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· For movies, not TV shows? IMHO, MS really dropped the ball on this one. They could have segued WMC into a content streaming hub with a seriously consistent revenue stream to go with it. Sent from my SM-G960U1 using Tapatalk · MOD NOTE: This is split from the original WMC thread to reflect the sunset in Windows Media Center. Old news now, but Microsoft is officially pulling the plug on the January 2020 data guide: As far as I'm concerned, they actually stopped when they started this thread almost 5 years ago and they switched to Rovi, which was hardly better than no guide data at all. There is currently at least one third party guide data provider that engages in WMC: - EPG123 Uses data from Direct Plans. Developer EPG123 hangs out at TheGreenButton and answered a lot of questions there. · That's actually good news. They say: To continue receiving Guide TV information in Windows Media Center, you'll need to configure an alternate TV recording provider. Which most of us already do. I'm guessing we're safe until at least when he wins the 8.1 support ends. I would say you're safe if those other guide providers stay in business. I still run DOS, Win 3.1, WinNT, Win95, Win XP, Win 7, etc., regardless of support. Win 7 will not just shut down at the end of win 8.1 support. · There are three guide data providers for the U.S. and Canada. They are TiVo (formerly known as Rovi), Tribune Media (Aka Zap2it), and TV Guide. Rovi acquired tivo a few years ago and took in their name. Many TV providers use Rovi/TiVo, so you see exactly the same errors. I can't remember who used Tribune these days because TiVo was one of their biggest customers until Rovi bought out. TV Guide has its printed listing books and several providers as well. I think they also produce a TV guide channel that is a non interactive guide that shows what's on TV for those who want to just couch potatoes and have it done scrolling. I don't think any of them are going anywhere. Rovi is now much better than it was years ago, because the acquisition of TiVo forced them to shape - when you have thousands of customers paying for data and after the transition they complain much worse out loud. TiVo forums (which was once part of AVS decades ago) were full of furious people complaining and calling for bad data. Some threads persist today because the data is still full of errors. · Plans Direct gets their guide data from Tribune, which is what we use with EPG123. It's much cry better than the crap generated by Rovi/Tivo and is worth a \$25 annual subscription. · Discussion Starter · #8 · 11 mo ago TV Guide has its printed listing books and several providers as well. I think i also produce a TV guide channel that is a non interactive guide that shows what's on TV for those who want to be just potatoes and have it done scrolling. They are no longer making scrolling guides anymore. CBS bought the TV guide channel and turned it into a pop network. · Plans Direct gets their guide data from Tribune, which is what we use with EPG123. It's much cry better than the crap generated by Rovi/Tivo and is worth a \$25 annual subscription. Although I now only use emby data guide that is from Tribune or SchedulesDirect anyway, for WMC is egg123 FTW! Sent from my SM-G960U1 using Tapatalk · WMC tells me that I have less than 3 days of guide data left (never seen this warning before). Asked if I wanted to download the new data guide, I said yes, says download complete, and still says less than 3 days of data left. So is 31.00 the last day of the data guide? I remember 6 months or so ago they said they would eventually stop the data wizard. Does this alternative software, EPG123 I think still works? · WMC tells me that I have less than 3 days of guide data left (never seen this warning before). 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Of course, I took this as an opportunity to switch to epg123 and now have a ton of guide data, more than I've ever had before. It takes less than an hour to do, and with holiday programming it means there's a lot of idle time to do such things without losing programming. · Discussion Starter · #13 · 10 mo ago Well, one big problem with free data is that it stops frequently – usually around the new year when daylight saving time comes on or off, etc. it seems someone at Microsoft has to come around and kick the server to process new data guides and this usually happens just before it runs out. There was a group that you could use to send feedback when it happened, but I don't think it's being monitored anymore. I do not think anyone will dig the server anymore. I got a popup a couple of weeks ago saying Microsoft is retiring their data service guide in January 2020. They didn't say which day in January, but I wouldn't if it were January 1st. · I wonder the same thing. 14 January with support, but now guess that my guide hasn't updated past today for the last time... · I thought this day would eventually happen, which is why I originally supported the HDHomeRun DVR Kickstarter campaign thinking it would drm recording and playback capabilities. It turned out that it was just wishful thinking on my part because they never officially announced the level of support at the time. When EPG123 came out I jumped at it and couldn't be happier. I turned off automatic updates on my Windows 7 HTPCs years ago, so I jumped the gun and cut off it from Microsoft completely. Their announcement no longer supports Windows 7 for me means nothing as I intend to continue using it as long as my hardware stays alive. One thing that concerns me about Windows 7 is whether Microsoft will still activate the license on it in case I have to do a reinstall on the down the road. · In the meantime everything we do at 7 will work at 10 (or 19, or whatever they have in time), so it will probably be time to say goodbye to 7 as well. That said, I'm still very happy with 7 and have just started my trial with Plans Direct, and I'll agree that the move, though not entirely painless, wasn't bad. Michael · When I ran WMC EPG123 worked great. I already had a SchedulesDirect subscription, no problems pulling that guide data into WMC. It is recommended if you want to stay in the MS ecosystem. Since then (a few years back) I've found that only channels my cable making sets like Copy Once are premium movie channels (HBO, Showtime, etc.), so I went back to my tried and true MythTV settings. I just put it in this thread to let people know that there may be valid alternatives to their HTPC settings. Mine is a stripped down version of Xubuntu running MythTV (Google how to install PPA) with HDHomeRun Prime and Ceton ETH-6 tuners. Have been a happy user of MythTV since 2006, I use it to watch the Alamo Bowl right now. It drives 7 different TVs in our house, using raspberry pi 3+ as the front. So back to the original problem: I was using SD before they became SD. Many members worked or had agreements with Zap2it Labs, and when the whole DRM issue hit hard in 2007, he went on to create an SD to preserve the best possible EPG. I thank them for their perseverance in these times and I will continue to use their services. · In the meantime everything we do at 7 will work at 10 (or 19, or whatever they have in time), so it will probably be time to say goodbye to 7 as well. That said, I'm still very happy with 7 and have just started my trial with Plans Direct, and I'll agree that the move, though not entirely painless, wasn't bad. Michael Chance on Microsoft ever reviving WMC in a newer version, or getting it certified by Cable Labs is almost zero. If SiliconDust gets their HDHR app certified to work with a copy of protected content, Windows 7 will continue to be the only game in town when it comes to watching and recording said channels. When Microsoft something that rarely, if ever, come back and pick it back up. · There is currently at least one third party guide to the data provider that engages in WMC: - EPG123 Uses data from Direct Plans. Developer EPG123 hangs out at TheGreenButton and answered a lot of questions there. Thanks for posting this information. I just ran through the process and the data wizard looks better than ever. I signed up for Direct Plans and also donated egg123 dev, making a great effort to save the MCE. We still use it every day with Ceton Quad Tuner/Verizon FIOS. Fios.

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