How to connect a NAS as a Music Source

We recommend Synology, although other brands will also work well.

A NAS integrates very well with the Taiko ecosystem because the Taiko Server (Extreme or Olympus) can access music stored on the NAS over a standard SMB network share.

Roon then indexes the music directly from the NAS. Taiko's setup guides specifically support adding a NAS as a network storage location.

1. Connect the Synology to your home network

Connect the NAS via Ethernet to your home router or switch.

If you're using Olympus:

Connect the Synology to your home network, not to the dedicated Audio Network.

If you're using Extreme with the Extreme Router:

Likewise, keep the Synology on the home network. The Audio Network is intended only for audio components.

2. Enable SMB on the Synology

We'll provide the basic steps below, but please refer to the Synology documentation for further information, if required.

In Synology DSM software:

Go to Control Panel → File Services

Enable SMB

Create a shared folder (for example, Music) if you don't already have one.

3. Create a user account

Create a dedicated user (for example, “roon”) with read-only or read/write access to your music share. Using a dedicated account is generally preferable to using the administrator account.

4. Copy your music

Copy your music library to the shared folder on the Synology (for example, Music).

5. Add the NAS to Roon on the Taiko server in Roon Settings

This is done via your remote control device, such as your tablet, phone, or computer.

Open Roon.

Go to Settings → Storage.

Select Add Folder.

Choose Add Network Share.

Enter the network path:

\\SynologyName\Music

or

\\192.168.1.100\Music

(replacing the IP address with your NAS's actual IP address).

Enter the Synology username and password if prompted.

Click Add Network Share.

Roon will begin indexing the library.

Best practices for the Taiko Audio ecosystem:

- Keep the NAS on the home network, not the dedicated Audio Network.
- Let Roon Server running on the Taiko Server access the NAS over SMB.
- Use the dedicated Audio Network only for communication between the Taiko Server and Endpoint (or other Taiko audio components), preserving its purpose as an isolated, low-noise network.