


**THE INDEPENDENT GUIDE TO TECHNOLOGY**


[HOME](#) | [REVIEWS](#) | [DOWNLOADS](#) | [SOLUTIONS](#) | [NEWS](#) | [COLUMNS](#) | [SHOP](#) | [DISCUSSIONS](#)

[Product Bulletin](#) | [Special Reports](#) | [Show Reports](#)

**ADVERTISEMENT**

**\$145,000 Mortgage for Under \$484/Month!**  
 Think You Pay Too Much for Your Mortgage? Find Out!  
 Select Your State: Alabama | Select Your Rate: 3.00% - 3.99% | Select Credit Type: Good  
 Refi Now! | LowerMyBills.com | SUBSCRIBE TODAY

SEARCH:  PC Magazine 
My Account | Sign In | Not a member? Join now

[Home](#) > [News and Analysis](#) > [Future Bright For Home Media, Analysts Say](#)

## Future Bright For Home Media, Analysts Say

07.07.06

 [Discuss](#) **Total posts: 1**

By PC Magazine Staff

Two separate analyst reports released Thursday paint a rosy future for home media servers and the networks that they will use to pipe content around the home.

ABI Research predicted that by 2011, the home media server market will top \$44 billion in value, up from \$3.7 billion in 2006. In a separate report, Parks Associates forecast that 20 million people would own a "connected entertainment network," of interconnected consumer-electronics devices, or a PC-to-CE network, by 2010.

ADVERTISEMENT



**webex**  
**weboffice**  
**2006 PC MAGAZINE EDITORS' CHOICE WINNER**  
 TRY IT FREE FOR 30 DAYS >

The PE-CE convergence began in about 2000 when companies like TiVo and ReplayTV began offering personal video recorders that recorded video to a hard drive, like a PC.

After failing to capitalize on either its WebTV box or UltimateTV interactive service, Microsoft then introduced its [Windows XP Media Center Edition in 2002](#), which allowed PC owners to connect their cable feed to the PC and perform the same PVR functions. Meanwhile, a host of wired and wireless solutions emerged to distribute content around the home, including ["connected" DVD players](#) and more sophisticated media networks.

According to ABI Research, networking protocols like [DLNA](#) and the Multimedia Over Coax Alliance (MoCA) will tie CE

devices and PCs together. The wall between the two, however, will likely be paid access.

**RELATED LINKS**

- [Expert View: A Media Center For Any Room](#)
- [Multimedia Desktops for the Media Enthusiast](#)
- [I Love My Media Center TV](#)
- [Extending Wired & Wireless Networks](#)

"Success stories in the PC camp, such as the approval of OCUR [CableCard](#) support in Windows Vista, will certainly mean some adoption of pay TV going over networks installed by consumers," said Charles Wolf, an ABI analyst, in a statement. "But we believe that the pay TV media server category will be dominated in the near- to medium-term by the set-top box, while the PC media server and consumer electronics categories will flourish as personal and Internet content media servers."

Wolf said that companies like [Orb Networks](#) and [Snapstream](#), which allow consumers to create their own media access servers to view content remotely over the Internet, would likely benefit, and not wilt, under the rise of the media server market.

Meanwhile, Parks analyst Harry Wang predicted that home networks providers would need to strike content deals to enable their services to flourish, much like the MP3 player-music service-record labels ecosystem has sprung up.

"Consumer electronics (CE) manufacturers are still searching for the Rosetta stone of the connected entertainment market," Wang said in a statement. "To move beyond the early-adopter stage, CE manufacturers must ally with content and service providers, software developers, and silicon designers to build elegance and usability into the product design and bring popular digital content to consumers' fingertips anywhere in the home."

