



Installing and Using XBMC

On Thecus OS5 & OS6

❖ XBMC

Appealing to a broad range of users, XBMC is an open source media center which was originally created for Xbox. Its graphical user interface (GUI) allows the user to easily browse and view videos, photos, podcasts, and music using only a few buttons. Currently, XBMC can be used to play almost all popular audio and video formats around directly from your hard drive. XBMC features playlist and slideshow functions, a weather forecast, and many audio visualizations.

XBMC is a rich multimedia player with a dedicated community that helps to improve and expand its options every day. In the realm of free, well designed media centers, it's hard to compete with XBMC.

※Before Use XBMC:

- Connect your Thecus NAS to a display device via the HDMI port.

※Products Compatible:

- Thecus OS5: N2800, N4800, N4800Eco, N5550, N7510, N4510U, TopTower N6850, N8850, N10850, N8900 series, N12000 series, N16000 series
- Thecus OS6: N2520/N2560/N4520/N4560

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❖ Installing XBMC using Thecus OS5

Go to Thecus App Center* to download both "Local Display" and "XBMC".

*For the N2800, N4800, N4800Eco, N5550, N7510, and N4510U, please download the modules via the links below:

Local Display: http://www.thecus.com/sp_app_intro.php?APP_ID=231

XBMC: http://www.thecus.com/sp_app_intro.php?APP_ID=223

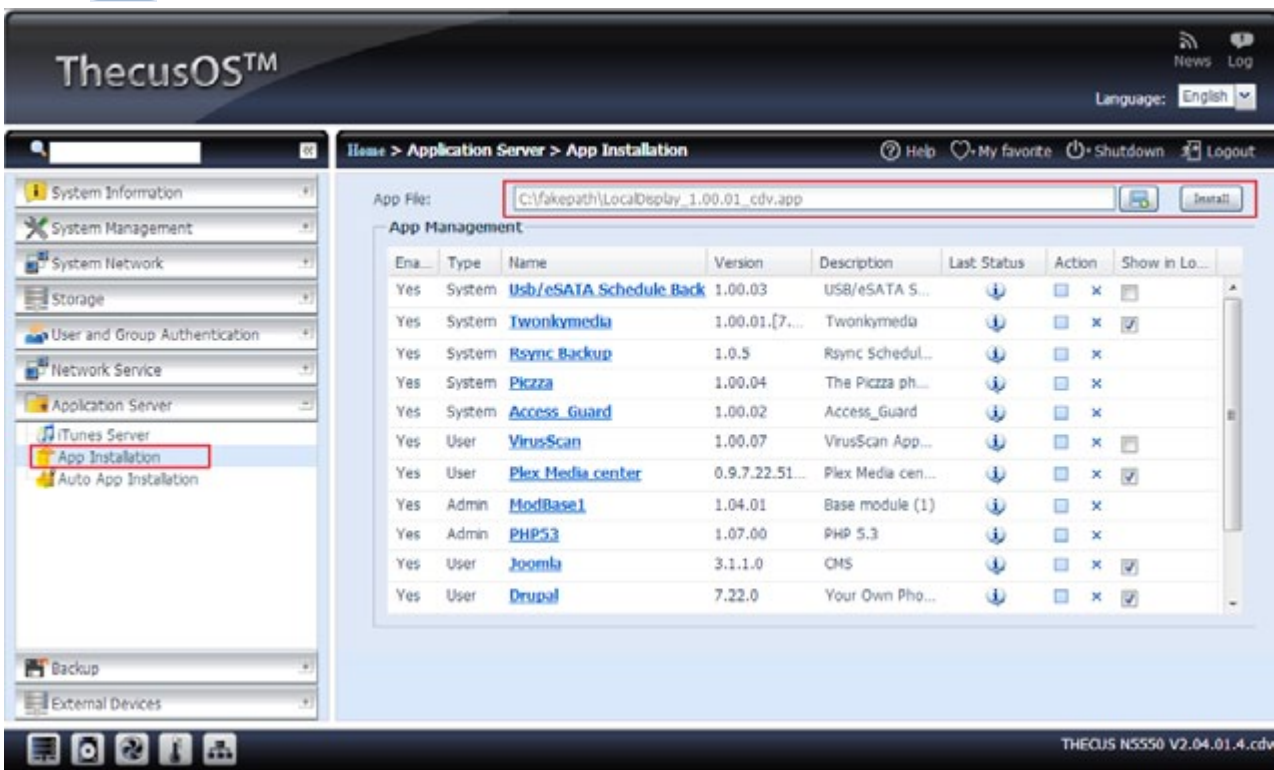
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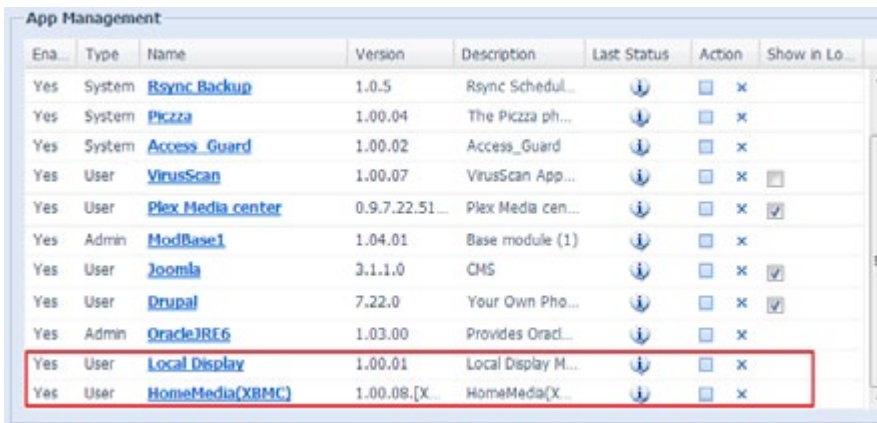
Install "Local Display" before installing "XBMC".

