



# Network Attached Storage (NAS)

## Small- and Medium-Sized Businesses Can Benefit Greatly From NAS

### A network attached storage (NAS)

server is a computing device that can be attached anywhere on your network, independent of network and application servers, to store files and make them available to authorized users. A NAS server has its own IP address, so it can be accessed by users directly, eliminating the need to use the network server as an intermediary.

**NAS devices offer SMBs a number of important benefits** over alternative storage methods. NAS devices provide efficient, flexible storage that is accessible independent of a specific network or application server, which enhances overall network performance. In addition, the remote management capabilities of a NAS device make it easy to manage the entire storage environment from one central location, even if multiple NAS storage servers are located in geographically dispersed offices. NAS servers offer the ease of use and flexibility that your business needs, while providing superior data protection that it demands.

### Efficiency and Reliability

- It is physically separate from your network server, which avoids bandwidth bottlenecks and allows the entire network to run more efficiently.

### Flexibility

- NAS storage can be used by multiple, heterogeneous clients and servers throughout your network, even those located in branch offices or satellite locations.
- You can also add storage at any time by simply plugging in the new server or expansion unit, or by adding new drives to an existing unit.



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