 [Print](#)  [Email](#)  [Save](#)  [Reprints](#)

**XML** Add PC Magazine Breaking News to your [RSS newsreader](#) or [My Yahoo!](#)

ADVERTISEMENT Ads By Google

**marketplace**

[AMD LIVE!â„¢ Media PC](#)  
Get An Insider's Look At The AMD LIVE! Experience - Take A Tour!  
www.AMDLIVE.com

[Media Center Systems](#)  
TV, HDTV, Movies, Music & Photos Digital Beauty in a Silent MCE PC  
www.pcalchemy.com

[Quality Media Center PCs](#)  
Custom high-end media PCs for consumer and commercial purpose  
www.okmediapc.com

[Cooper Research, Inc.](#)

**JOHN C. DVORAK**

**Net Neutrality Has A Spokesperson**  
Is Ted Stevens really the right guy for this job?  
**PLUS:** The Golden Age of the Internet

**top 101 sites**  
FALL 2005



**breaking news**

- 7.7.2006 [Voice Phishers Dialing for PayPal Dollars](#)
- 7.7.2006 [SanDisk Sacrifices 'iSheep' Ads To 'Lil' Monsta'](#)
- 7.7.2006 [Electronics Giants Aim New Gadgets at China Market](#)
- 7.7.2006 [Lexar Recalls Flash Drives](#)
- 7.7.2006 [Future Bright For Home Media, Analysts Say](#)

[View All >](#)

**Ultimate Utility Guide**

- [Wmatch 3](#)
- [Start Up](#)
- [File Snoop](#)
- [Cookie Cop](#)
- [Disk pie](#)
- [Task power](#)

**top sellers**  
Digital Cameras



1. Canon Digital Rebel XT / EOS 350D with EF-S 18-55mm Lens
2. Canon PowerShot A620
3. Sony Cyber-shot® DSC-H5
4. Olympus EVOLT E-500
5. Canon Digital Rebel XT / EOS 350D Body only

[more >](#)

**PRODUCT GUIDES**

- [Desktops](#)
- [Digital Cameras](#)
- [DVD Creation](#)
- [Handhelds](#)
- [Laptops](#)
- [LCDs](#)
- [MP3 Players](#)
- [PDAs & Phones](#)
- [Printers](#)
- [VoIP](#)
- [Windows XP](#)

Leaders in Healthcare Market Research for Over 22 Years.  
www.cooper-research.com

[Videos for Media Center](#)

Over 10,000 on-demand videos for your Media Center PC.  
www.akimbo.com

**Wireless Networks**  
**All categories**

**cover story**

- [6.21.2006  
Diary of a Madman?](#)
- [6.21.2006  
Social Networking on the Fringe](#)
- [6.21.2006  
Social Networks: Mobile Edition](#)

[View All >](#)

**newsletters**

Get PCMag.com's **FREE** email newsletters delivered to your inbox.

Its easy, just follow the steps.

Want more? Check out our other newsletters [here](#).

Manage your newsletter subscriptions [here](#).

**1. Make your selections:**

- Inside PCMag.com
- Productwire: First Looks Update
- Tip of the Day
- PC Magazine's TrendWatch
- Utility Library Update
- Shareware Update
- Security Watch
- TechnoRide Update
- Tech Saver
- What's New Now

**2. Select email format:**

HTML

**3. Enter email address:**

**PCMag.com career center**

Access our new career resources and job search!

[Click here](#) to post your resume and search job listings!

Powered by Dice

**PCMAGcast** *Practical online webcasts for work, home, and on the go*

**NEW:** PC Magazine's FREE live, interactive technology events make you more productive at work, home, and on the go.

**Featured Event:**

**Virtual Tradeshow: Security & Mobility** PCMagCast is hosting a two-day virtual tradeshow August 23-24, 2006 on two of the most critical technology topics for business success: Computer security and workforce mobility. Get up to speed fast with our panels of top technology executives, PC Magazine editors, and other technology experts. [Learn more and register today!](#)

**REGISTER**

[See all PCMagCasts >>](#)

**More Free PCMagCasts:**

- [Business Continuity: Managing Through Workforce Disruption](#): Learn how to provide easy, cost-effective remote access during an unexpected workplace disruption. Available on demand, sponsored by Citrix GoToMyPC Corporate [View Recorded Presentation](#) | [Learn More](#)
- [Living Without Exchange](#) Get the mail, contact management and calendaring features you need without buying an expensive Microsoft server. Available on demand, sponsored by Gateway [View Recorded Presentation](#) | [Learn more](#)
- [Create and Host Your Own Website](#) We walk you through getting the right Web site for your business needs. Available on demand, sponsored by Gateway [View Recorded Presentation](#) | [Learn more](#)

