



FIREBALL-PC USER GUIDE

A Guide to Using the FireBall-PC Software Package on
Macintosh and Windows Computers

Overview



FireBall-PC is a free software application for Mac OSX and Windows XP computers that provides expanded music storage features for FireBall Music Server products. Running FireBall-PC on your computer allows you to share your PC's music files with your FireBall using your existing home network. FireBall-PC does not require you to move your music files to your FireBall, it simply "shares" them across the network.

FireBall-PC supports sharing MP3 and FLAC formatted files over any standard wireless or wired home computer network to one or more FireBall Music Servers. For more information on home networks, please visit your Escient dealer or the Escient Support Web site at <http://www.escient.com>.

System Requirements

1. Escient FireBall E2, DVDM, SE, MX, AVX model Media Manager or FireBall E with E2 software update (<http://www.escient.com/eupdate/>)
2. Windows XP or Mac OS X Computer
3. Your FireBall and computer must be on the same local network.

Windows System Requirements:

- Pentium III, 500mHz equivalent processor or higher
- Windows® XP Home and Professional Editions
- 128MB RAM or more as required by operating system

Macintosh System Requirements:

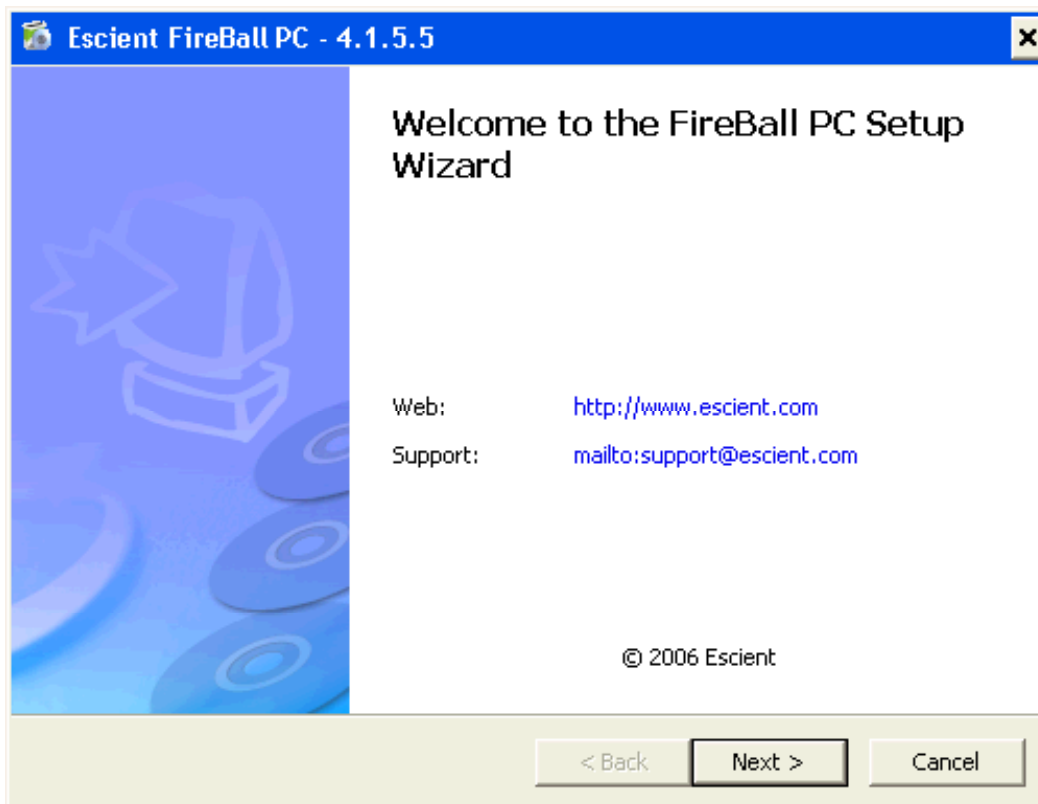
- Mac OS X (10.3 or later)
- 128MB of RAM or more as required by operation system

Installing FireBall-PC

Windows XP Installation

Follow these instructions to install the FireBall-PC application on your Windows PC.

