



BUILD A PC FROM SCRATCH!

OUR SPECIAL BACK-TO-BASICS GUIDE MAKES IT DEAD SIMPLE!

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YOUR ESSENTIAL

GUIDE TO TODAY'S TECH



CREATE A
PI-POWERED
PERSONAL
CLOUD

PLUS!

SMOOTHER
STREAMING
WI-FI NOT CUTTING IT?
TRY THE POWERLINE
ALTERNATIVE

BUILD IT!
12 ADSL & BROADBAND
ROUTERS REVIEWED
DETAILED GUIDE: WHAT
YOU NEED TO GET YOUR
HOME NBN-READY
TESTED: ACCESSORIES TO
EXTEND & ENHANCE
YOUR NETWORK

NBN-READY WIRELESS NETWORK

CREATE A SUPERIOR WIRED+WIRELESS SETUP: 20+ PAGES OF THE
BEST GEAR & ESSENTIAL NETWORKING KNOW-HOW INSIDE!

ENHANCE YOUR TECH EXPERTISE

- Make music with your Android
- Master Windows 10's new File Explorer
- Crunch Big Data in Linux
- Learn to code your own video converter

HOTTEST NEW GEAR, PCs & ACCESSORIES

- Low-cost 3D printer: Da Vinci Jr comes to Australia
- Sleek, affordable & gaming-ready: Dell's new 15-inch... ultrabook?
- ASUS's 34-inch gaming LCD
- Logitech's gaming keyboard: performance without the bling

EASY SHARING & BACKUP

Affordable
two-bay NAS
boxes compared

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Asustor AS6202T

For the high-end home user.

The more affordable ASUSTOR AS3102T is one of the best high-spec media NAS boxes that we have tested. But what if you need even more grunt and features? Rather than the dual-core Celeron N3050 CPU, the AS6202T has the more powerful quad-core N3150. It boosts up to 2.08GHz, yet uses less than 6W of power. The NAS also has 4GB of RAM, which is upgradeable to 8GB. For faster transfer speeds, it has dual Gigabit LAN ports, which support link aggregation.

For media buffs, the NAS has an HDMI 1.4b output that can handle 4K resolutions, as well as S/PDIF audio. The AS6202T has hardware transcoding, as well as support for streaming and third-party apps such as Kodi and Plex, as well as an optional IR remote.

The NAS takes both 2.5-inch and 3.5-inch HDDs (and can run them in RAID), but also has two eSATA

expansion ports. On the front, it has USB 3.0, as well as another two of both 3.0 and 2.0 ports on the rear. The NAS also has hardware AES-NI encryption, which gives protection with minimal transfer speed reduction.

Not surprisingly, performance is absolutely top notch – in fact, it's (glorious) overkill unless you need to do a serious amount of transcoding, streaming and 4K playback all at once.

The ADM OS on the AS6202T is solid and easy to use, and there is a range of very good iOS and Android apps available for personal cloud and mobile use.

Verdict

Flagship performance for home and media use, without an excessive price premium.

