows setup, and answer any questions.
3) After a countdown and blank screen, Windows restarts automatically.
4) After the system restarts, complete the Display wizard.
5) Use the initial Media Center setup wizard to set up the required components and optional components. Follow the onscreen instructions.
6) Refer to the User’s Guide for instructions on initial audio and video configuration and connecting additional equipment.
7) For further instructions on using your HP Digital Entertainment Center, refer to the User’s Guide, Software Guide, Warranty and Support Guide, and other documentation that came with your PC. You may also go to www.hp.com/support for more information.
8) Enjoy!
**Final Setup**

**Power on**

1. Connect to a surge protector to guard against voltage surges or spikes.
2. Turn power on to all connected devices except the HP Digital Entertainment Center.
3. Connect video cables before powering on the HP Digital Entertainment Center.
4. Power on only after you've connected all cables.
5. Do not disconnect any cables during setup.

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- Remote control, keyboard and FM radio
- Connecting to Internet — Wired and wireless
- Power on
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Welcome to the HP Digital Entertainment Center

- HP Personal Media Drive bay, for additional storage for recorded TV shows and digital content (drive sold separately)
- 9-in-1 universal flash card reader for quick transfer of digital photos and other digital content
- Progressive scan DVD player plus double-layer DVD±RW / DVD±R recorder with LightScribe
- High-speed USB 2.0 ETHERNET 1394
- Front Input S-VIDEO VIDEO AUDIO DV IN L R 1394MIC IN HEADPHONES
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- All connectivity for capturing analog and digital video from camcorders

Experience Entertainment Like Never Before!

Final Setup
Internet connection

Wired LAN
From DSL or cable modem or network router (sold separately)

Wireless LAN
From wireless router (sold separately)

Refer to network setup wizard for configuring the HP Digital Entertainment Center to your home network or Final Setup Internet connection
Final Setup
Remote control, keyboard, FM radio

Remote Control
(Actual remote control may vary)
- Press any key to check if batteries are correctly installed. The indicator light should blink.
- Install AA batteries in remote control.

Keyboard Setup
- Pull tab to power keyboard.

FM Radio Setup
- Pull tab to open and hang up to get any signal.

Placement and Ventilation Requirements

IMPORTANT: Use an open cabinet for best operation of the HP Digital Entertainment Center (DEC). Do not cover vents on top, back, or side of unit.

Backs of cabinets should be open for best operation; if there is a back to the cabinet, there must be a hole in the back of the cabinet with a minimum open area of 19”W x 6.5”H behind the DEC, so that air can circulate, see Figure A. The back of the DEC must be at least 4” from the wall, see Figure B.

If you choose to use a cabinet with front doors, they must be left open during your use of the DEC.

Failure to follow these ventilation requirements could result in the DEC malfunctioning.

NOTE: These clearances are required for proper ventilation.
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### TV Sources

Cable Box or Digital Satellite Receiver

Select only one TV source option, then proceed to Final Setup.

**Step 2**

Attach the IR transmitter from the rear of the HP Digital Entertainment Center to the front IR window of the Digital Cable Box or Digital Satellite Receiver.

- It may be easier to find the IR window using a flashlight. See User’s Guide for further instructions.
- These boxes are provided by your local cable or satellite service provider.

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**Cables**

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- **Infrared (IR) transmitter**
- **Coaxial**
- **AC power**
- **RCA stereo (red, white)** (for 2-channel audio)
- **Coaxial splitter** (select models)

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**Documentation**

- **Wireless LAN antenna** (for extended range)
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**Source 1 Set-top box**

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**Source 2 Set-top box**

- **Source 2 Set-top box**

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**Select only one TV source option, then proceed to Final Setup**
**TV Sources**

*Cable Box or Digital Satellite Receiver*

Select only one TV source option, then proceed to Final Setup

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**Step 1**

*These boxes are provided by your local cable or satellite service provider. If neither set-top box supports S-video, the second box can be connected by using the front AV inputs or an adapter (not included).*

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**Complete the Required Next Step**

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**IMPORTANT:** The HP Digital Entertainment Center must be installed in an area with an open back to ensure proper ventilation.
Audio
Select only one Audio option, then proceed to Video

**Tips**
- You may need to change the input selection on the front panel of your AV receiver or AV remote control to hear sound. See your AV receiver documentation.
- For the 5.1 or 7.1 options or speakers that use mini-plugs, you may need to purchase additional cables.
- You may not need to connect all plugs.
- Refer to the User’s Guide for detailed instructions.