1. Download the FireBall-PC Windows Installer from the Escient Web site at <http://www.escient.com/products/fireball-pc/>
2. Double click the FireBall-PC installer and follow the on-screen instructions to install the PC version on your Windows computer.
3. When installation is complete, you will see a Shortcut to the FireBall-PC application on your Desktop.
4. Double Click the FireBall-PC Shortcut to run FireBall-PC application.

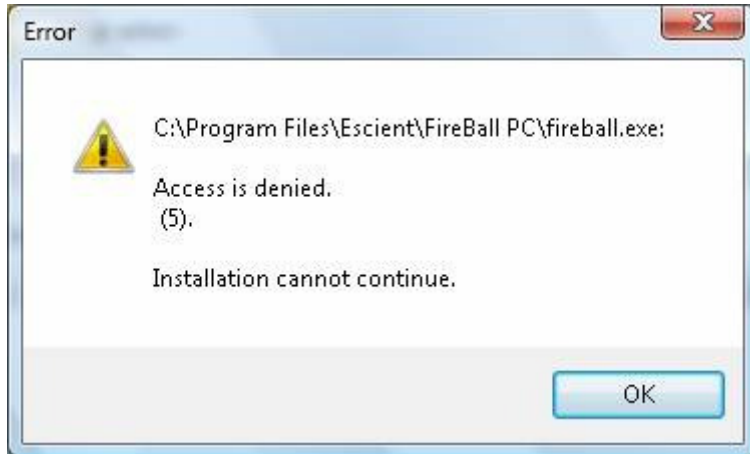


To Uninstall the FireBall-PC application from your PC, run the Uninstall program located at C:\Program Files\Escient.

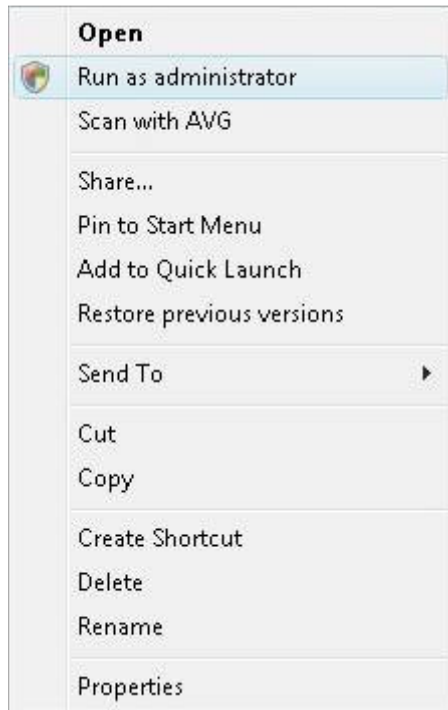
Windows Vista/7 Installation (not supported)

Though Fireball-PC is not yet supported under Windows Vista/7, most users don't encounter too much trouble running it. When attempting to install Fireball-PC under Vista/7 the installation must be run with administrator privileges otherwise you may encounter the following error. Simply right-click on the downloaded Fireball-PC installer and select "Run as administrator".

Installation Error:



Run As Administrator:



MacOS X Installation

Follow these instructions to install the FireBall-PC application on your Windows PC.

1. Download the FireBall-PC Macintosh OSX Installer from the Escient Web site at <http://www.escient.com/products/fireball-pc/>
2. Double click the FireBall-PC disc image to mount it on your Mac.
3. Drag the "FireBall-PC" icon into your Applications folder.
4. Eject the disc image.
5. Double click the FireBall-PC icon located in your Applications folder.



