

Remote Control for MediaPortal

Version 0.7.2

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1. Summary

Remote Control is a MediaPortal plugin to control your Samsung SmartTV.

This plugin can be configured for 2 display modes, Background and Menu Mode.

Background Mode: This type does not have a menu entry. This is useful, when you only include some specific properties into your existing skin files.

Menu Mode: This type shows a menu in your home or plugin menu and opens a new window to display specific configuration options.

2. Requirements

This plugin requires MediaPortal v1.3.0 or higher (for more information see the homepage <http://www.team-mediaportal.com>) and appropriate compatible TV devices.

3. Installation

To install the RemoteControl Samsung SmartTV plugin, please run the installer "RemoteControl.mpe1" or, if you want to manually install the plugin, follow the described steps:

- Step 1: unzip the file "RemoteControl.zip" to a temporary directory and open this directory
- Step 2: navigate to folder "*RemoteControl\Release\Plugins\Windows*"
- Step 3: copy all files to the MediaPortal plugin directory, e.g. "*c:\program files\team mediaportal\plugins\windows*"
- Step 4: navigate to folder "*RemoteControl\Release\Skin\Default*"
- Step 5: copy all files and directories to your MediaPortal skin folder, e.g. "*c:\program data\team mediaportal\mediaportal\skin\default*"
- Step 6: navigate to folder "*RemoteControl\Release\Skin\Default\Media*"
- Step 7: copy all files and directories to your MediaPortal skin folder, e.g. "*c:\program data\team mediaportal\mediaportal\skin\default\media*"
- Step 8: navigate to folder "*RemoteControl\Release\Language\RemoteControl*"
- Step 9: copy all files to your MediaPortal language folder, e.g. "*c:\program data\team mediaportal\mediaportal\language\RemoteControl*"

3.1. Preparation for Menu Mode version

If you want to use the Menu Mode version, please open your MediaPortal Configuration Utility, go to "Plugins", select "Remote Control" in the list of plugins and press button "In Home" or "In Plugins" for your desired location. Now you can start MediaPortal and open the Remote Control window using a menu entry.

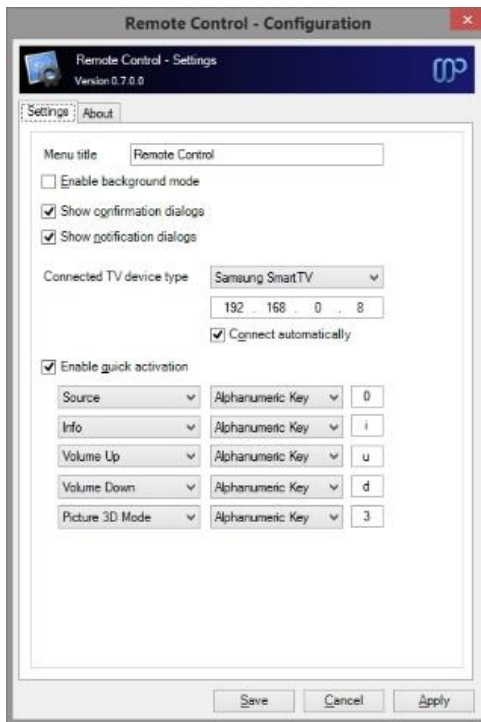
3.2. Preparation for Background Mode version

If you want to use the Background Mode version, open your MediaPortal Configuration Utility, goto "Plugins" and open the Remote Control configuration dialog. Navigate to tab "Settings" and uncheck the option "Enable window". To open the window, it is required to edit your skin file(s).

4. Configuration

Remote Control has specific configuration options. To change this, please open your MediaPortal Configuration Utility, go to “Plugins”, and select “Remote Control” in the list of plugins and press button “Config” to change options.

4.1. Settings



Enable window: Enable or disable the Menu Mode / Background Mode version

Menu title: Enter the menu title here.

Show confirmation dialogs: If this option is turned on, a confirmation dialog opens before starting any action.

Show notification dialogs: If this option is turned on, notification dialog opens in various situations.

TV device type: Select your connected TV device type here. Additionally please enter the IP address.

Connect automatically: If this option is turned on, the plugin tries to connect to your TV device automatically.

Enable quick activation: If you switch on this option, you can select various TV device commands with self-defined remote control buttons. Under some conditions, this function works only, if you have setup your remote control before. For more information, please see chapter “Remote Control Configuration”.

