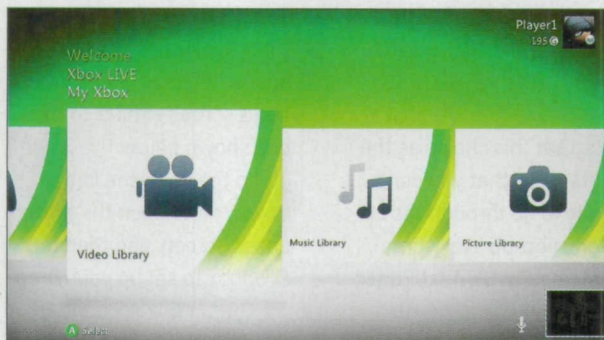


Stream Media From a Win 7 PC to a Game Console

WINDOWS 7 WITH Windows Media Player supports sharing digital media libraries with compatible devices. For example, you can stream media to a game console, for enjoying in your home theater.

WMP should find files in your My Music, My Pictures, and My Videos folders automatically. If you keep media elsewhere, import the files to WMP: Open WMP to *Libraries* view. Click *Organize*, choose *Manage Libraries*, and select *Music*, *Pictures*, or *Videos*. Add folders in the Library Locations window.

To enable sharing, under



YOU CAN ACCESS your PC's media via the Xbox 360 dashboard.

Libraries view, click *Stream*, and select *Automatically allow devices to play my media*. Click *Stream* again, and select *More streaming options*; name the media

library here. The screen will also list networked devices that can access the library.

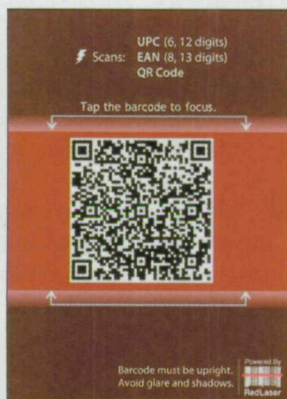
On the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3, accessing your PC media is as easy as going to

the console's Video, Music, or Photo library, as long as the console and the PC are on the same network. But some PS3 users may have issues if Windows' File and Printer Sharing is disabled; to fix that, click the *Start* button, type **Advanced Sharing Settings**, and press **<Enter>**. Ensure that *Turn on file and printer sharing* is checked, and that media streaming is on.

As a last resort, PS3 users can try running third-party media server software, like Ps3mediaserver (find.pcworld.com/72560), on their PC.

—Marco Chiappetta

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QR (QUICK-RESPONSE) codes are everywhere. They can store Web links, text, phone numbers, email addresses, or calendar events, and they can send SMS messages.

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When you launch your app, it will activate your phone's camera. Simply line up the app's framing guide with the QR code, and hold the device steady. Try to minimize glare.

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—Jonathan Wylie

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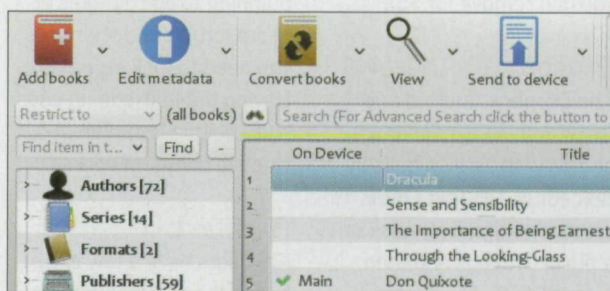
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