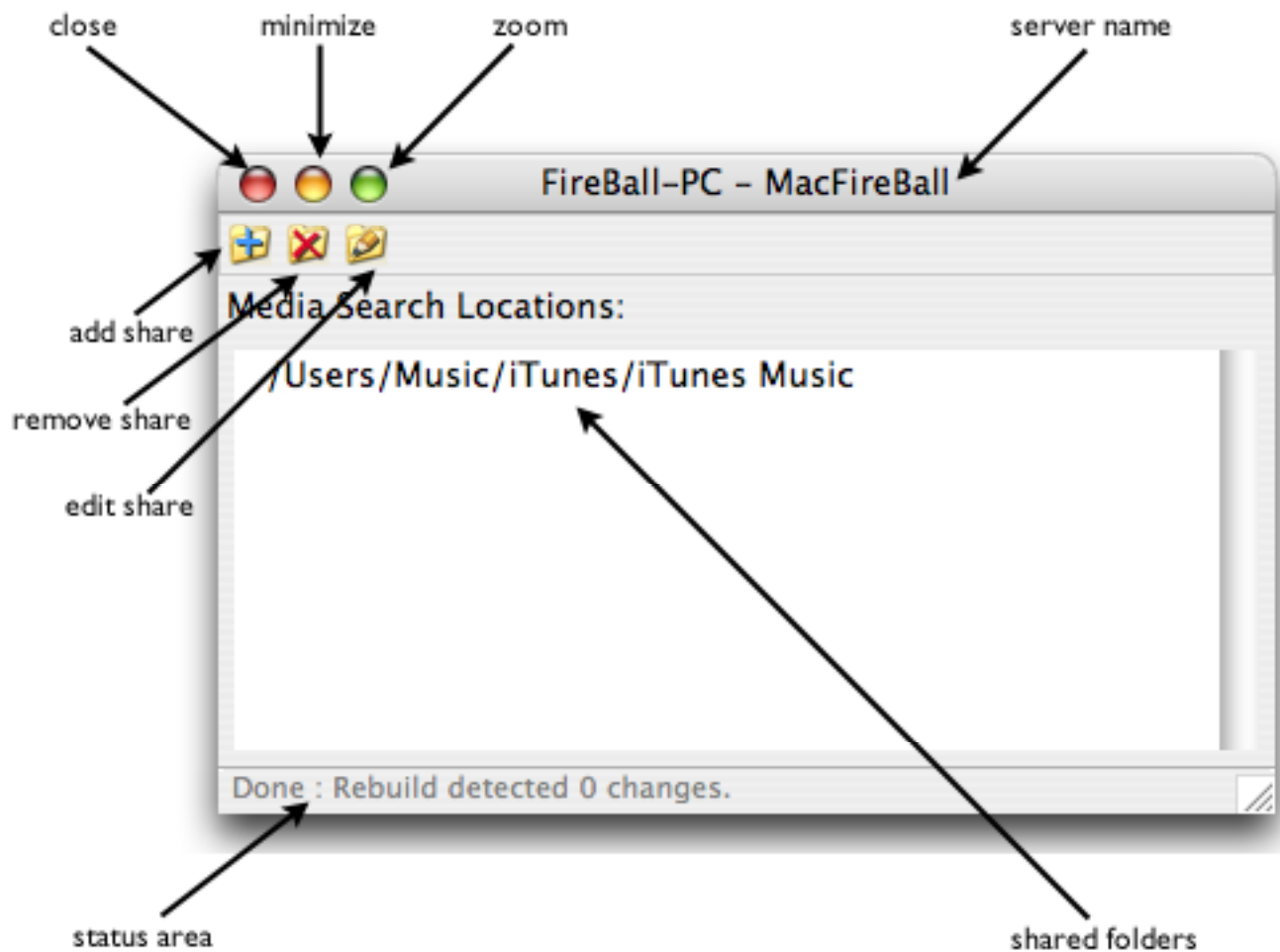
To Uninstall the FireBall-PC application from your Mac, simply drag the FireBall-PC icon from the Applications folder into the Trash Can.