Go to "Application Server" > "App Installation", and

click  to browse for the file and then click "Install".



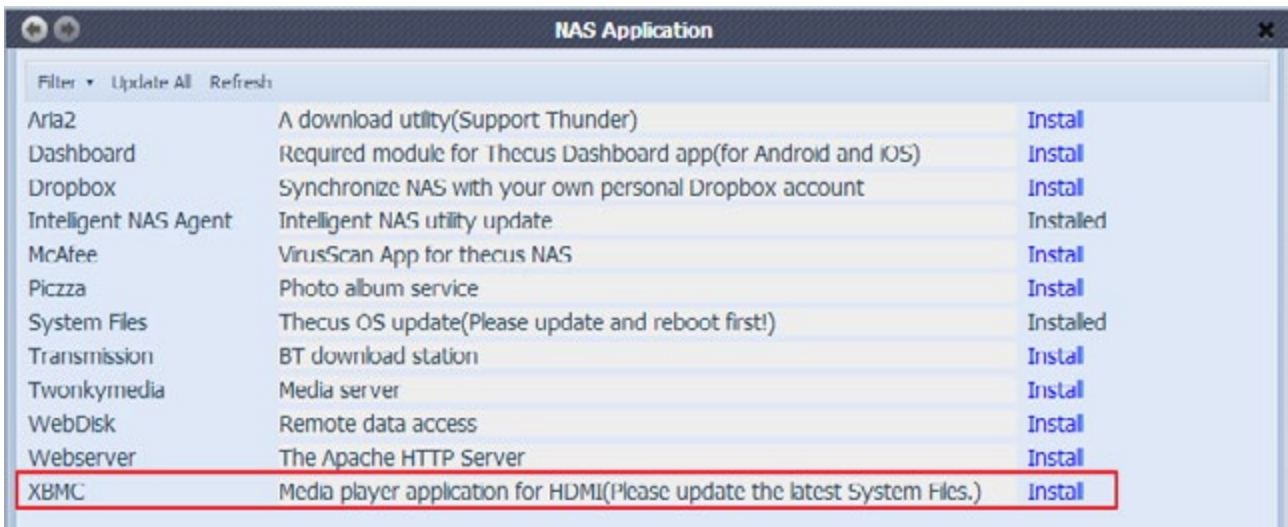
After installation, "Local Display" and "XBMC" will be shown on the App Management list.



❖ Install XBMC using Thecus OS6

Go to "Control Panel"> "Application Server"> "NAS Application". You will see a list of all applications.

Find "XBMC" and click "Install".



