

Here is a quick look at some of the more popular server software options vs. using nothing at all to play music files stored on a network computer hard drive or NAS drive to the DMS-500 and AiOS.

	Roon	JRiver	Audirvana +	Twonky	Asset UPnP	MinimServer	Foobar2000		NO SOFTWARE
	DMS-500 and AiOS Compatibility Tested								DMS/AiOS PC Share
Cost	\$120 per/yr, or \$500 lifetime	\$50 - \$80 + Version Upgrade Fees	\$75 + Version Upgrade Fees	\$20 One-Time	Free/\$26 Premium	Free/Donate	Free		NA
Standalone Server Function	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No
Desktop Media Player	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes		NA
Streaming Protocol	RAAT	DLNA/UPnP	DLNA/UPnP	DLNA/UPnP	DLNA/UPnP	DLNA/UPnP	DLNA/UPnP		SMB
App Control <small>Only Cary App can control all function of DMS/AiOS</small>	Roon App	Cary App & 3rd Party DLNA/UPnP Apps	Audirvana + App	Cary App & 3rd Party DLNA/UPnP Apps	Cary App & 3rd Party DLNA/UPnP Apps	Cary App & 3rd Party DLNA/UPnP Apps	Cary App & 3rd Party DLNA/UPnP Apps		Cary App & 3rd Party SMB Compatible Apps
Desktop Control <small>Playing files to DMS/AiOS</small>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	*		No
Platform	PC/MAC	PC/MAC	MAC	PC/MAC	PC/MAC	PC/MAC	PC		PC/MAC
iTunes Integration	Import & Monitor iTunes Library	Point to & Monitor iTunes Library	Use iTunes within Audirvana +	Point to & Monitor iTunes Library	Point to & Monitor iTunes Library	Point to & Monitor iTunes Library	Point to & Monitor iTunes Library	VS.	iTunes Library Folder set to Share via SMB
Integrated Streaming Music Services	TIDAL	None	TIDAL/ Qobuz	None	Tuneln w/ Premium	None	None		NA
Library Organization Tools in Desktop Application	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
File Editing from Desktop Application	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes*		
Advanced/Optional Streaming Signal Processing	Yes++	Yes+	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes*		NA
Notes	Fantastic and very rich user interface on the app(s) and desktop. Top-notch tools.	Great for managing your library(s) in a familiar setting. Very good tools with lots of options.	MAC Ecosystem. Straight forwarded and direct. Good tools. Windows version coming soon.	Limited somewhat clunky web interface. Not exciting but works well.	Basic old-school preference tools. Works well as a basic server. Fairly light.	Bare bones preferences. Not very user friendly. Works well as basic server. Extremely light. No frills.	Straight forward interface but most options (*) are in plug-in form which makes it not so user friendly.		Easiest since there is nothing to do. Just make sure the library folder(s) are set for sharing/SMB.