

How It Works



The universal remote the whole family can use!

Quick and easy set-up by connecting the Harmony Remote to your home computer via USB.

Create an account on HarmonyRemote.com, and follow step-by-step instructions to tell us about your configuration. It's as easy as picking your components from lists and supplying us with the component's model number. Download the configuration to your Harmony Remote by attaching it to your Windows or Mac PC via the supplied USB cable.

Amazingly simple operation of any home theater.

Once your Harmony Remote is configured, it can control your entire home theater system with one button press! Using Activity buttons labeled "Watch a Movie", "Watch TV", "Listen to Music" and "More Activities", your Harmony Remote can send all the right commands to your entertainment system without requiring you to program a macro.

Controls all brands and device types.*

The Harmony Remote has access to the largest online database of devices. This means that it will support all brands of Televisions, Projectors, Monitors, Amplifiers, Stereo Receivers, Audio/Video Switches, Channel Decoders, Cable Boxes, Satellites, Digital Set Top Boxes, Video Recorders, VCRs, PVRs, TV/VCR Combos, DVDs, DVD Recorders, Laserdisc Players, DVD/VCR Combos, CD Players, CD Jukeboxes, Digital Music Servers, Game Consoles, Mini Systems, Computers, Microsoft Windows XP Media Center Edition PC, Laptops, Tape Decks, Light Controllers, Minidisc Players, DATs and more! There is even a specific activity for the Harmony Remote that integrates your Microsoft Windows XP Media Center Edition PC with your entire entertainment system.

How Does a Logitech Harmony Remote Compare to a Basic Universal Remote?

In a word, the Logitech Harmony Remote is easier: easier to set up, easier to use, easier to update. The table below lists four of the most common remote control tasks and shows how you accomplish them with a Logitech Harmony Remote and a basic universal remote. Overall, the Logitech Harmony Remote saves you time and hassle.

Activity: Set up your remote the first time	Here's how you do it with a Logitech Harmony Remote	Here's how you do it with a basic universal remote
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Get the model numbers of all your components.2. Set up your account on the Harmony Remote member site.3. Using a simple Web Wizard, enter your component information and answer a few basic questions.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Find the list of special codes in the instruction manual of your universal remote.2. Through trial and error, enter the first code for your components3. Test the remote to make sure it works for that component. If not, enter

4. Connect your Harmony Remote to your PC or Mac via the USB cable.
5. Unplug the remote and start using it.

This should take about 20 minutes, and you probably will only have to do it once.

- the next code in the instruction manual.
4. Write down the code in your manual so you remember it if you have to re-program the remote.
5. Repeat the process for each of your components.
6. Store the instruction manual in a safe place for future reference.
7. Start using your remote.

This should take about 15 minutes.

Note: Some remotes allow you to set up "macros" to accomplish multiple tasks with a single button. If you want to do this, add about 30-45 more minutes to the estimated configuration time.

**Activity:
Watch a DVD
Movie**

**Here's how you do it with a
Logitech Harmony Remote**

1. Press the activity button "Watch a Movie." All your components will automatically turn on and configure themselves to the right settings.
2. Put the disc into the player. (You can configure the player to eject automatically, or you can eject it manually.)
3. Press play on your remote.

Total number of clicks: 2

**Here's how you do it with a
basic universal remote**

1. Press the button that selects your TV.
2. Press the "on" button to turn on your TV.
3. Press the "select input" button as many times as necessary to configure the TV to view a DVD movie.
4. Press the button that selects your stereo system.
5. Press the "on" button to turn on your stereo.
6. Press the "select input" button as many times as necessary to configure the stereo to play a DVD movie.
7. Press the button that selects your DVD player.
8. Press the "on" button to turn on your DVD player.
9. Put the disc into the player.
10. Press play on your remote.

Total number of clicks: at least 9 depending on how many times you have to click the "input" buttons

**Activity:
Teach
Someone
How to Use
the Remote**

**Here's how you do it with a
Logitech Harmony Remote**

1. Explain the following: To watch a movie, press the "Watch a Movie" activity button. To watch TV, press the "Watch TV" activity button. To listen to a CD, press the "Listen to Music" activity button.
2. That's it.

Estimate time: 15 seconds

**Here's how you do it with a
basic universal remote**

1. Explain which components must be turned on to accomplish basic tasks such as watching TV or a movie or listening to music.
2. Explain which buttons must be pressed—and how many times they must be pressed—to set the correct inputs for each component.
3. Show how it's done.
4. Let them try it once to see if they can do it right.
5. Show them again. (And possibly again.)

Estimated time: 10 minutes the first time, 5 minutes each time after that.

**Activity:
Add a New
Component,
such as a
New DVD
Player or
Stereo
Receiver**

**Here's how you do it with a
Logitech Harmony Remote**

1. Write down the model number of the component.
2. Login to the Harmony Remote member site.
3. Use the Web Wizard to add your new component to your profile.
4. Connect the Harmony Remote to your PC or Mac via the USB cable.
5. Start using your new component.

Estimated time: 5 minutes

**Here's how you do it with a
basic universal remote**

1. Find the user manual that came with your remote.
2. In the special list, find the codes that correspond to your new component.
3. Through trial and error, enter each code and test until the right one works.
4. If you have set up any macros, reprogram them to work with the new component.

Estimated time:

- If you know exactly where your user manual is, 2 minutes
- If you don't, 30-45 minutes while you look all over your house or search for a download on the Internet
- If you need to reprogram macros, another 30-45 minutes