



Figure 5 A Dell XPS M1330 laptop (a) became my digital PVR in conjunction with the Media Center application that comes with Windows Vista Ultimate and a Hewlett-Packard-branded version of Hauppauge's HVR-1500 ExpressCard TV tuner (b). I also tried Pinnacle's USB-based PCTV HD mini stick (c), but it created artifact-filled recordings, counterbalancing the unit's robust software suite and integrated "signal booster."

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