

# Windows Media Center Plugin for HomeSeer

## *Requirements*

- HomeSeer Version 2.0.0.0 or higher must be installed.

## *Installation*

1. To install the Media Center plug-in for HomeSeer version 2.x, select the “Updater” button on the web interface, or select “Updates” from the “Help” menu. Follow the on-screen instructions for the Updater.
2. Select the Media Center plug-in on the package selection screen, then follow the on-screen instructions to finish the update process, and restart HomeSeer.
3. After restarting HomeSeer, click the “Setup” tab and then the “Interfaces” tab on the web site. Click “Disabled” to enable the plugin, and then click “Save” at the bottom of the screen.
4. Enable I/O, IR, or X10 based upon what technologies you are using.

## *Remote Installation Procedure*

If you are reading this, it means you have installed the HomeSeer Media Center plug-in, but your Media Center computer is not your HomeSeer computer. Please follow the instructions here to add the myHomeSeer application to your Media Center computer. The entire application still runs within the HomeSeer web server, so this is a one-time process to make the application appear in your Media Center menu.

A Media Center (MCE) application can be added by creating an MCL file, which describes the application and tells it where the graphics for the application are located. This file and two accompanying graphics files need to be copied over to your MCE computer, and then a modification needs to be made to the MCL file to indicate where you put the two graphics files.

You can locate these files in the (HomeSeer Directory)\HTML\MediaCenter\MCP Install folder on your HomeSeer computer.

### **Step 1**

Copy the myhomeseer.png and myhomeseerthumb.png files to your MCE computer and put them in a new directory called HomeSeer in your "All Users" Application Data folder. To find this folder, go to the Documents and Settings folder, then go to the All Users folder, and then Application Data. Create the HomeSeer folder and put these two files there. Before you close the window to this folder, make a note of the full path to it. TYPICALLY this will be:

C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\HomeSeer \*or\*

C:\Documents and Settings\All Users.Windows\Application Data\HomeSeer

You will need to know this path for the next step.

### **Step 2**

Using NotePad, open the myHomeSeer.mcl file. If you click "Open" and you are not on an MCE computer, it

will prompt you for what to open it with, and in this case choose the program from a list and find Notepad in that list. If you are on an MCE computer, it will run MCE so I do not advice choosing "Open" on an MCE computer -- Use "Open With..." instead. The contents of this file will look similar to this:

```
<application url="http://homeseer:82/media_center" bgcolor="ffffcc" name="My HomeSeer"
sharedViewport="" thumbnailImage="C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application
Data\HomeSeer\myhomeseerthumb.png" startImage="C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application
Data\HomeSeer\myhomeseer.png">
</application>
<capabilitiesRequired directX="False" audio="True" video="False" intensiveRenderind="True"
console="False" D3D="False">
</capabilitiesRequired>
```

In the first line, you will see an http URL. The part after the // should be the name of your HomeSeer computer (and :port if you are not using port 80). Please make sure that the name is correct. You can use the name you called your HomeSeer computer on your home network.

The third line starts with "thumbnailImage", and it has the full path and filename to the myhomeseerthumb.png file, enclosed in quotes. Please check this against the path to where you copied these files in step 1 and confirm that it is correct. Make any changes necessary for the path to match where you copied the files on your MCE computer.

The fourth line starts with "startImage", and it has the full path and filename to the myhomeseer.png file. Make any changes necessary to this for it to be correct for the location where you copied the file on your MCE computer. Make sure to leave the quotes around the full path and filename.

### **Step 3**

Copy your modified myHomeSeer.mcl file to your MCE computer. The location of this file is very specific. On your MCE computer, click Start... All Programs... Accessories...Media Center... and then RIGHT CLICK on Media Center Programs and choose "Open All Users". This will open a Windows Explorer window to the appropriate directory for you to place this file. Typically, this directory is:

C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Start Menu\Programs\Accessories\Media Center\Media Center Programs  
\*or\*

C:\Documents and Settings\All Users.WINDOWS\Start Menu\Programs\Accessories\Media Center\Media Center Programs

Copy your modified myHomeSeer.mcl file to this directory.

### **Step 4**

The installation of the new application is complete, but it does not appear on your main Media Center menu until you have used it. Start the Media Center interface if it is not already running, and then scroll to the "Other Programs" menu option and select it. It is there you will find the My HomeSeer application and can run it. Once you have run it once, it will appear on your main menu of applications.

### **Support**

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For Support:

Help Desk: [www.homeseer.com](http://www.homeseer.com) (select *HelpDesk* from the *Support* menu)

Support is also available on our message board at:

<http://board.homeseer.com>

Look for the forum dedicated to the Media Center plugin.