

Media Server Application Guide



TD-W8968



TD-W8970 / TD-W8970B



TD-W8980 / TD-W8980B

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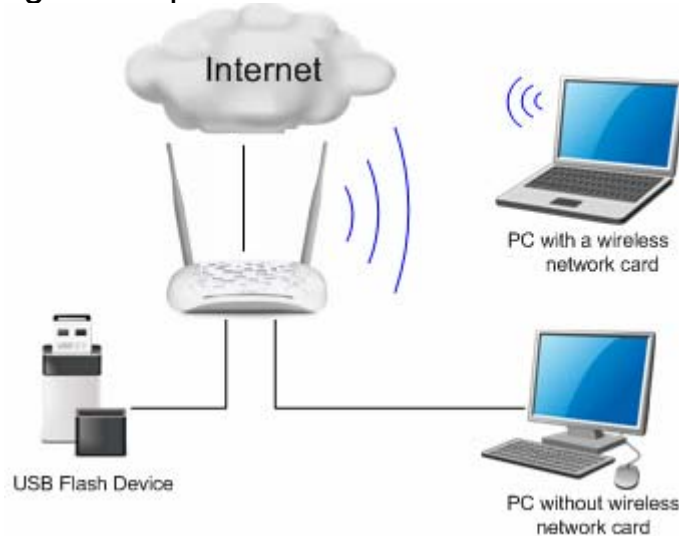
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Overview

The Media Server feature allows you to share music, videos and photos on your USB drive or a mobile hard drive connected to the modem router, for use on game consoles or media players.

Typical Topology

Here in this guide, we take the configuration procedures of TD-W8968 for example.



Before setting up the Media Server, make sure you have the following devices:

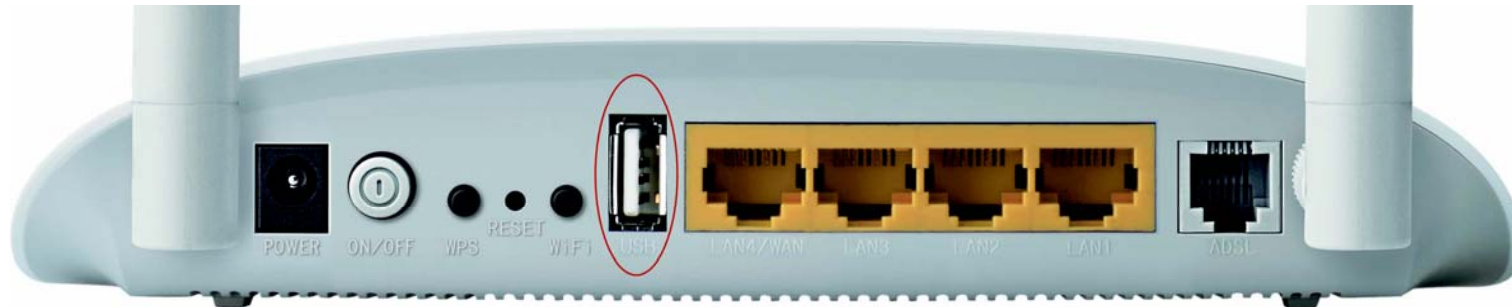
- ✓ PS3/XBOX360 or Computer with Windows Media Player
- ✓ USB flash device with USB 2.0/3.0 port

 Note:

- (1) Some USB storage devices may require using the external power.
- (2) The USB storage device stands for media server in this topology.

How to set up the media server

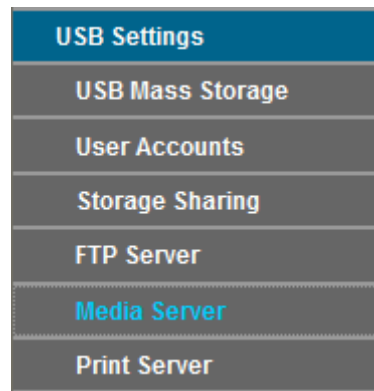
Plug the USB storage device into the USB port of the modem router and wait until the USB LED is solid green.