❖ Navigating XBMC' s UI

You may choose from one of a number of different ways to navigate XBMC' s UI. For example,

1. Directly plug a mouse/keyboard into your NAS.
2. Remotely control it via a handheld devices.

There are a plenty of free apps that allow XBMC to be remotely controlled.

"xbmcRemote" (for iOS) and "XBMC Remote" (for Android) will be demonstrated for this guide.

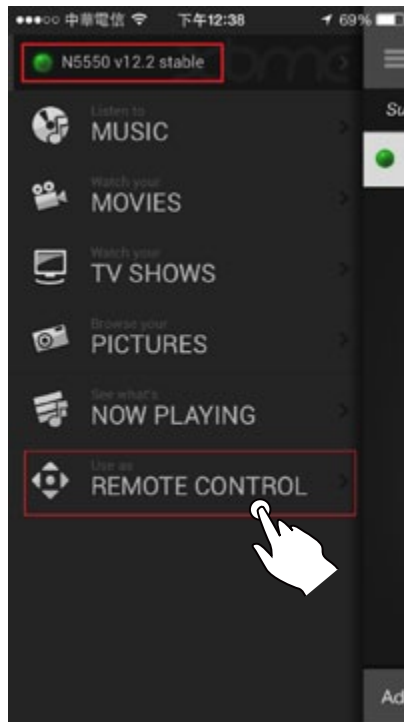
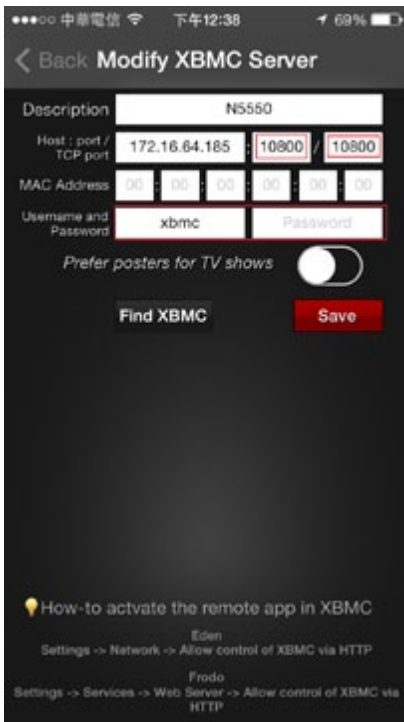


❖ Controlling XBMC via a handheld device

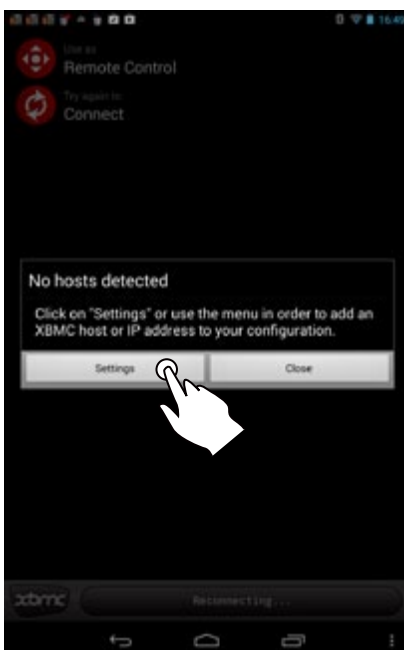
For both apps, begin by adding a host. XBMC's port number should be set up 10800. The default login settings are:
username: **xbmc** / password: (none)



