

# Re: HELP! Dell told me I cannot watch tv on my tv AND work on compute

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yewing wrote:

- > I just invested thousands in two new computers – Dell 8400 with dual
- > tuners and windows xp media center 2005. I've been trying to
- > configure the media center so it would play through my tv so I can
- > work on the computer WHILE watching my t.v.
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- > After being on with support for nearly an hour, while they configured
- > my settings in their lab, I was told you can't do that with media
- > center!!! They said only one screen is the primary screen. I can't
- > do both. If I direct the media center to the t.v. then I can't use
- > the monitor with the computer.
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- > My call was initiated to them because I can't get a signal to my t.v.
- > I do not have a t.v. with an s-video cable where I'm trying to hook
- > things up right now. I was advised, through here, to use an RF
- > modulator. I tried that too. No dice. So, I called technical
- > support. Technical support transferred me to a "media center"
- > specialist.
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- > Please help me. Have I just purchased two REALLY expensive tivo
- > boxes? I have these computers set up, networked, and the packing is
- > already broken down. It's going to be miserable trying to return
- > them. Yet, I don't want to keep them if they can't do all I bought
- > them for. Please, please help me.

I also have a new 8400 Dell with the NVIDIA 6800 card. I've not connected a TV to mine as of yet but have notice that the 71.84 drivers I download from NVIDIA have a lot more in regards to a second monitor/TV. You might try them if you haven't as of yet. I got mine about a month ago so you probably still have the older drivers for the 6800.

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