



## Quick Setup Guide for MyBlaster

Thank you for purchasing a MyBlaster device from the My.TV Store. If you run into any problems with the installation and use of our product that is not covered by the troubleshooting section at the end of this guide, please refer to our support page at:

<http://www.mytvstore.com/support.html>

Or you can e-mail us at: [support@my.tv](mailto:support@my.tv)

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### 1 Unpack the Box

MyBlaster includes the following items:



1 x Transmitter



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1 x Receiver



2 x Power Adapter



1 x Wired Emitter

### 2 Download the Software

In order to use the MyBlaster products, you should first download the necessary software. Links to this software can be found here:

<http://www.mytvstore.com/support.html>

Users should first download the MyBlaster USB driver appropriate for their OS and unzip them into a temporary directory. These files will be used in Step 3.

Users should also download My/iR. It provides basic controls for consumer electronics devices on your PC. It also has special support for SnapStream users.



SnapStream PVS and BeyondTV users should use My/iR.

The installer will auto-detect PVS or BeyondTV on your system and offer you the option to add our custom libraries. Full instructions on how to integrate MyBlaster with SnapStream can be found at:

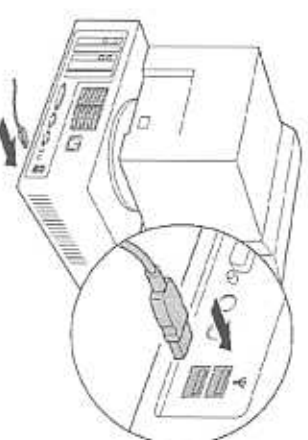
<http://www.mytvstore.com/snapstream.html>

HE Remote is developed by TVscheduler.net. It provides full support for MyBlaster for integration with home automation and PVR software including ShowShifter and Sage TV. HE Remote is shareware. Users who bought HE Remote with their blasters will be sent a registration code via email within 30 days of purchase. Support for HE Remote should be sought at:

<http://www.tvscheduler.net>

### 3 Hardware Setup - Transmitter

Attach the USB connector of the MyBlaster to any available USB port on your PC as shown below. The first time you connect the blaster to your PC, Windows will detect the new hardware and prompt you for a driver.



Simply browse to the temporary directory where you unzipped the drivers and click OK. If Windows fails to prompt you for a driver, find the files that you extracted, right-click the file "SER2PL.INF", then select "Install" from the menu that appears.

You can check to see if the device installed correctly in the Device Manager. To do so, right-click the "My Computer" icon on your desktop.

Select "Manage" from the menu that appears. In the left pane of the window that appears, select "Device Manager" in the tree. In the right pane, expand the "Ports" section and find the item listed as "Prolific USB-to-serial comm port". Right-click that item and select "Properties" to view the driver's status.

### 3 Hardware Setup - MyBlaster RF

If you are not setting up a MyBlaster RF product, you may skip to the next step.

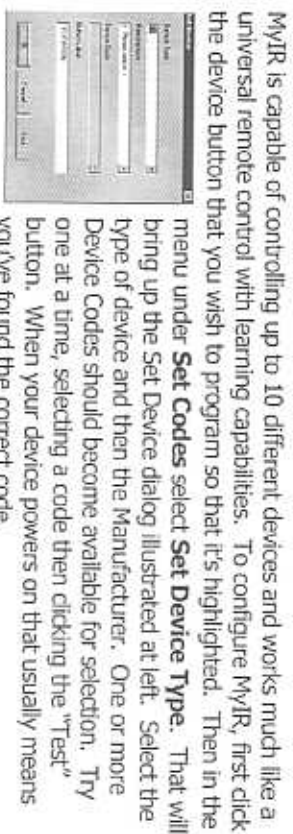
Due to the power requirements of RF transmission, both the transmitter and the receiver must be plugged into AC wall sockets using the supplied power transformers in order to work. The Receiver half of the MyBlaster RF pair needs to be placed within range of the Transmitter which can vary depending on the number of intervening walls and furniture. In a typical home, the effective range is usually somewhere around 50 feet.

The Receiver emits the IR signal most strongly from the front of the case, so it should be placed facing any device(s) you wish to control. The effective range of the IR signal can be up to 30 feet, though some devices may not have very sensitive IR sensors and therefore you may need to move the Receiver closer.

In some situations it may be best to use the included wired IR emitter. This optional configuration is well suited for situations where a device is located inside a cabinet or when you wish to place the Receiver in an unobstructive location. To use the emitter, simply plug the wired emitter into the receiver base, then route the wire so as to place the IR emitter bud in front of the IR sensor of the device you wish to control. Note that the IR signal is emitted from the curved surface of the wired emitter.

### 4 Install & Configure MyIR

Launch the MyIR setup program by double-clicking on the file you downloaded in Step 2. During setup, if you have SnapStream PVS or Beyond TV installed, you will be given the option of adding support for those programs. SnapStream users should refer to the instructions on our website for further instructions: <http://www.mytvstore.com/snapstream.html>



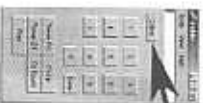
MyIR is capable of controlling up to 10 different devices and works much like a universal remote control with learning capabilities. To configure MyIR, first click the device button that you wish to program so that it's highlighted. Then in the menu under **Set Codes** select **Set Device Type**. That will bring up the Set Device dialog illustrated at left. Select the type of device and then the Manufacturer. One or more Device Codes should become available for selection. Try one at a time, selecting a code then clicking the "Test" button. When your device powers on that usually means you've found the correct code.

Sometimes, you may need to have MyIR "learn" some or all of the buttons on your remote. To do so, simply click the button you wish to "learn" and then from the **Set Codes** menu, select **Learn Current Key**.

### 5 Install & Configure HE Remote

HE Remote is developed and supported by TV Scheduler. For those who bought it with the MyBlaster, a registration code will be sent to you 30 days after the purchase date. This will fully register your copy of HE Remote before its trial period lapses.

To install HE Remote and configure it for use with MyBlaster, launch the setup program by double-clicking on the file you downloaded in Step 2.



Right-click the device button and click "Select an IR transmitter" then choose "MyBlaster".

HERemote should automatically detect the correct COM port for the blaster.

Right-click again on the device button and select "Open the MyBlaster's Library".

Select the type of device you want to control and click the "Start Search" button. When HE Remote finds the correct code, your device should power on. Click the "Stop Search" button. You may need to scroll back the code to the correct one. Support for HE Remote should be sought at:

<http://www.bscheduler.net>

### 6 Troubleshooting

Here are some basic things you should double-check:

Make certain that all connections are secure and plugged into the correct ports. Look in your Windows Device Manager and confirm that in the Ports section, there is an entry for the USB/Serial converter and that it is working properly.

If you're having trouble with learning, try to hold the remote a few inches from the blaster, facing the direction the arrow is pointing at in the figure at right. That is where the IR sensor is located. You should try both tapping the key quickly and holding it down. Some remotes work better with a quick tap, while others require a constant key-press.



When using MyIR, if you click a button to send a command, if the LED inside the blaster's dome does not flash, the blaster may be defective.

Please refer to our support page for a more complete and up to date directory of resources for setup and configuration problems. The URL is:

<http://www.mytvstore.com/support.html>

### **Federal Communication Commission Interference Statement**

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

**FCC Caution:** Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.