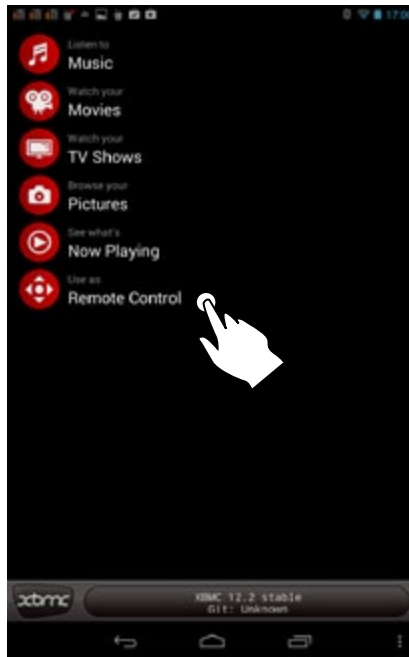
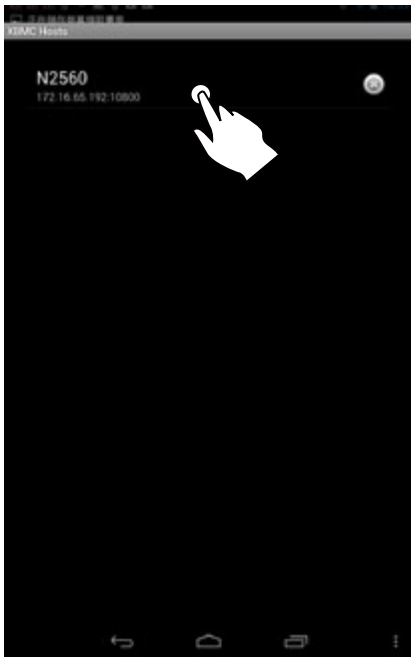
xbmcRemote on iOS



XBMC Remote on Android



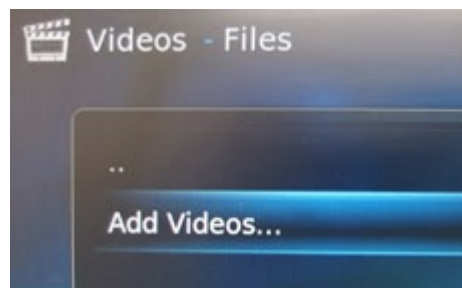
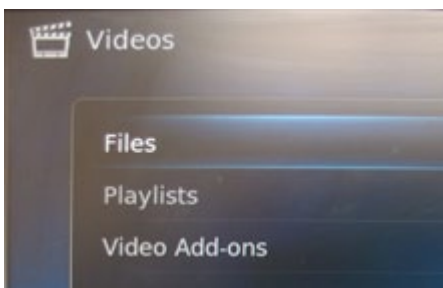
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❖ Playing back local media files with XBMC

Though various kinds of media are supported, for this section, only video playback will be demonstrated.

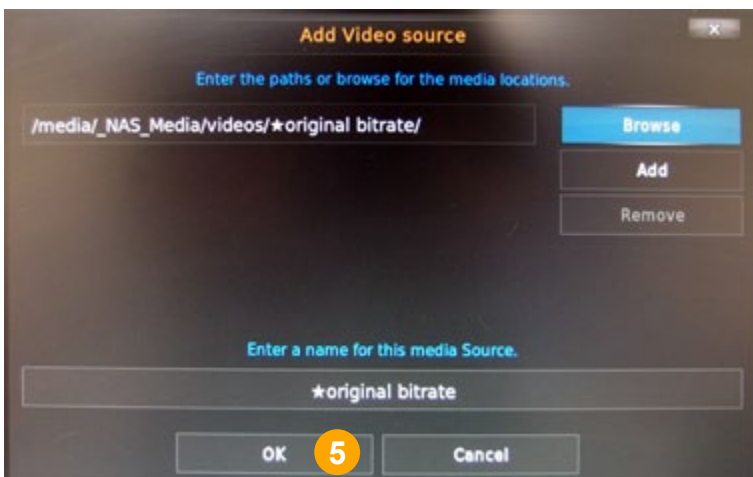
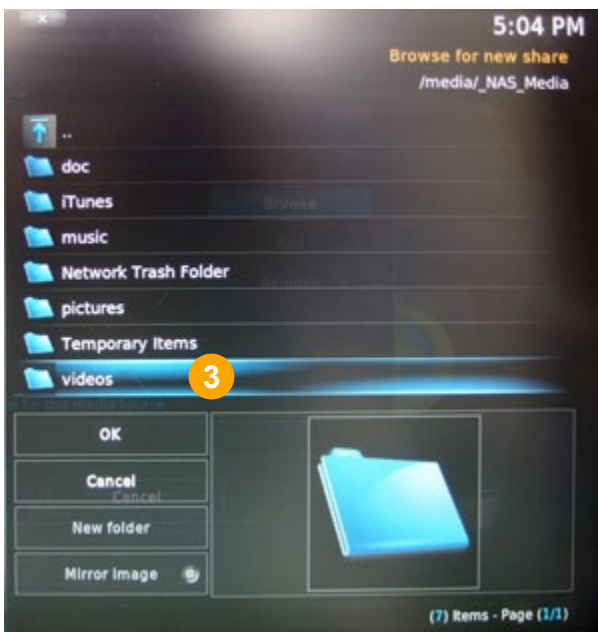
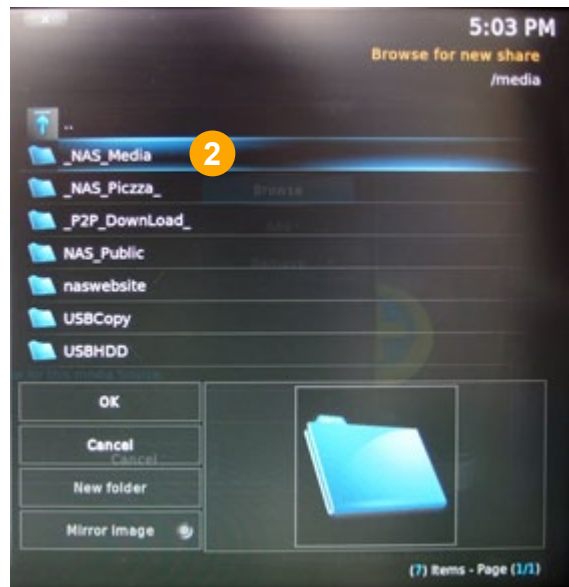
First, add a video source. Your NAS will now become a DMS (digital media server).