Using FireBall-PC

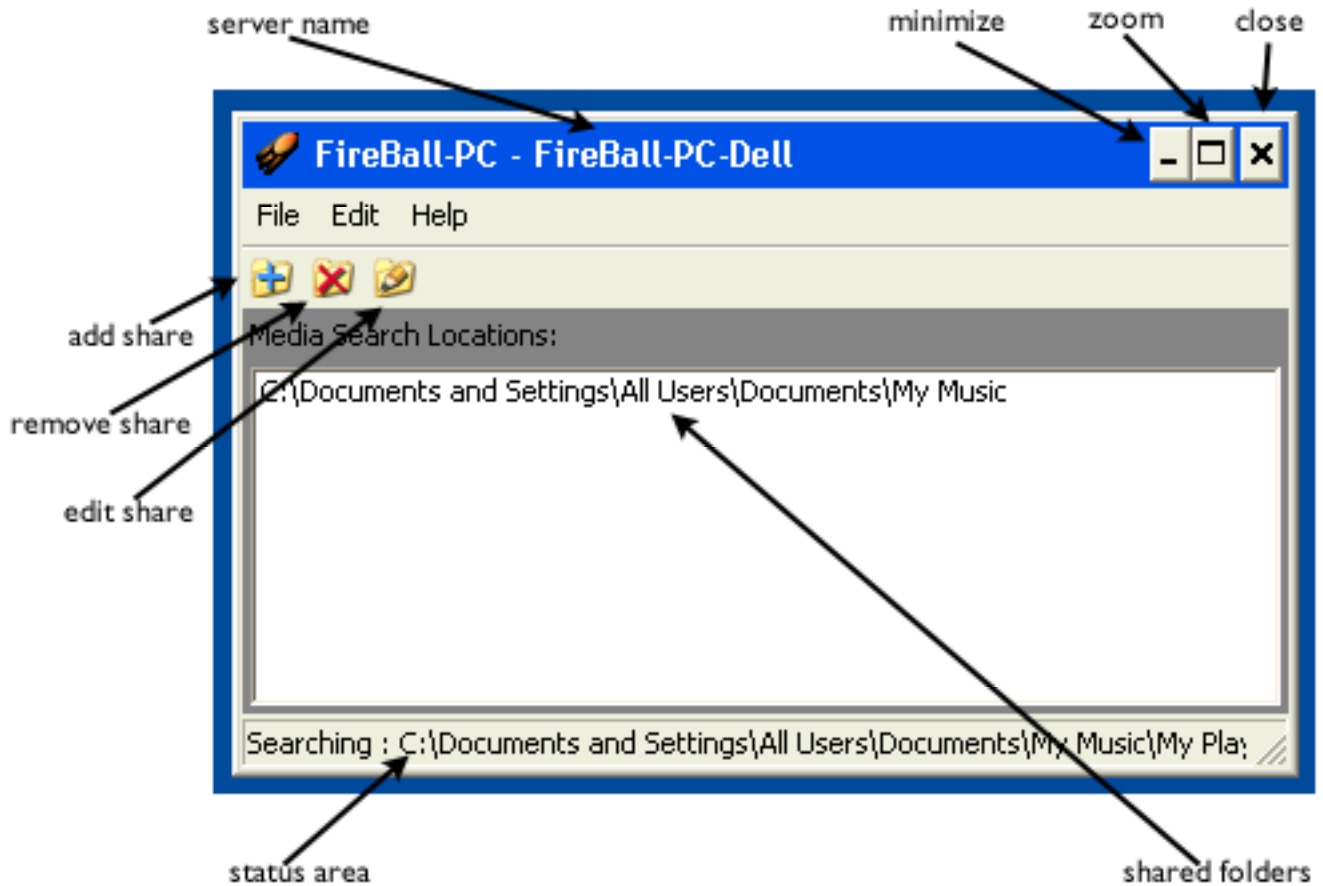
FireBall-PC is a “virtual” FireBall music server that runs on your computer and shares music files stored on your computer’s hard drive with your networked FireBall Media Servers. This in effect allows unlimited storage for your FireBall Media Server. By adding more hard drive space to your PC, you can access an unlimited amount of music from any FireBall product on your local network.

Main Window

FireBall-PC’s main window is used to display the current state of the server, which folders or directories are shared across the network, and the name of your FireBall-PC server. The Mac and Windows version are very similar.



