

The Synology Disk Station 101g+ NAS is a very similar product to the iSmart NAS although it does offer somewhat more as an all-rounder rproduct. Like the iSmart it's a NAS device with both Ethernet and 802.11g connectivity, is configurable via a browser and operates as a files server, but that's where the similarities end.

The 101g+ is hailed by the manufacturer as a 6-in-1 device: it's a file server, print server, FTP server, backup server, photo station and Web station. This is no small feat. The Web station is a portion of the drive space used for hosting web-content, so for a SOHO you can serve your office webpage from the 101g+.

Additionally, the unit offers Gigabit Ethernet support, and our review unit came with SATA drive support.

If that's not enough, it also features dual USB ports on the back for connecting to one printer (shared amongst users on the network) plus an additional three daisy-chained USB hard

drives. This latter really expands your storage options over the network. Furthermore, there's even an eSATA connection on the rear for connecting an external SATA drive.

Configuration and using the 101g+ is simple as again it's done through a web-interface, although we found it to be simpler here.

NETWORK ATTACHED STORAGE

\$499

Synology Disk Station 101g+

OVERALL RATING



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+ GOOD POINTS

- + Host of functions
- + Ease of use

- NOT SO GOOD

- Not all features of use
- High initial cost

QUALITY: ★★★★★

FEATURES: ★★★★★

VALUE: ★★★★★☆

SPECIFICATIONS:

Connectivity: 802.11g; 10/100/1000 Ethernet; 2x USB 2.0; eSATA

Services: File server; backup server; DHCP server; Web server; Photo server; Web host; print server

Drive: SATA support

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Options are many, but at least you can make the Disk Station 101g+ as simple or as complex as you want. However the many abilities of the 101g+ are not for everyone though, and some may find that the inclusions (photo serving etc) may have zero value. Then there's the \$499 price tag (without a hard disk). It's quite a high price if you're looking for a simple NAS, but if you require some (or even all) of the other features then you really cannot go wrong with the Disk Station 101g+. ■