

## PEAK Class 101: DVB-T FAQ

DVB-T (Digital Video Broadcasting - Terrestrial) is the most widely-accepted TV broadcasting standard in the world. Users who wish to enjoy DVB-T broadcasting will need to have a DVB-T tuner installed either in their TV set or in their personal computer system. Here at PEAK, we offer a wide range of DVB-T products for computer systems. We've collected here some of the most frequently-asked questions regarding our DVB-T products.



**Q1.** There are two different versions of DVB-T adaptors on your website. What's the correct adaptor for my system?

**A1.** We make two different versions, USB and PCI. The PCI adaptors are internal devices and can only be installed on desktop systems, while our USB adaptors can be used with either desktop or notebook computers. A USB adaptor might be a better choice for most people due to its size and portability.

**Q2.** How do I install my DVB-T adaptor on my system?

**A2.** To enjoy DVB-T broadcasts on your computer, you'll need to install:

- Driver software for your DVB-T adaptor
- Software that enables you to scan/watch DVB-T broadcasts. (PEAK adaptors include the popular HyperMedia Center on the driver/software CD)

It is necessary to install the adaptor driver BEFORE installing HyperMedia Center. Your computer system needs to recognize the DVB-T adaptor so that HyperMedia Center can access it and start searching for channels. For detailed installation procedures, visit our website at [www.peakhardware.com](http://www.peakhardware.com)

**Q3.** Can I use programs other than "HyperMedia Center"?

**A3.** Of course you can. HyperMedia Center is optimized for the PEAK DVB-T dongle for the best picture quality and reliability. However, if you wish to use other DVB-T capable software, feel free to do so as our driver files are written in common Windows languages. As long as your operating system can properly recognize the adaptor, you can use any software with it you wish.

**Q4.** My computer is not picking up all the channels. What can I do?

**A4.** DVB-T is a pure digital signal, but it is broadcast by TV and radio stations in a very similar way to analogue TV and radio and can be weakened by hills and tall buildings. If you are not able to find all the channels, try the following:

- Make sure you are in a DVB-T coverage area. Users in the UK can check their coverage at <http://www.freeview.co.uk/availability>.
- Instead of using the portable antenna, connect an external roof aerial to your DVB-T dongle
- If you are using the portable antenna, move it closer to a window against a flat, metal surface (this will dramatically increase your signal strength).

**Q5.** My DVB-T adaptor is not recognized by my computer system. What can I do?

**A5.** Make sure the instructions given in our Quick Installation Guide are carefully followed.

- For the USB adaptor, you'll need to install the device driver software BEFORE inserting the dongle into the USB slot.
- For the PCI adaptor, shut down the PC, fit the card in a vacant PCI slot and restart the PC. Insert the installation CD and when the installation wizard starts up, be sure to point it to the correct location of the driver files.

In either case, driver installation comes BEFORE the HyperMedia Center software/program installation.

With our DVB-T dongle, you can enjoy your favourite TV programme wherever you like with great video quality. With HyperMedia Center, you can record, replay, fast-forward and rewind any live-TV programmes. You can even skip the commercials! For more information, please visit our website at [www.peakhardware.com](http://www.peakhardware.com)



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