

Watch and Record TV: a TiVo for free!

Using MediaPortal, you can watch live TV, record shows to your hard drive, or view the TV guide on any PC in your home.

- You can even watch and record TV at the same time with only one DVB/ATSC TV Card
- You can use any analog card that supports BDA
- There is no limit on the number of TV Cards supported.
- MediaPortal supports all major brands of cards, like DE, Hauppauge, Pinnacle, TT, including analog cards.

Before you can use TV, you must first tune in your channels. See [TV Quick Setup](#) to get started. Then for advanced options see [Configuration > TV-Server](#)

TV-Server

The [TV-Server](#) is an application which allows you to set up one central server with one or more TV cards. All TV related tasks are handled by the server and streamed over the network to one or more clients. Clients can then install the MediaPortal Client software and use the TV-Server to watch live or recorded TV, schedule recordings, view and search [EPG](#) data over the network. Since version 1.0.1 the client plugin of the TV-Server has replaced the default built-in TV Engine.

Even if you do not have a network (i.e. a singleseat installation), the TV-Server treats your PC as both the server and the client.

Of course to use all the TV features, you will want to add [EPG](#) data to your [TV Guide](#) and likely wish to add [TV Channel logos](#) as well.

Using TV

Once you have tuned your channels and added EPG data, you can:



- [TV Guide](#) - Browse the Electronic Program Guide
- [Recorded TV](#) - browse and watch all your recordings
- [Record](#) (Start or Stop)



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- **Active Recordings** - view all the programs currently recording on either a single or multiple TV card(s)
- **Channel** displays the [Mini Guide](#), to view channels by channel groups
- **TV On/Off** - [Watch Live TV](#) with [time shifting](#) - (you may change the default settings in [Configuration > TV](#))
- **TV Streams** - displays a list of all currently tuned TV-Channels. It allows you to use the existing timeshift buffer of these channels.
- **Scheduled** - browse and manage all programs you have scheduled for recording
- **Search** - searches all program listed in your TV Guide

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Related Plugins

[Intelligent Frame Correction \(IFC\)](#)

Provides the best possible aspect ratio and view mode with a minimum of effort.

[MyVolume](#)

Save your custom sound volume of each TV/Radio channel or internet stream and load them automatically.

[Volume Control](#)

Displays information and allows you to configure your default audio device within MediaPortal

[IRSS \(Infrared Server Suite\)](#)

Enables 'blasting' from your MediaPortal remote to your STB (set top box) and much, much more.

[MP-TVSeries](#) - scan your harddrive for TV Episodes (or recorded TV files), download details, posters and fanart and

allow you to browse, manage
and play your episodes