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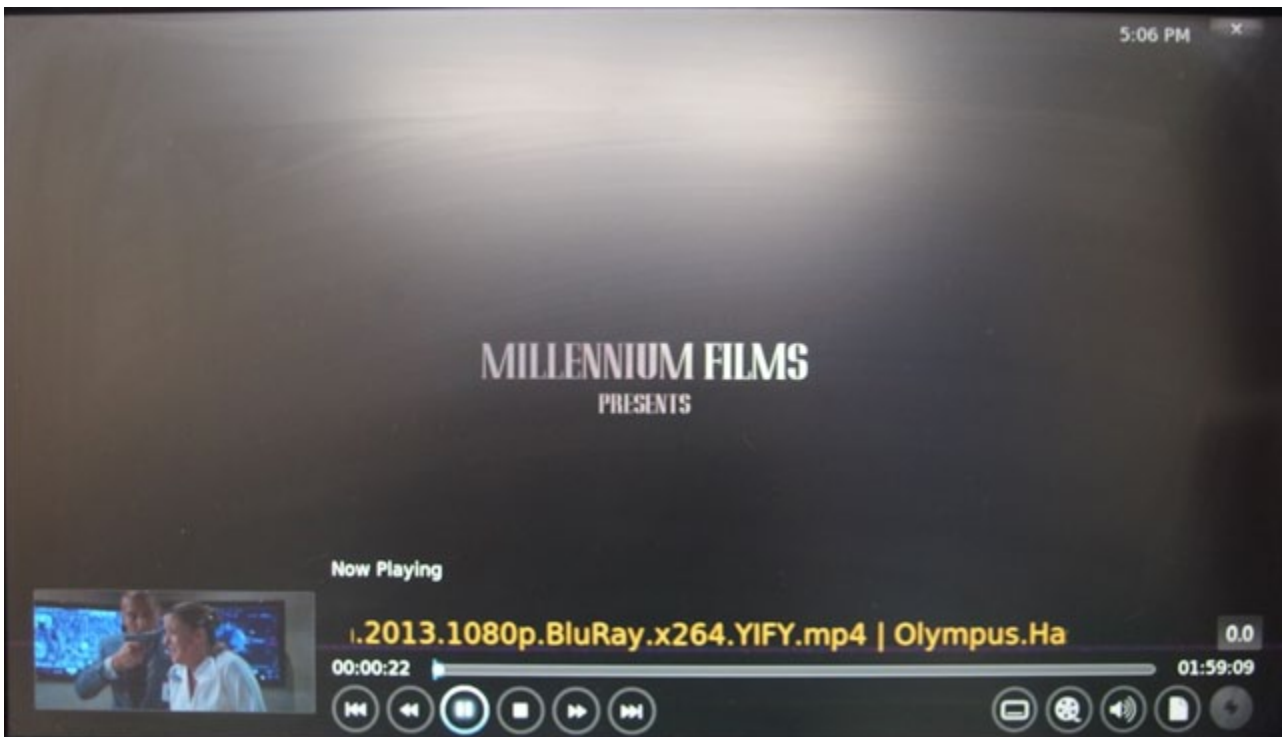
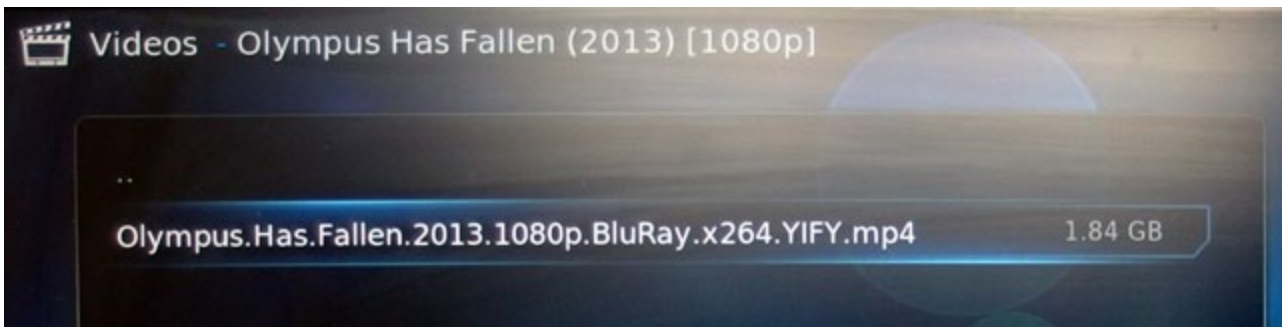
Then, select "Home folder".