6. Window Properties

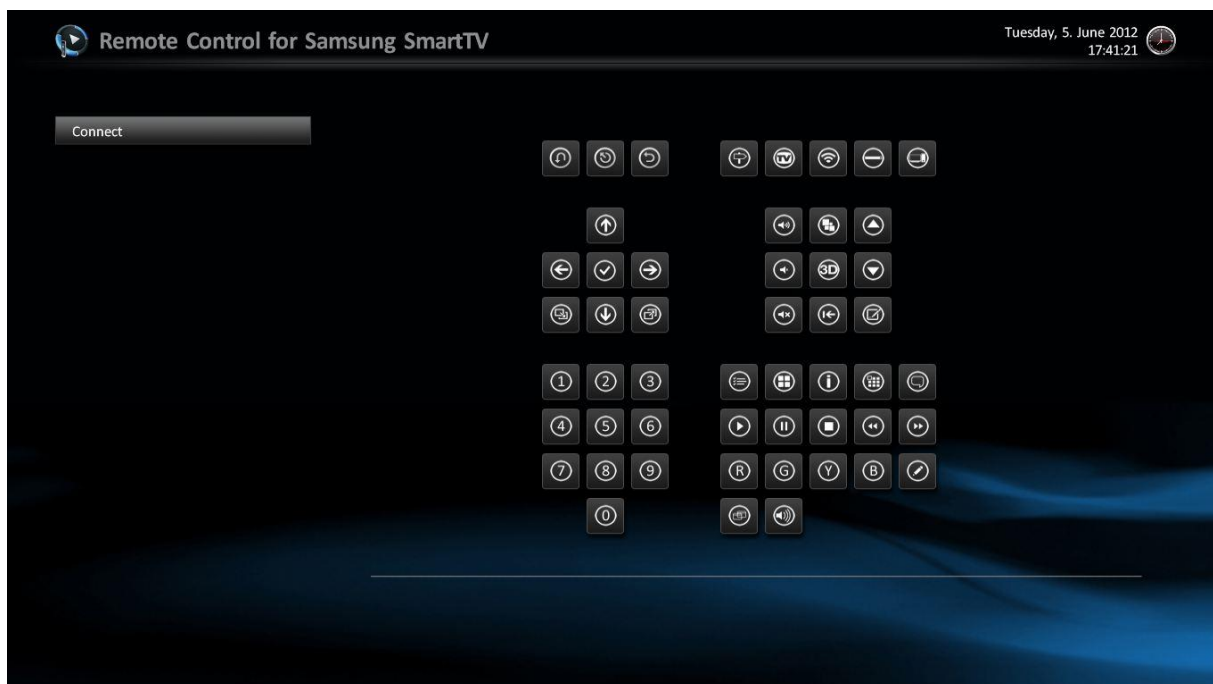
This plugin offers some properties, see the following table for more information.

Property Name	Return value
#RemoteControl.Action	Current action (e.g. "Connecting...")
#RemoteControl.Command	shows the function of selected command button
#RemoteControl.Model	contains the model name of your Samsung SmartTV (if possible to detect)
#RemoteControl.IPAddress	contains the IP address of your Samsung SmartTV

7. Button Functions

Connect/Disconnect: Connect or disconnect your TV device.

8. Screenshots



Remote Control main screen example

9. Version History

- 0.1.0 – initial community release
- 0.1.1 – change compatibility flags to support MediaPortal v1.3.0, changes to configuration window
- 0.1.1 – quick activation and auto connect mode added
- 0.2.0 – maintenance release
- 0.2.1 – hotfix for menu related configuration settings in case background mode option could not initialized correctly
- 0.2.2 – fix possible deadlock condition for backgroundworker specific issues in case threaded plugin loading is enabled
- 0.2.3 – refactoring of plugin startup code, code cleanup, internal maintenance/test release
- 0.2.0 – several performance improvements
- 0.3.1 – change compatibility flags to support MediaPortal v1.6.0
- 0.4.0 – rework to support updated plugin framework v1.1.0
- 0.5.0 – change target framework to .NET 4.0, change compatibility flags to support MediaPortal v1.7.0, support for updated plugin framework v1.2.0
- 0.5.1 – change compatibility flags to support MediaPortal v1.8.0
- 0.5.2 – support for updated plugin framework v1.3.0
- 0.5.3 – rework update mechanism, changes to support plugin framework 1.3.0
- 0.6.0 – change compatibility flags to support MediaPortal v1.9.0
- 0.6.1 – minor enhancements, change compatibility flags to support MediaPortal v1.10.0
- 0.6.2 – architectural enhancements
- 0.7.0 – rework of configuration dialog
- 0.7.1 – maintenance release
- 0.7.2 – support for MediaPortal v1.12.0

10. Skin Changes

- 0.1.0 – see generic skin file

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