SEARCH JOBS
SALARIES
JOB TOOLS

JOBS AS OF : Jul 7, 17:00

Dice  
POWERED

- [TX Web Designer Graphic Designer - GUI, User Experie...](#)
- [NJ Sr. Technical consultant - Peoplesoft, Peopletool...](#)
- [CA Web Strategy Analyst](#)
- [CA Sr. Java Developers](#)
- [CA Sr Peoplesoft Programmer Analyst](#)
- [GA Specification Manager](#)

85,000+ tech jobs

**FIND A TECH JOB**

Enter Keywords

AREA CODE

SEARCH

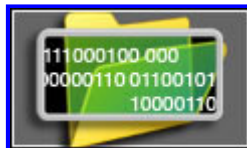
**FREE OFFERS**

Click below to enjoy one of our free offers:

- Free White Paper: [Mobility is the most critical technology for increasing workforce productivity.](#)
- 30 of the Fortune 100 firms use Web-based QuickBase - [Try it free for 30 days!](#)
- Technology Powers Business. Get Opportunities Now. - [Start taking advantage - sign up today!](#)
- Free White Paper - [How to Maximize Consultant Productivity and Client Satisfaction](#)
- Free White Paper - [Solutions For Government](#)

>> brought to you by Ziff Davis Internet

**NEW IN THE PCMAG.COM UTILITY LIBRARY**



**Just released! A newly updated premium utility. Stream Revealer Makes it Easy to Detect Potential Computer Threats.**

Stream Revealer Lets you:

- [Discover Alternate Data Streams \(ADS\) for certain files.](#)
- [Attach a stream to a file](#)
- [Delete streams](#)
- [Launch streams](#)
- [Extract streams](#)

It's a great tool for discovering hidden ADS (and a neat way to hide your own files).

Download this PC Utility Now!

**ADVERTISEMENT**  
**intel showcase**

[Toshiba \\$599 laptop + free printer, router & bag!](#)  
[Build your custom desktop or notebook now at MPC!](#)  
[Sony VAIO® S series notebook: \\$100 mail-in rebate!](#)

**sponsors**

[\\$449 Desktop & \\$699 Notebook after savings at Dell™ Home.](#)  
[Find out how your salary measures up. Check Dice's salary calculator.](#)  
[The HP ProLiant ML110 G3 server. Just \\$538.](#)  
[Is Your Document Production Environment Secure?](#)  
[Save time, save space with the HP LaserJet 4345mfp](#)  
[EMBARQTM Communications Products & Services](#)  
[Try CA's PestPatrol Anti-Spyware, Free.](#)  
[NetSuite: CRM, Accounting and More. Free Trial!](#)  
[Get ready for the new school year at Circuit City](#)

**FIND BY TOPIC**

**Cell Phones** XML

[Bluetooth Phone](#), [Verizon Cell Phones](#), [Cingular Cell Phones](#), [Motorola Cell Phones](#)

**Computer Software** XML

[Backup Software](#), [System Utilities](#), [Video Editing Software](#), [Office Suites](#)

**Digital Camcorders** XML

[Sony Digital Camcorders](#), [JVC Digital Camcorders](#), [Cheap Camcorders](#)

**Editors' Choice Products** XML

[Best Laptops](#), [Best Digital Cameras](#), [Best Camcorders](#), [Best Security Software](#)

**HDTVs** XML

[Plasma HDTV](#), [LCD HDTV](#), [Rear Projection TV](#), [Sony HDTV](#)

**Laptops & Notebooks** XML

[Cheap Laptops](#), [Toshiba Laptops](#), [Dell Laptops](#), [Business Laptops](#)

**LCDs** XML

[LCD TV](#), [LCD Monitors](#), [Cheap LCDs](#)

**Multi-Function Printers** XML

[Laser MFPs](#), [InkJet MFPs](#), [HP MFPs](#), [Canon MFPs](#)

**Scanners** XML

[Flatbed Scanners](#), [Scanners under \\$500](#), [Canon Scanners](#), [HP Scanners](#)

**Storage Devices** XML

[CD Burners](#), [Hard Drives](#), [DVD Burners](#), [Flash Drives](#)

**Small Business Center**

[Small Business Laptops](#), [Small Business Desktops](#), [Smart Phones](#), [Inkjet Printers](#), [Wireless Networking](#), [Business Accounting Software](#)

**ExtremeTech** XML

[Top Deep Tech Stories](#), [CPUs, Boards & Components](#), [3D Graphics](#), [Audio & HDTV](#), [Build It](#), [OS](#), [Software & Networking](#)

