

BOX OF TRICKS
The Disk Station doesn't like too much thrown at it at once

Serving up media links

Product Synology Disk Station DS-107e NAS Server

Price £160

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It took nearly a day for all my files to copy from my laptop, but I've finally got all my stuff backed up. That done, it didn't take long for me to wonder what else the device could do, so I began to explore.

The first thing I did was enable uPnP – a universal way for media devices to talk to each other. Immediately, Windows Vista and my Xbox 360 recognised the Disk Station as a uPnP device and I had no problem streaming films on the disk to my front room.

I also had a look at the FTP server function, the idea being

that I can access my files from anywhere. It's worked perfectly. If I forget something I've been working on the evening before, or have a craving to listen to a particular song in my collection, I can connect from work and grab what I need. The Download Redirector program is also great – I can set up something to download, shut down my PC, and the Disk Station will carry on downloading it overnight.

The only problem is when I try to do more than a few things at once – the computer inside the disk can't handle me trying to

stream music to one room, video to another and download a file. I doubt you'll want to do that too often, though!

I like How flexible it is

I don't like The fact that I didn't discover this server earlier!

Any problems this month? It's easily floored by multitasking



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