

# A home entertainment server

**Product** Synology Disk Station DS107e NAS Server

**Price** £160

**Web** [www.synology.com](http://www.synology.com)

**On test with** James De Vile, staff writer



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When I say 'server', most people imagine huge, imposing rack-mounted towers of humming grey boxes, filling the air with the scratching of a thousand hard drives.

Not so. This little box is a server, and it's really rather good. Its feature set includes an FTP server for sharing files over the internet, an iTunes server, a download system that enables web and BitTorrent downloads while your PC is off and an online photo gallery system. You can even run your own web site off it.

It comes as an empty chassis, so

I had to buy a hard drive to put inside: I went for an enormous 750 gigabytes. Installing the drive was as simple as four screws and I had it running in no time. It connects to a home router via an Ethernet cable, so any PC on that network, wireless or not, can access its functions.

The optional set-up software provided the easiest way for me to connect; in just a few clicks it had found the drive, given it a name and mounted it on my PC ready to copy files to. I've just begun the task of copying over all my files, movies and music to the drive...

**I like** Almost everything about it  
**I don't like** Waiting for files to copy  
**Any problems this month?** Nope!



LOVELY SERVER James falls for the Disk Station's charms

