

## Synology Product Solutions - At Work

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### PC File Server Alternative

Today, most offices require the ability of storing data and having that data conveniently accessible amongst its employees. Traditionally, most offices would utilize a combination PC File and FTP Server, a system that requires high-maintenance. Typically businesses would have to budget a premium amount to achieve higher reliability and to have IT personal to maintain such a server.

With these concerns in mind, the Synology Server was designed from the ground up, not only to feature the capability of accessing data locally within networks, but even remotely via Synology's Web-based File Station, or FTP Service. With many means of accessing data locally or remotely, Synology Servers are aimed for offices who want easy access to their data.

- **Easy-to-Manage:** Using Synology's intuitive web user interface, an office manager can easily manage the Synology Server, without the need for extensive computer knowledge. Furthermore with a web-based interface, IT personnel can remotely manage the server from any where with a browser.
- **Auto-email Notification:** The Synology Email Notification will inform the administrator should the volume become full, or if there is a defective fan, or defective disk, along with other notifications. This allows the administrator to take the appropriate action before permanent damage to the data occurs.
- **Energy Efficient:** Synology Servers consume much less power than a common PC server and also support RAID disks hibernation. Disk hibernation not only saves energy, but also prolongs disk life expectancy.
- **Access data anywhere with web browser:** Synology's File Station is a Web-based File Manager used for remote access of the data on the Synology Server through a standard web browser. It is quickly accessible from the Synology Management menu, and allows remote users to upload or download data from the Synology server. This makes it efficient for remote users to maintain contact with the office and to conveniently share information using standard web browser without complicated configuration.
- **FTP Service:** This can be in used in place of the File Station. The FTP Service when used with FTP clients offer greater advanced capabilities, such as the ability for exchanging whole directories or large amounts of data between remote Synology server and local computers. An important benefit for those mobile users who need to access capacious amounts of data.
- **Redundant disk protection:** All Synology multi-drive Servers offer RAID functions to help protect against hard disk failure. Should a disk fail, users can still access their data on the Synology Server.
- **Integrated user authentication for corporate use:** Synology servers can join ADS domain, and the access control to shares can be set for domain users. Further, the ADS authentication for domain users is also used during browser-access and FTP access.

With Synology's auto-notification, and redundant RAID support, Synology Servers offer continuous reliability which reduces the total cost of ownership when contrasting against a traditional PC file servers. The additional functions of the Web File Manager, or the FTP Server, along with backup functions, make the Synology Server an ideal PC file server alternative for the networked office of today, allowing users to conveniently access their data anywhere, whether it is locally or remotely.

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#### Customer Quote:

*...It is so completely self-maintaining that I can run them at offices without the need for on-site IT Staff. The cost effectiveness of the Cube Station compared to maintaining a server with an OS is astronomical. This savings alone is often enough to close a sale! Incorporating an actual server has so many back-end routines and potential threats that honestly - I used to hit the hay at night a bit paranoid about what could happen (so many processes!). The overhead imposed by a file server - even if the system is a workstation acting as a file server mandates much more attention from IT staff.*

*My clients love the cube-station because frankly, there is no down-time and almost no maintenance requirements. I like the Cube Station because I CAN SLEEP AT NIGHT knowing my clients are well taken care of, and that I've provided them a trustworthy device for their data storage needs.*

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