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The Blockbuster video rental chain will revamp its stores to include an area dedicated to sales of video games and game equipment, a \$9 billion industry, the company said yesterday. Blockbuster, which is controlled by Viacom, will have video game ministores in 90 percent of its 4,300 stores by Memorial Day, with the rest completed by mid-June, Nick Shepherd, Blockbuster's executive vice president for merchandising, said. Each of the major game platforms, the Microsoft Xbox, the Sony PlayStation 2, and the Nintendo GameCube and Game Boy Advance, will be available.

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