Select the folder where you wish to place the video files, e.g. _NAS_Media.



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You can now playback a video.

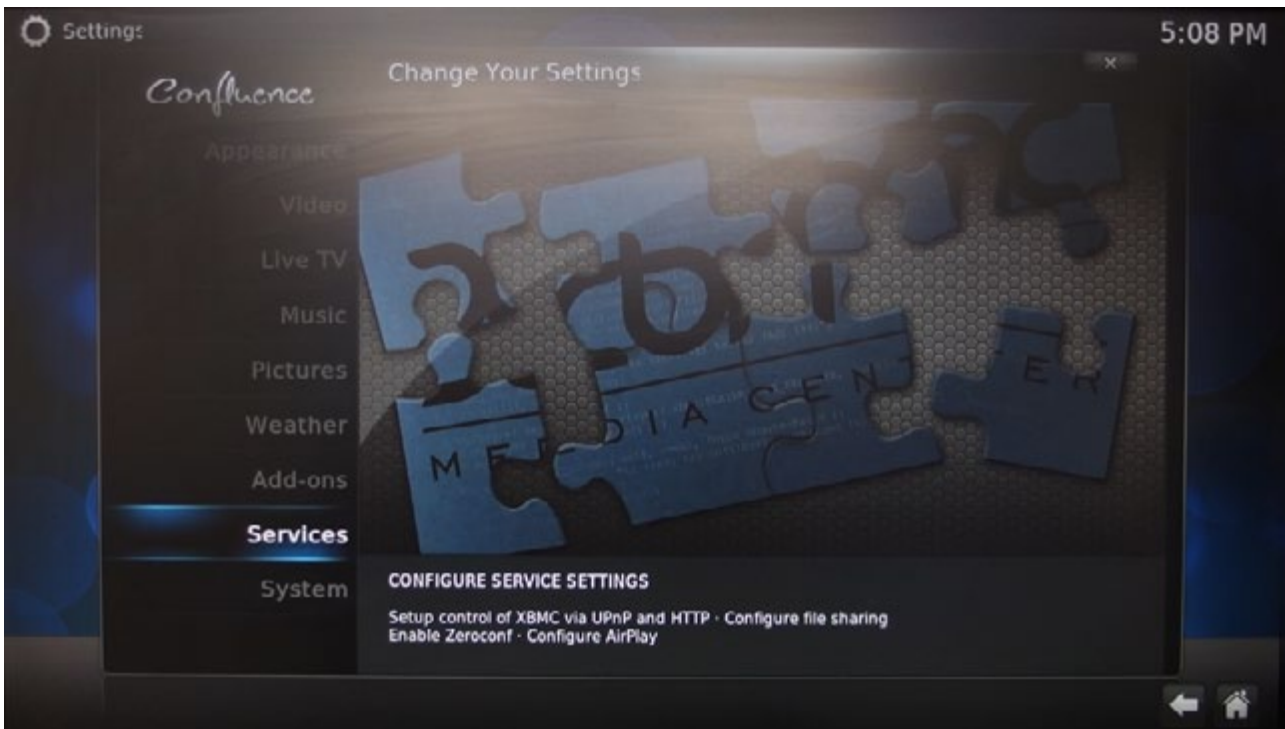


❖ Setting up your Thecus NAS as a DMR?

Not only can Thecus NAS act as DMS, but they can similarly also function as DMR (Digital Media Receiver/Renderer). Through this function, you can push media files on other media servers to your Thecus NAS.