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**Recommended**

**5.1 Channel AV Receiver**
- Digital AV Receiver Rear Panel
- Digital Audio In
- Connectors vary by AV receiver
- Audio Input
- Connectors may vary
- Digital Audio Out

**7.1 Channel AV Receiver**
- Digital AV Receiver Rear Panel
- Digital Audio In
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- Digital Audio Out

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**TV Sources**
UHF/VHF Antenna, or Analog Cable
Select only one TV source, then proceed to Final Setup

**HP Digital Entertainment Center Rear Panel**
- AV Receiver Rear Panel
- TV Source
- UHF Antenna
- UHF Antenna
- Cable
- HP Digital Entertainment Center Rear Panel

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**Audio Input**
Analog Audio Out
(Multi-Channel)

**Digital connection**
Digital Audio Input
Digital Audio Out

**Connector colors may vary**
Surround
Center
Sub
Front
Connectors vary by AV receiver

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**NOTE:** CABLE/ANT. IN has an internal splitter to dual tuners.
**TV Sources**

**About ATSC antennas**

**About Connecting an ATSC Antenna**

Over-the-air ATSC digital TV requires a UHF/VHF antenna (sold separately) to receive the digital signal. Your location must be within an ATSC DTV broadcast area.

See the following illustrations to install ATSC DTV.

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- The channels available in your area. The channels may be color coded by zone.
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**Audio**

Select only one Audio option, then proceed to Video

**5.1 Channel AV Receiver**

- Analog connections

**2-Channel Stereo Receiver or TV**

- Analog connections

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**Tips**

- If you have a multi-channel sound system, and the broadcast is only 2-channel, you may not hear all the sound; you may need to change your audio settings to 2.0/2.1. Then change the settings back for multi-channel broadcasts. Refer to the User’s Guide to configure audio.

- Both Media Center speaker settings and DVD audio settings must be changed for proper audio setup. Refer to the User’s Guide.
### Video

**High-Definition TVs or Computer Displays**

Select only one Video option, then proceed to TV Sources

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**CRTs and Rear Projection Non-HD TVs**

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1. **Digital Video** (Component*)
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3. **Progressive Scan (Component*)**
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**TV Rear Panel**

- **Video In**
- **Progression Scan (Component*)**
- **Digital Video* (Component*)**

**HP Digital Entertainment Center Rear Panel**

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Recommended Digital Video* (DVI/HDMI**)
**Adapter required. Sold separately

- Digital Video
- VGA
  - Computer Displays or Digital TVs

Progressive Scan (Component*)
*(sold separately)

TV Rear Panel

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TV Rear Panel

Recommended S-video

TV Rear Panel

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Tips
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- For the 5.1 or 7.1 options, if you don’t have the jacks, you may need to purchase additional cables. The connector colors may vary by AV receiver.
- If you use a splitter, you may not need to connect all plugs.
- Refer to the User’s Guide for detailed instructions.

7.1 Channel AV Receiver

5.1 Channel AV Receiver

HP Digital Entertainment Center Rear Panel

Audio Input (Digital connection) or AV Receiver Rear Panel

Recommended

Digital Audio Out

Digital Audio Out

Audio Input

Connectors vary by AV receiver

Audio Input

Connectors vary by AV receiver

HP Digital Entertainment Center Rear Panel

For HD Signal, connect antenna to HDTV/SDTV ANT. IN DUAL TUNER

Audio Select only one Audio option, then proceed to Video

TV Sources

UHF/VHF Antenna, or Analog Cable
Select only one TV source, then proceed to Final Setup

ATSC UHF/VHF Antenna

ATSC and Analog UHF/VHF Antenna

Cable Connection

Cable Splitter

HP Digital Entertainment Center Rear Panel

NOTE: CABLE/ANT. IN has an internal splitter to dual tuners.
TV Sources
Cable Box or Digital Satellite Receiver
Select only one TV source option, then proceed to Final Setup

Step 1

**Single Set-top Box**

From first Cable Box or Satellite Receiver

**Second Set-top Box**

From second Cable Box or Satellite Receiver

Note: These boxes are provided by your local cable or satellite service provider. If either box has an included signal box, connect the box using the box’s output for audio and video.

Complete the Required Next Step

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### TV Sources

**Step 2**

- **Source 1 Set-top box**
- **Source 2 Set-top box**

- **Attach** the IR transmitter from the rear of the HP Digital Entertainment Center to the front IR window of the Digital Cable Box or Digital Satellite Receiver.

- It may be easier to find the IR window using a flashlight. See User’s Guide for further instructions.

