

## USING YOUR LAPTOP OR MMPC TO RUN A WIDE SCREEN TV REMOTELY

By now your Laptop or Multi-media PC has been linked to your large screen TV via HDMI. This guide runs thru the BASICS concerning the playback of YOUTUBE and other videos.

- 1) With the **VNC Host** app properly installed [**VNC** from RealVNC.com] you can control a dedicated laptop or Multimedia PC and play your desired YOUTUBE & Netflix videos.
- 2) Open your laptop and **verify** it has Internet access and all connections are solid.
- 3) Set your TV HDMI setting to **HDMI-2** using the **Input** button on the TV Remote.
- 4) From your **handheld or PC**, launch the **VNC Viewer**, and connect to the PC at the predetermined IP number (Ex.10.0.0.3), enter your Password \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 5) Open your {Remote} web browser and locate the desired content as normal.
- 6) When playing, use the **[[Full]] screen** button at lower right of the video or movie screen to achieve the Full-Screen theatre effect. On longer films the screen on the laptop may **time out** due to Energy Savings settings. Select Control Panel, Power to set/verify timeout is **at least 3 hours**. Check-adjust the **Screen Saver** Settings in Control Panel, Personalize (lower right) if they terminate the videos unexpectedly.
- 7) On some videos the system may detect a screen capture driver from VNC, halting playback. This only happens when the VNC Viewer Advanced Options have been set to **Auto-Scale** instead of **No Scale** (best). **Alternatively** you could try playback on another web browser such as Chrome or Firefox (etc).
- 8) Video and System **driver updates** may improve playback performance. See your hardware vendor download site or contact your friendly computer consultant.
- 9) When done, use your TV Remote to restore the input choice back to **HDMI #1**.

### **BONUS TIPS**

**Experiment with different Web Browsers.** Netflix playback may work well with the MS Internet Explorer and YOUTUBE should work best with the Chrome browser.

**Tip: Android-iPhone versions of VNC Remote control** are available, cheap! Control your VNC enabled host computers from your smartphone. Easy to run, pinch/zoom/view + mouse.

**Youtube Tips:** Search for stuff and click on **Watch Later**, with preference for longer videos. Then play them back using the Watch Later or use History to revisit preferred topics.

Look (!) for the left side Horizontal Bars to open the Youtube **Menu**. **Tip:** For a Video you really like you can *click like* (but keep private) or add the best stuff to various **playlists**.

**Tip:** Go to the Authors site. A dimly lit menu has the option Videos. Click there to access their complete Library of uploads. **Tip: Subscribe to Favorites** **Tip: search for "Megafactories"!**

*...and finally - a fix for phones that don't support "Flash" movie playback:*

**Apple Android phone users: View Flash movies from Amazon and Southparkstudios**  
**www.puffinbrowser.com** ~3 bucks solves flash playback issue for most smart phones.

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