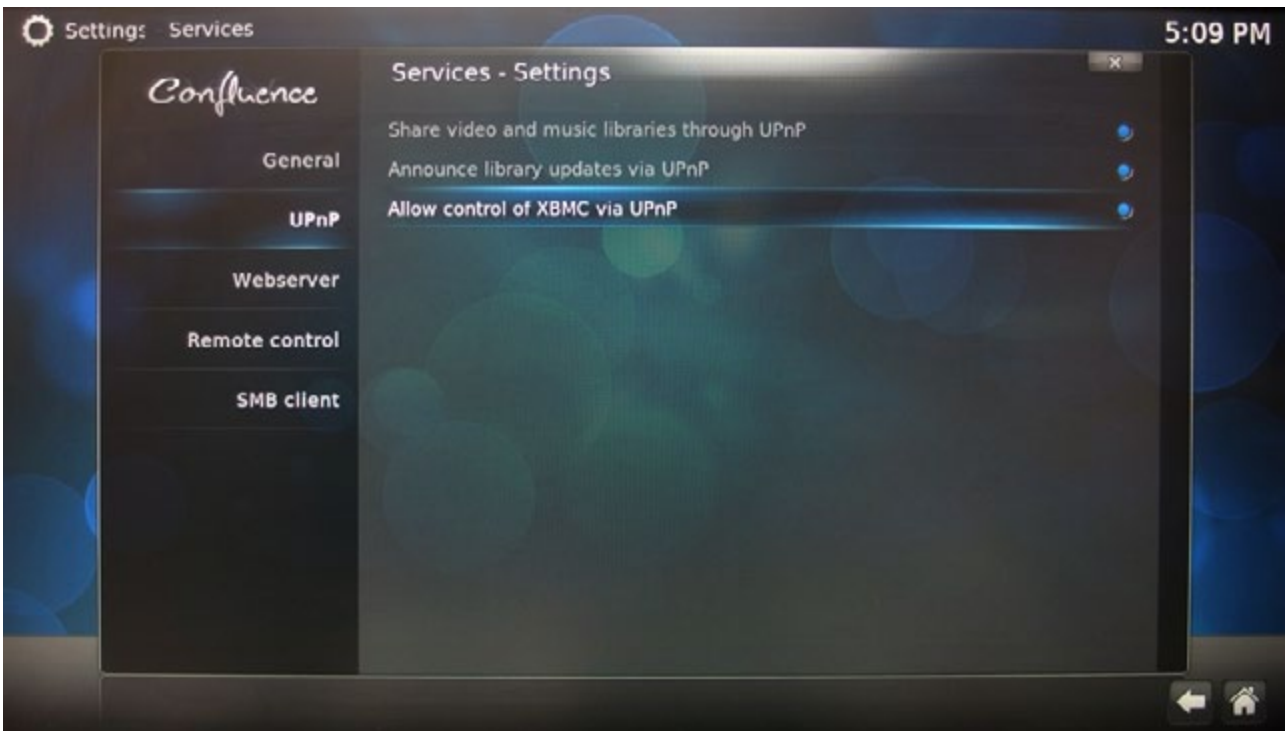


Select "Services".



❖ How to setup a NAS with XBMC as a DMR?

In the setup page, go to "UPnP" and enable all the three items on the right.



Now your NAS will act as a DMR. Next, you can assign apps that enable remote control (e.g. "Twonky beam") and use them to push media to the display connected to your NAS.

