

## The RedButton Software PVR (RBP)

### What does RedButton Do?

RBP gives PC users the ability to connect their computer to a cable set-top box and record video for play back later. Video recording may be initiated using an electronic program guide (EPG) from the Internet, or manually, without an Internet connection. RBP interacts with the EPG so recording can be set up using the mouse, with no keyboard typing. Multiple programs may be scheduled for future recording. When RedButton is running, your computer is an HD PVR; when not, your computer is in its original state. The recorded video may be played back under Windows or using the Video Lan Client (VLC) app included with RBP package.

### What is Required?

HD Cable Box with a working FireWire port  
Computer with a 1394/FireWire port  
1394/FireWire cable  
10 GB free HDD space  
DVD R/W Drive  
Software to burn an .iso to a DVD

### What is Recommended?

USB Flash Drive (2GB or larger), with RBP installed  
10 GB free HDD space per hour of video you'd like to record (depending on video type)  
Read the Instructions and the Release Notes before beginning

**Getting Started.** It will take 45 minutes to an hour to download the 911MB RBP package .iso file from the website (<http://www.redbuttonsoftware.com>). Follow the 13 steps on the webpage, which will result in a bootable USB Flash drive. During this process, you will be required to burn the downloaded .iso file to a DVD ROM. Use care to make an .iso disc, not simply a data copy. While it is possible to run RBP from the DVD, it is recommended that you complete the installation instructions and install it on a 2GB or larger USB flash drive. Running RBP from a bootable USB flash device will store your settings and preferences. Running from the DVD does not.

VLC is recommended for video playback. It is included in RBP. Additional VLC documentation is available at <http://www.videolan.org/vlc/>.

**Trouble Shooting.** If you do encounter problems, it is recommended that you read the Problems section starting on page 18 of the Release Notes. There is additional help available by contacting the developers at [info@redbuttonsoftware.com](mailto:info@redbuttonsoftware.com). Cable boxes which lack full support for FireWire are potentially a problem. The RedButton developers can help you assess the nature of the problem you are having, and may be able to offer some direction to help resolve the issue.

If you are having problems with the 1394 port on your cable box, use the following link to report the problem to the FCC <http://esupport.fcc.gov/complaints.htm>. For more detailed instructions, please refer to [http://www.1394ta.org/consumers/FCC\\_complaint.html](http://www.1394ta.org/consumers/FCC_complaint.html).

**Caveat.** RBP will NOT record DRM video (pay-per-view, many premium channels, etc.). You should have no problems recording broadcast programming.