# Building a NAS Server with Raspberry Pi and OpenMediaVault: The Ultimate Guide

In the digital age, data is king. We generate and consume vast amounts of data on a daily basis, from photos and videos to documents and spreadsheets. Managing and storing this data can be a challenge, especially if you want to keep it secure and accessible from multiple devices.





One solution to this problem is to build a network attached storage (NAS) server. A NAS server is a dedicated device that provides centralized storage for your data, making it accessible to all the devices on your network. NAS servers can be Free Downloadd pre-built, but they can also be built using a Raspberry Pi and open source software.

In this guide, we will show you how to build a NAS server using a Raspberry Pi and OpenMediaVault (OMV). OMV is a free and open source

NAS operating system that is easy to use and configure. We will cover everything from hardware selection to software configuration, providing step-by-step instructions and troubleshooting tips.

#### **Hardware Selection**

The first step in building a NAS server is to select the hardware. The most important component is the Raspberry Pi. We recommend using a Raspberry Pi 4 or Raspberry Pi 400, as they have the most powerful processors and the most RAM. You will also need a hard drive or solid state drive (SSD) to store your data. We recommend using a drive with a capacity of at least 1TB. Finally, you will need a power supply and an Ethernet cable.

Here is a list of the hardware components you will need:

- Raspberry Pi 4 or Raspberry Pi 400
- Hard drive or SSD with a capacity of at least 1TB
- Power supply
- Ethernet cable

### Software Configuration

Once you have selected the hardware, you can begin configuring the software. The first step is to install OMV on your Raspberry Pi. You can do this by downloading the OMV image from the OMV website and using a tool like Etcher to burn the image to an SD card. Once the image is burned to the SD card, insert it into your Raspberry Pi and boot it up.

Once OMV is booted up, you can access the web interface by typing the IP address of your Raspberry Pi into a web browser. The default username and password for OMV are "admin" and "openmediavault".

The OMV web interface is divided into several tabs. The "System" tab provides information about your Raspberry Pi and OMV. The "Storage" tab allows you to manage your storage devices. The "Network" tab allows you to configure your network settings. The "Services" tab allows you to enable and disable various services, such as SMB/CIFS, NFS, and FTP.

To create a shared folder on your NAS server, click on the "Storage" tab and then click on the "Shared Folders" button. Enter a name for the shared folder and select the storage device where you want to create the folder. Click on the "Create" button to create the shared folder.

To access the shared folder from another device on your network, open a file explorer and type the IP address of your Raspberry Pi followed by the name of the shared folder. For example, if your Raspberry Pi's IP address is 192.168.1.100 and the name of the shared folder is "data", you would type \\192.168.1.100\data into the file explorer.

#### Troubleshooting

If you are having problems configuring your NAS server, there are a few things you can try:

- Make sure that your Raspberry Pi is connected to your network.
- Make sure that OMV is installed correctly.
- Make sure that the storage device is formatted correctly.

Make sure that the shared folder is created correctly.

If you are still having problems, you can consult the OMV documentation or post a question on the OMV forum.

Building a NAS server with Raspberry Pi and OpenMediaVault is a great way to create a secure and centralized storage solution for your data. By following the steps in this guide, you can build a NAS server that is tailored to your specific needs. With a little bit of effort, you can have a powerful and reliable NAS server that will



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