Mac Main Window




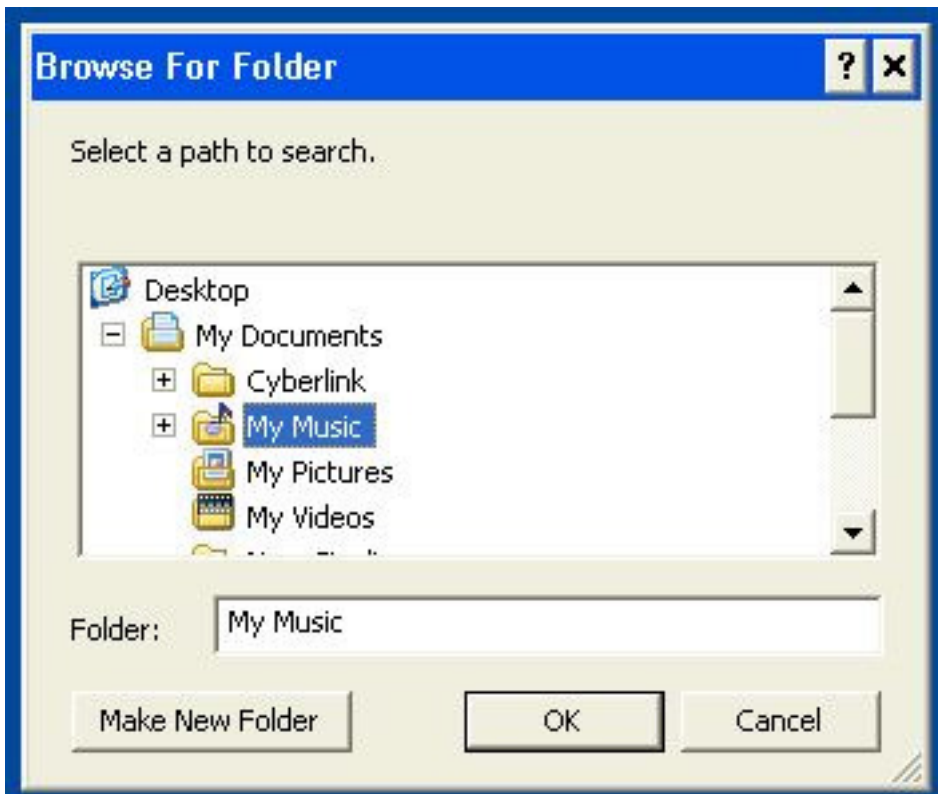
Windows Main Window

Media Shares

Adding Media Shares


Specifies which folders or directories on your PC you wish to share with your networked

FireBall Media Servers. Select the Add Folder icon  or select "Add Folder" from the File Menu, then select which folder you want to share.




You can add multiple shared folders by repeating these steps.

Removing Media Shares

Highlight a Media Share in the list then click the Delete Folder icon  to remove the media share and stop sharing the music files inside that folder. Note that this does not delete any files from your computer.

Edit Media Shares

Highlight a Media Share in the list then click the Edit Folder icon  to select a new folder to share in it's place.

FireBall-PC Settings

Server Name

Enter a name for your FireBall-PC server. This is the name that appears on FireBall's Remote Server Connection screen which allows you to point your FireBall to another media server for sharing music files.

Scan Frequency

The music files in the selected Media Shares is automatically scanned when you add them and every 60 minutes by default. You can specify how often to auto-scan your shared music folders for music and meta-data changes.

