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THE SOLWISE MEDIA PLAYER CONNECTS YOU TO A MASS OF MOVIES AND TV PROGRAMMES

The ubiquity of broadband has made it feasible to download all manner of content (legal or otherwise) from the internet to your PC. Music and still photos can usually stay there or be uploaded to an MP3 player or digital picture frame, but movies and television are different. Unless you're a hermit, they're not much use marooned on your hard drive. So, how to get all that stuff to play on your television at a resolution slightly crisper than cotton wool? The Solwise media player cable-connects to your wireless router and your television

and then accesses the content stored in Windows Media Player 11 (older versions won't work) on your PC. You can also use other media servers such as Iwony or IVersty on PC. Linux and Mac options are also widely available. Most of these media server packages are available for download and some are free. Downloaded content then streams wirelessly from your PC to your router, to the media player via an Ethernet cable and then to your television. Programming is accessed and controlled with a dedicated remote from an

on-screen menu. There's also a USB port, a slot for SD/MMC cards and one for a compact flash card. Solely in the name of journalistic research I downloaded the second season of *Dexter* in avi format. After a few glitches I was able to watch the programme in near-HD quality, with no ads, for free. Were you to do the same you would be an evil, thinking too-rag - it being precisely the sort of thing the anti-piracy lobby is up in arms about. Small wonder. £83.30; 0845 458 4558, www.solwise.co.uk



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