

Holiday snaps for all

Product Synology Disk Station DS107e NAS Server

Price £160

Web www.synology.com

On test with James De Vile, Staff Writer



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Having just returned from a holiday abroad I was looking for an easy way to show off my snaps when I remembered that the Disk Station comes with a program called Photo Station 2. After some careful exploration I discovered just how useful it is – it'll take any images I put on the Disk Station's internal drive and transform them into indexed, user-friendly photo galleries online. All I need do is give my friends the right link in order for them to browse through automatically thumb-nailed and resized images of my holiday photos!

The only problem is my broadband connection, as it has a 'dynamic IP'. That means the address I give to my friends changes every day or so – annoying, but I'd have

to pay more for a static IP. Of course, that isn't the Disk Station's fault – it does its job admirably, and it's quicker and easier to use than any online photo-sharing sites. Supposedly it does video, too, but my home broadband laughs in its face whenever I try to stream high-bandwidth digital video over it.

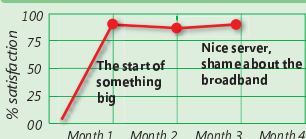
Next month, I'll be installing Synology's new software update and trying out its new Music Station system, which will apparently let me play music directly from the Disk Station from anywhere in my house.

I like The seemingly endless features

I don't like My broadband connection

Any problems this month? A dynamic IP makes hosting a photo gallery difficult

Ups and downs of the Synology Disk Station



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