[View all PCMag.com RSS Feeds >](#)

**Computer Security** XML

[Virus Software](#), [Spam Software](#), [Spyware Software](#), [Firewall Software](#)

**Desktops** XML

[Cheap Desktops](#), [Media Desktops](#), [Dell Desktops](#), [Mac Desktops](#)

**Digital Cameras** XML

[Cheap Digital Cameras](#), [Canon Digital Cameras](#), [Nikon Digital Cameras](#)

**Graphics Cards** XML

[ATI Graphic Cards](#), [256 MB Graphic Cards](#), [Cheap Graphic Cards](#)

**InkJet Printers** XML

[Cheap InkJet Printers](#), [Epson InkJet Printers](#), [Canon InkJet Printers](#)

**Laser Printers** XML

[Cheap Laser Printers](#)

**MP3 Players** XML

[Cheap MP3 Players](#), [Portable MP3 Players](#), [iRiver MP3 Players](#), [Apple iPods](#)

**PDA's** XML

[Palm PDA](#), [Pocket PC PDA](#)

**Speakers** XML

[Klipsch Speakers](#), [Altec Lansing Speakers](#), [2-Channel Speakers](#), [Cheap Speakers](#)

**Wireless Networking** XML

[Wireless Routers](#), [Wireless Access Points](#), [Netgear](#), [Linksys Routers](#)

**GearLog: Cool Gadgets—Now** XML

[Digital Cameras](#), [Digital Video](#), [Gadgets & Gizmos](#), [MP3 Players](#), [Desktops](#), [Laptops](#), [Wearable Tech](#), [Cheap Geek](#)

**TechnoRide**

[Car Technology](#), [Car Video Systems](#), [Car Audio](#), [Auto News](#), [GPS Car Navigation](#), [Car Reviews](#), [Hybrid Cars](#), [Concept Cars](#), [Car Advice](#), [Auto Shows](#)

**PCMAG.COM**

[Issue Index](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [About](#) | [Advertise](#) | [Site Map](#) | [Magazine Customer Service](#)

**PCMAG.COM QUICK LINKS**

[Cheap Laptops](#) | [Wireless Networking](#) | [Media Desktops](#) | [Laser Printers](#) | [InkJet Printers](#) | [MP3 Players](#) | [Digital Camcorders](#) | [Plasma HDTVs](#) | [LCD Monitors](#) | [Flatbed Scanners](#) | [Bluetooth Phones](#) | [Palm PDAs](#) | [Cheap Digital Cameras](#) | [Virus Software](#) | [Small Business Solutions](#)

 **ZIFF DAVIS MEDIA**

[Ziff Davis Home](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [Advertise](#) | [Link to Us](#) | [Reprints](#) | [Magazine Subscriptions](#) | [Newsletters](#) | [RSS Feeds](#) | [Tech Shop](#) | [White Papers](#) | [Tech Encyclopedia](#) | [PC Downloads](#) | [ROI Calculators](#) | [Tech Jobs](#) | [Enterprise Product Comparison Guides](#) | [Consumer Electronics Buying Guides](#) | [Tech Podcasts](#) | [Tech Video](#)

[1UP](#) | [Baseline](#) | [The Channel Insider](#) | [CIO Insight](#) | [Cranky Geeks](#) | [DesktopLinux](#) | [DeviceForge](#) | [DevSource](#) | [DigitalLife](#) | [DL.TV](#) | [eSeminars](#) | [eWEEK](#) | [ExtremeTech](#) | [Filefront](#) | [GameVideos](#) | [GearLog](#) | [LinuxDevices](#) | [Linux Watch](#) | [Microsoft Watch](#) | [PC Magazine](#) | [PCMagCasts](#) | [PDF Zone](#) | [Publish](#) | [Security IT Hub](#) | [Server IQ](#) | [Smart Company](#) | [Technoride](#) | [Web Buyer's Guide](#) | [What's New Now](#) | [Windows for Devices](#)

Use of this site is governed by our [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)  
 Copyright © 1996-2006 **Ziff Davis Publishing Holdings Inc.** All Rights Reserved. PC Magazine is a registered trademark of Ziff Davis Publishing Holdings Inc. Reproduction in whole or in part in any form or medium without express written permission of Ziff Davis Media Inc. is prohibited.