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This guide describes how to setup a home or small business network using a file server based around Windows 10. Windows 10 is a great choice in such environments as it offers the everyday ease and convenience of Windows, but without the additional cost and complexity of Windows Server 2012 R2 or the unfamiliarity of Network Attached Storage (NAS) boxes. This guide is succinct but authoritative, based around techniques that work in the real world and is written in a friendly and understandable style, accompanied with plenty of illustrations and screenshots. It is aimed at the home, home office or small business user who has some knowledge and experience but who would not necessarily consider themselves to be an expert or enthusiast. It has been written according to the Goldilocks Principle: not too much information, not too little, but just the right amount.

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