



Xtreme Storage

SYNOLOGY DS3611XS

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When it comes to Network Attached Storage devices, Synology is definitely one of the biggest names in the business as they have gained the trust of consumers worldwide. But this success didn't just happen overnight as Synology continually improves and innovates their devices. Recently released in Malaysia, the DS3611xs is part of Synology's new trio of high-performance and feature-



Although it can store up to 12 hard disk drives, users can easily hook-up more external HDDs if they want to



There isn't an LCD display on the front but users can get a ton of info from the user-friendly Disk Station Manager 3.2

filled NAS. Continue reading to find out what we think of it.

The Synology DS3611xs is a 12-bay NAS that can store up to 36TB of files and data. And if that isn't enough it can even be scaled up to 100TB with the Synology DX1211. Since it packs 12 HDD bays, the DS3611xs is large in size and quite heavy. Like most Synology NAS devices, the DS3611xs is simple when it comes to aesthetics and everything is nicely organized. There isn't much on the front of the device save for the bays, LED indicators and power button. On the rear however, are the four RJ-45 LAN ports, four USB2 ports, two expansion ports and two display ports.

One of the things we really love about the DS3611xs is that it comes with the latest Disk Station Manager 3.2 Beta. By the time this article is published, we're pretty sure the full version would be released and those using Synology NAS devices will be able to upgrade to it. DSM 3.2 in our books is one of the best UI available. Unlike its previous version, DSM 3.2 no longer looks like a menu, instead it looks like a very intuitive desktop environment. There are adequately sized icons for each menu and users can even change multiple settings at once as it supports multi-tasking.

But that isn't all there is to the DS3611xs as it comes with all the essential features and much more. Instead of filling the NAS up with features that users won't use, the DS3611xs actually allows users to download packages that they know they will use by incorporating a Package Center into the DSM. The other cool feature is the support for Mobile Access which allows iOS and Android smart device users to download an app that allows them to bring their data anywhere they go.

Performance is also one of the main selling points of the DS3611xs as after playing around with its features on DSM 3.2, we then conducted a 1GB file transfer test. The transfer completed in 2 minutes and 23 seconds which is pretty good. Throughout our testing, we found this NAS

to be on the quiet side as well as cool even after long hours of use.

We have to say that the Synology DS3611xs is easily one of the most impressive network attached storage devices we've seen to date. Not only does it have huge storage space but it also has a myriad of features and a superbly friendly user-interface. So, regardless if its used in a small, medium or even large office, the DS3611xs can be the perfect storage solution and so much more.

SPECIFICATIONS

Drive Bays	OS	Ports	HDD Trays	Price
12x 3.5" or 2.5" SATA II	Web-based Disk Station Manager	USB2, Network, Expansion	12x Hot-Swappable & Lockable	RM8899

CPU: Dual Core 3.1GHz
System Memory: 3GB DDR3 ECC RAM (Up to 8GB)
LAN Interface: 4x RJ-45 10/100/1000 Ethernet
USB Interface: 4x USB2
Expansion Interface: 2x Expansion Port
System Fan: 2x 120x120mm
Buttons: Power, Reset
Power Supply: 100V - 240V AC
Power Frequency: 50/60 Hz, Single Phase
Power Consumption: 132W (Access) / 57.2W (HDD Hibernation)
RAID: Synology Hybrid RAID, Basic, JBOD, Raid 0/1/5/6+ Spare/6/10
Dimensions: 310 (H) x 300 (W) x 340 (D) mm
Weight: 10.53kg
Warranty: 3-years
Contact: Build Technology Supply Sdn Bhd
Telephone: (03) 7955 3699
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Verdict:

9.0

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Features: 9.5
Performance: 9.0
Value: 9.0

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