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Synopsis

This report identifies different media server platforms and profiles the most representative / competitive solution providers. With the latest consumer data on intenders and early adopters, a comprehensive industry analysis, and industry forecasts, this report takes the first look at an emerging but promising industry.

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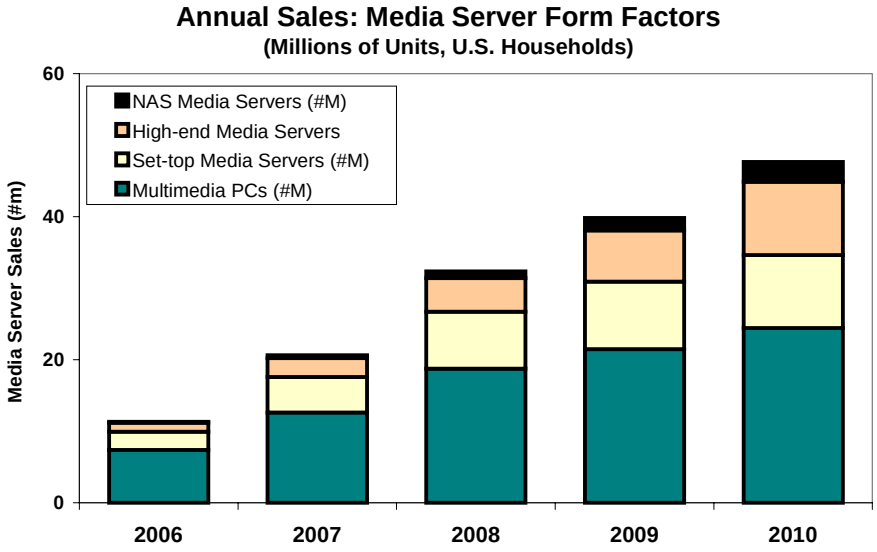
Projected Growth of Media Server Form Factors



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"With the torrent of digital music and video and the growing presence of digital photos and home movies on PCs around the home, the opportunity is emerging for a simple, secure server to allow this content to be stored and shared by all the members of the household," said Kurt Scherf, Vice President and Principal Analyst for Parks Associates. "Add the availability of multimedia-capable home networks and complementary audio and video receivers, and you have a recipe for whole-home digital entertainment."

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The Bottom Line *is a concise, executive-level summary of the current state of the market, evolutionary path, and the implications for companies doing business in this space.*

A Parks Associates' **Resource Book** *contains a wealth of consumer survey data and company profiles—a must-have reference for product/market planning.*

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