You can set up the media server by the following steps:

Step 1: Open a web browser (IE/Chrome/Firefox/Safari), type **192.168.1.1** in the address bar, and then press **Enter**.

Step 2: A login window will appear. Enter **admin** for the User Name and Password (both in lower case letters), then click **OK** to log into the web-based management of the modem router. Click **USB Settings -> Media Server** on the left side menu.



Step 3: Click **Enable** to make Media Server enabled, and then click **Save**.

Status	Media Server Settings		
Quick Setup			
Operation Mode			
Network			
DHCP Server			
Wireless			
USB Settings			
USB Mass Storage			
User Accounts			
Storage Sharing			
FTP Server			
Media Server			
Print Server			
Route Settings			

Server Enable: ☐ Enable ☒ Disable 1. Click Enable

Server Name:

Content Scan: Manual Scan:

☐ Auto Scan: Every hour(s)

You have shared the following contents:

ID	Share Name	Folder Name	Edit
1	photo	/photo	Edit Delete

2. Click Save

Step 4: Click **Add New Folder** button. Choose the folders you want to share and click **Apply**.

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← 1. Click this button

Folder Browse

This page allow you to set a scan folder for DLNA media service!

Share Name: **2. Enter a name**

Directory:

Select Volume: ▼

/sda1/

[music](#)

[tp-link](#)

[photo](#) **3. Choose the folders you want to share**

[video](#)

4. Click this button

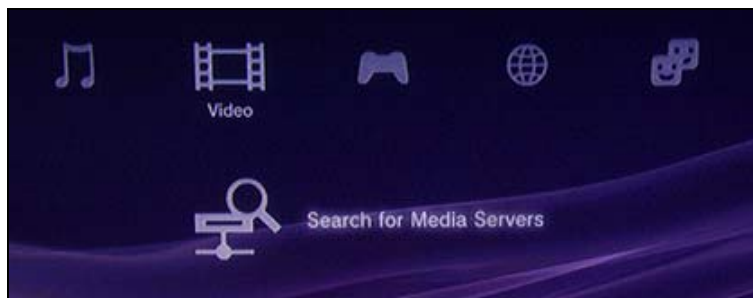
Step 5: Your shared folders will be listed on the Media Server page.

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How to access the Media Server on PS3

Select  (Search for Media Servers) under  (Photo),  (Music) or  (Video).

The TP-LINK Media Servers that can be connected will be displayed.



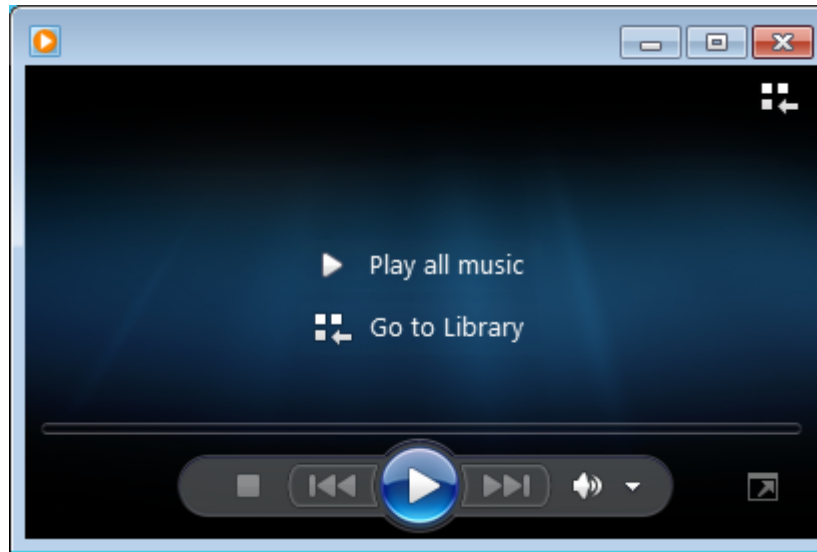
How to access the Media Server on XBOX360

The TP-LINK Media Servers that can be connected will be displayed in Video/Music/Picture Library.

