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RATING FOR LOGITECH HARMONY 1000 ADVANCED UNIVERSAL REMOTE
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Problem: How does one combine five or more remotes into one? Solution: with a little harmony, the Logitech Harmony 1000 Advanced Universal Remote (priced from $95 used to $333 new).

It all sounds too easy with product features (from Amazon) such as:

- Touch one icon and the Harmony remote will power on all the necessary components
- Large, color icons and backlit buttons ensure an entirely new level of ease and functionality

Connect the Harmony 1000 to your computer, and the wizard guides you through the entire set-up process

- No worries about power with the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery
- Control everything from HDTVs to PVR/DVRs, from laser discs to VCRs, even lighting controls.

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But it is that easy.

First, if wondering if the Harmony remote supports particular electronics, know that Harmony 1000 supports more than electronic 5,000 brands and 225,000 devices. So to see if the Harmony Remote supports your home-entertainment setup, refer to the **Harmony device compatibility check**.

The hardest part of setting up the Harmony 1000 is compiling the manufacturer and model numbers for your electronic equipment. When in doubt, consult the user manuals. In most cases, this information can be found on the equipment either in the back or underneath the unit. Have the list handy for the Harmony 1000 set up.

Once this information is collected, install the software on a computer via computer disk or direct download, and power up the Harmony 1000. People without disk drives can directly download the latest Harmony remote software from the Logitech **Downloads Page**. Note that the downloads page will have the most up-to-date software. And, if you are inexperienced or unfamiliar with downloading software from websites, or determining the operating system, enlist the help of a computer-savvy friend or family member.

To add a device to the Harmony 1000 remote, connect into the USB cord provided, then connect the other end to your computer's USB ports. Then launch the Logitech Harmony Remote Software, create a new account, then following the on-screen prompts. Lastly, confirm that you've entered in all of the information correctly, then click on the **Next** button to save your changes.

Important to note, Harmony 1000 is an activity-based remote. See the following video which explains the idea behind the Harmony 1000 all-in-one remote: **http://logitech-en-amr.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/28825**.

Understanding how your electronics work together is extremely important in programming the Harmony 1000. Because, once programmed, the remote does the thinking and turns on the needed electronics for the task chosen. Thus the set up of these activities is crucial and requires precise programming so your system works without issue. This may be the most frustrating part of the programming and may require tweaking of your Harmony 1000 set up.

For example, to watch a movie on the DVD player, think about what systems need to be on, and to what settings do they need to be set to? For example, to watch a DVD:

1. the Samsung TV needs to be turned on;
2. the Sony DVD needs to be turned on and set to input 2;
3. and the Sony surround sound needs to be turned on and set to DVD input.

As another example, think about what systems need to be on and set to to watch a show from your DVR, which is attached to cable/satellite system:

1. the Samsung TV needs to be turned on;
2. the ATT DVR needs to be turned on and set to input 1;
3. and the Sony surround sound needs to be turned on and set to TV input.

To ensure accuracy, it is helpful to test your system and make notes about how it works to ensure the programming of the Harmony 1000 is correct. Again, if you are inexperienced or unfamiliar with your electronics, enlist the help of an electronic-savvy friend or family member. And you can always tweak the set up, as well.

Once set up, press the activities button on your remote, then press the activity you want to do, such as watch TV. The remote then does all the work. So to watch cable/satellite TV, rather than having to press three buttons on three various remotes, just touch the one "Watch TV" button on the screen and it's done.

After being turned on, if there an issue with your system, press the on-screen help button on the remote to activate the onscreen troubleshooting application to help diagnose the issue(s).

Lastly, also consult Logitech's support FAQs at **http://www.logitech.com/en-us/support/universal-remotes/373** if you have any questions or issues.

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