

Synology DS214play

Price RM 1,800
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Specifications

HD Bays: 2 x 5.25 inch
Connectivity: Gigabit Lan
Processor: Intel Atom CE5335 Dual Core 1.6 GHz
Ports: USB 3.0 x 2, SUB 2.0 x 1, eSata x 1, SD Slot x 1
Dimensions: 234 x 108 x 165 mm
Weight: 1.3KG

RATINGS

Performance



Features



Design



Value



Multimedia files friendly
 Easy to maintain
 Easy to upgrade drives (hot-swap bays)



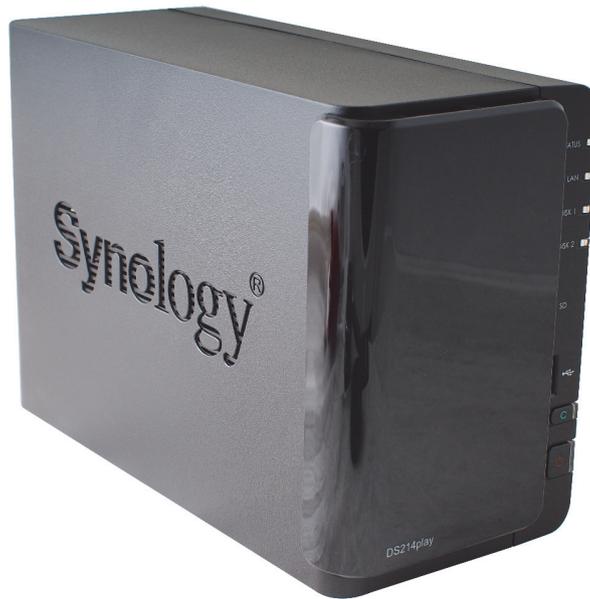
Only two drive bays
 No front USB 3.0 port

BENCHMARK RESULTS

Read Speed: 105 MB/s
Write Speed: 99.5 MB/s



Two bays is plenty for SOHO usage



Bridging The Content To The Home Theatre

Synology's latest NAS gives content a superhighway to the living room *By Sharil Abdul Rahman*

While we may have thousands upon thousands of multimedia content available to view – most of it live in silos, and not accessible from where it matters most – the living room. Hence the need to have a bridge to access those content. The Synology DS214play can be the answer.

NAS is the abbreviation of Network Attached Storage. What this means is that it is a central location where storage can be connected to the local area network, and be accessed by devices such as media players or even smart TVs.

The DS214play features includes the capability to transcode full HD 1080p videos on the fly, a dual-core processor for fast processing of multimedia files, and DLNA support out of the box. Just load your media onto the NAS, and watch it fly straight to your large screen TV with ease.

While the NAS comes without any storage attached, it is easily done as it comes with two bays, so users can install their hard drives in multiple RAID configurations like RAID 0, RAID 1 and so on. Installing the hard drives are also made easy, thanks to the tool-less hard drive

installation.

With the hard drive installed, we managed to get decent transfer speeds of up to 105MB/s read, and about 99.5MB/s writing to the NAS. A feature that is not often seen in NAS for the consumer category is the hard drive hot-swap function. You can just remove – while the NAS is running – a hard drive to exchange it for a different unit. No longer do you need to power down your NAS before running maintenance.

Thanks to the Synology DiskStation Manager (DSM) – you can expand the NAS capabilities by just installing applications in the NAS. Services like personal cloud storage, downloader, Wordpress, mail server and more can be installed and run from the DS214play. With the built-in SD-card slot and USB3.0 ports, you can even expand your storage capabilities with ease. 📁

CHIP CONCLUDE :

A great starter media NAS for the home, and thanks to DSM, it is easily configured too.