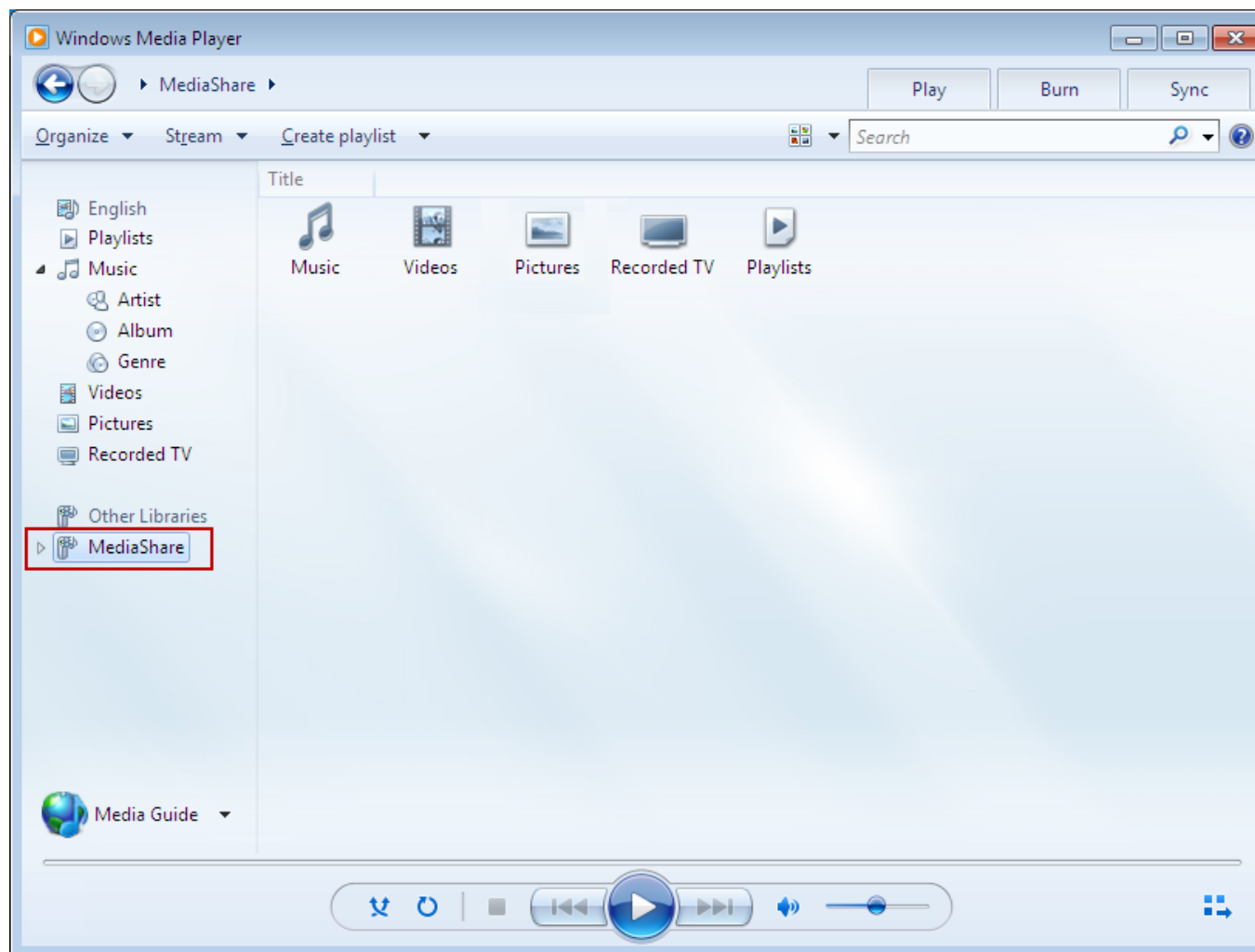


How to access the Media Server on Windows Media Player

Step 1: Open Windows Media Player in Windows 7 for example. Click ***Go to Library***.



Step 2: Windows Media Server will automatically list the media servers in your LAN. Select the media server name you have configured on the web-management page.



Note:

Media Server function is supported only by Windows Media Player 12.0 and above.