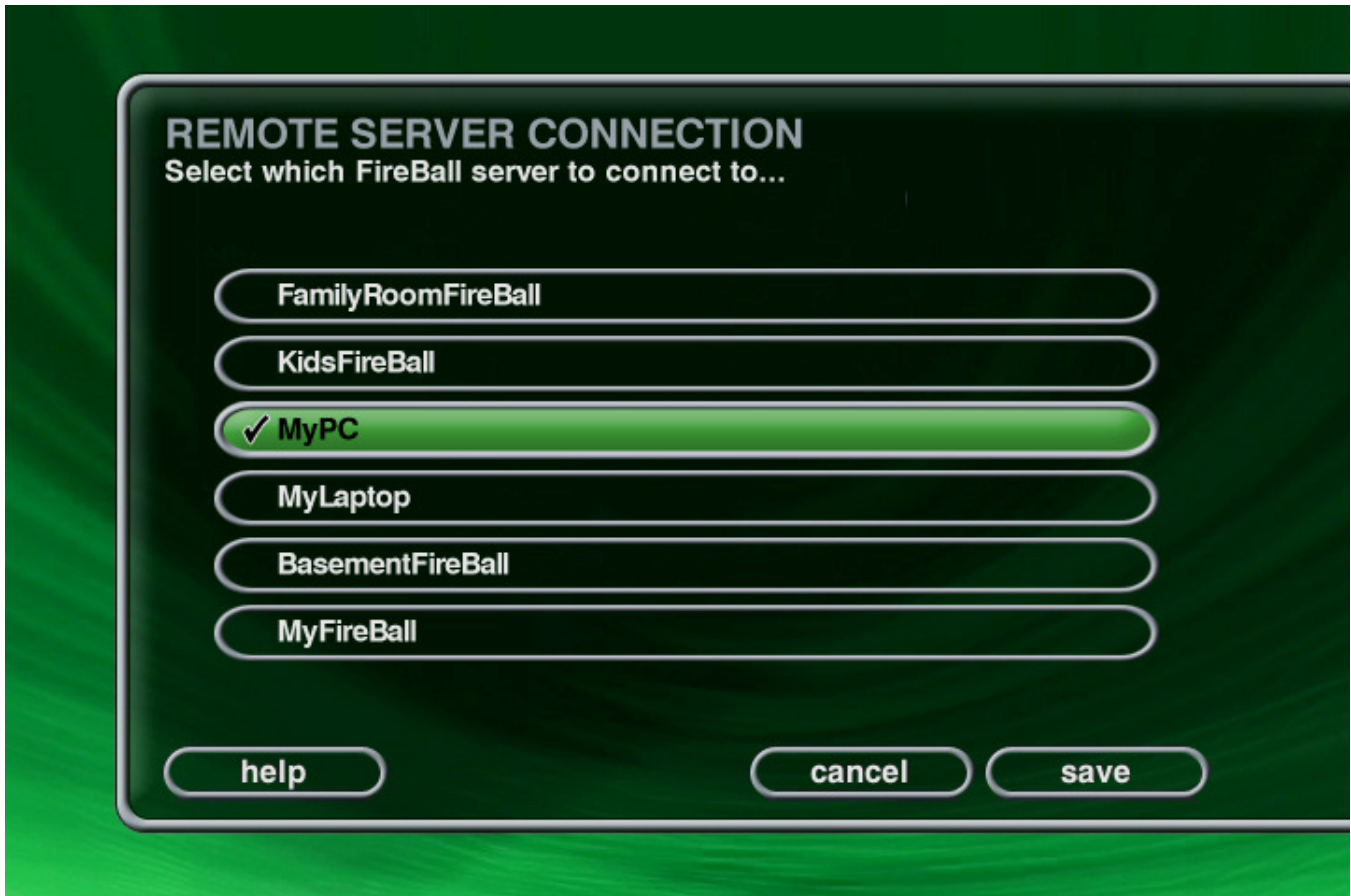
Scan Now

Forces FireBall-PC to immediately scan all media shares for music and meta-data changes.

Accessing FireBall-PC Music from a FireBall

Accessing music files from a FireBall-PC is the same as accessing music files from another networked FireBall. Follow these steps to connect your FireBall Media Server to a FireBall-PC enabled computer.

1. From your FireBall, select **Setup/Network/Remote Server Connection**.
2. You should see the name of your FireBall-PC server in the list of server names.
3. Select the FireBall-PC server name and select SAVE.



FireBall's Music Guide will now contain access to both the local and FireBall-PC media in one integrated guide. You can now Browse, Select, and Play any music file regardless of where it's physically located.

Problems?

If your Fireball fails to recognize the running Fireball-PC application at any point or Fireball-PC no longer appears to be properly scanning the selected music content, the first thing you need to do is close Fireball-PC entirely (File>Exit) and delete the following “.escient” folder.

Windows XP

C:\Documents & Settings\<>username>\.escient

Mac OS X

Users/<username>/Library/Escient

Windows Vista/7

C:\Users\<>username>\.escient

Re-launch Fireball-PC, reselect the media search location(s), and rescan the selected folders (Edit>Scan Now).

Note: Fireball-PC is also only intended for smaller music libraries (generally consisting upwards of 40GB at most). Overall performance and responsiveness of the system tends to degrade the larger the music library using Fireball-PC.