### What's in the box?

- **RF wireless**
- **Lap-size keyboard** (batteries preinstalled)
- **IR remote control** plus two AA batteries
- **Documentation**
- **Wireless LAN antenna** (for extended range)
- **FM antenna**

### HP Digital Entertainment Center Rear Panel

- **DIGITAL VIDEO OUT**
  - DVI
- **DIGITAL AUDIO OUT**
  - COAXIAL
  - OPTICAL
- **10/100/1000 HI SPEED USB 2.0 ETHERNET 1394 AUDIO IN**
- **VIDEO OUT**
  - S-VIDEO COMPONENT
  - VIDEO
- **VGA**
- **Pb**
- **Pr**
- **Y**
- **INFRARED TRANSMITTER OUT**
- **1**
- **2**
- **TV SOURCE 1 IN**
- **VIDEO AUDIO S-VIDEO**
- **R**
- **L**
- **WIRELESS LAN 802.11 a/b/g REMOVABLE ANTENNA**
- **ACTIVITY LINK**
- **AC IN**
  - 100-240V- 4/A 50/60Hz**
- **TV SOURCE 2 IN**
  - S-VIDEO
  - AUDIO R L
- **CABLE/ANT. IN FM ANTENNA IN 75 COAXIAL DUAL TUNER**
- **HDTV / SDTV ANT. IN ATSC TUNER**

### HP Digital Entertainment Center Software Guide

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### HP 1234-5678

- **Source 1 Set-top box**
- **Source 2 Set-top box**

### HP Home Theater PC System Recovery

- **Windows ® XP Media Center Edition 2004**
- **Support for Microsoft products is provided by HP.**
- **For distribution only with a new PC.**


Product of XXXXX.

This CD can ONLY be used with an HP Home Theater PC. Refer to the printed instructions provided with your Recovery CDs.
Final Setup
Remote control, keyboard, FM radio

Remote Control
[Actual remote control may vary]

1. Press any key to check if batteries are correctly installed. The indicator light should blink.

2. Install 2 AA batteries in remote control.

Keyboard Setup

1. Pull tab to power keyboard.

FM Radio Setup

The FM antenna must be completely open and hung up to get any signal.

Placement and Ventilation Requirements

IMPORTANT: Use an open cabinet for best operation of the HP Digital Entertainment Center (DEC). Do not cover vents on top, back, or side of unit.

Backs of cabinets should be open for best operation; if there is a back to the cabinet, there must be a hole in the back of the cabinet with a minimum open area of 19"W x 6.5"H behind the DEC, so that air can circulate, see Figure A. The back of the DEC must be at least 4" from the wall, see Figure B.

If you choose to use a cabinet with front doors, they must be left open during your use of the DEC.

Failure to follow these ventilation requirements could result in the DEC malfunctioning.

NOTE: These clearances are required for proper ventilation.
Welcome to the HP Digital Entertainment Center

Experience Entertainment Like Never Before!

Progressive scan DVD player plus double-layer DVD±RW / DVD±R recorder with LightScribe
HP Personal Media Drive bay, for additional storage for recorded TV shows and digital content (drive sold separately)
AV connectivity for capturing analog and digital video from camcorders
9-in-1 universal flash card reader for quick transfer of digital photos and other digital content
High-speed USB

Final Setup
Internet connection

Wired LAN
From DSL or cable modem or network router (sold separately)

Wireless LAN
From wireless router (sold separately)

Refer to network setup wizard for configuring the HP Digital Entertainment Center to your home network.
Final Setup
Power on

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Easy to set up and fun to use
Enjoy more of your TV, movies, music, photos, and home videos in one place. A simple and delightful interface that puts you in control of your complete entertainment experience. Designed to integrate easily into your existing home entertainment components.

Easily preserve and share memories
Capture, personalize, and create DVDs of your home movies and back up your photos, music, or favorite TV programs on DVD. Use the optional HP Personal Media Drive as an easy way to add more storage or archive your digital content.

Watch what you want, when you want
Pause and replay Live Standard and High Definition over-the-air TV and record hundreds of hours of your favorite TV shows without a monthly fee, or enjoy DVD movies in high-quality video and digital surround sound. (Surround sound system is required, sold separately. Additional cables may be required, sold separately.)

Explore a whole new world of on-demand entertainment
Explore the Internet for exciting content like on-demand movies and music through Online Spotlight, or instant message friends while watching your favorite TV shows. (Separate service contracts and/or fees may be required.)

After you first turn on your system:
2) Follow the onscreen instructions for the initial Microsoft Windows setup, and answer any questions.
3) After a countdown and blank screen, Windows restarts automatically.
4) After the system restarts, complete the Display wizard.
5) Use the initial Media Center setup wizard to set up the required components and optional components. Follow the onscreen instructions.
6) Refer to the User’s Guide for instructions on initial audio and video configuration and connecting additional equipment.
7) For further instructions on using your HP Digital Entertainment Center, refer to the User’s Guide, Software Guide, Warranty and Support Guide, and other documentation that came with your PC.
8) Enjoy!

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