

theater 'ROUND the HOUSE

Share your home theater's audio and video by adding home networking.

Ever start watching a DVD in the family room and want to finish viewing it from the comfort of your bed? Us, too. Ever been in a room away from your audio system and wish you could enjoy some music without cranking that distant system too loud? We're guilty as well. Ever want to access a file on one computer via a laptop in another room? Been there, too. So what's the solution? If you're like us, you might want to look into home networking while you're getting that home theater. ■ Now, you may be thinking, Who but a geek can understand all that stuff about IP addresses and WEP security? Actually, some custom electronics companies that specialize in audio/video also provide home networking services. It's a natural extension for them, just as wanting music or movies in another room extends your home entertainment enjoyment. ■ Following are some ideas for your home network of the near future.

Want sweet music from your home theater in other areas of the house? All this home needed was for Advanced Communication Technologies (ACT) of Hingham, MA, to install some in-wall speakers in the bedroom, kitchen and dining room and to add a multizone audio controller from Niles.

