



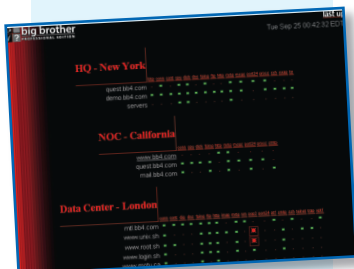
NAVMAN S-SERIES

Navman's new S-Series in-car GPS navigation devices have been redesigned and upgraded. The flagship model is the \$799 S90i, which is pre-loaded with speed and red light camera alerts and includes a camera, Bluetooth hands-free calling and text-to-speech capability. www.navman.com



NEW BIG BROTHER

Big Brother Professional Edition (BBPE) started off as a simple web-based system and network monitoring solution – but Quest bought it and now keeps upgrading it. Version 3.3 introduces significant improvements to the UI and offers more centralised configuration options. Pricing based on number of site licences. www.bb4.com



LOGIC BAND

What happens after you've created a song in Apple's GarageBand? You use Apple's new Logic Studio to record it. Logic Studio is a comprehensive suite of professional tools for musicians to create, produce and perform in the studio and on the stage. RRP \$649. www.apple.com.au



Epson Dreamio EMP-TW1000

A 'budget' projector, but the results are stunning.

The first high-definition projector to offer change from \$5,000, Epson's Dreamio EMP-TW1000 can turn your lounge-room wall into a slice of high-def heaven.

Capable of displaying 1080p, the TW1000 is a 'short throw' projector, meaning it can produce a large image from a short distance, great for small lounge rooms. It's a 3LCD projector rather than DLP, meaning it doesn't suffer from the 'rainbow effect' (when you move your eyes and the image momentarily blurs into red, blue and green).

The TW1000's 1200 lumens rating is bright enough to offer a

- CONTACT Epson
ONLINE www.epson.com.au
MARKET Everyone
PRICE \$4,999

- True HD; big picture.
VERDICT ★★★★★
Converts 24Hz to 50/60Hz.

reasonable picture during the day with the curtains closed. It also offers impressive image contrast, rivaling the best LCD televisions, if perhaps not the best plasmas.

When it comes to inputs, it sports HDMI 1.3, component, 15-pin D-Sub, S-Video, composite and SCART via an adaptor.

Watching Mel Gibson's jungle epic Apocalypto on Blu-ray, the picture was stunning — even at eight foot across. Colours

were vivid, skin tones excellent and we could get all the shadow detail with only the slightest adjustment.

So if the TW1000 is a budget 1080p projector, what's the catch? It will only project images at 50Hz or 60Hz (frames per second), the frequency of PAL and NTSC content respectively. Blu-ray and HD DVD are in 24Hz, meaning the projector converts them, which can result in a motion shudder. While more expensive projectors might project at 24Hz, or a multiple of 24, the sad truth is most Blu-ray and HD DVD players convert the signal to 50Hz or 60Hz before it even leaves the player. Our player was set to 24Hz, which the projector converted, but the picture still looked fine.

Adam Turner



D-Link DNS-323

This simple NAS offers great features.

The D-Link DNS-323 comes across as something of an entry-level NAS, but, in reality, it's anything but.

It's a two-disk NAS, supporting RAID-0, RAID-1, JBOD or independent disk configuration. While supporting non-redundant RAID standards (RAID 0) is really just a legacy capability of more advanced RAID, it worries us when vendors promote RAID 0 as a viable option. It isn't — lose one disk and the data is irrevocably lost. Fortunately, D-Link don't

do this, and the DNS-323 will certainly keep your data safe if the disks are mirrored.

The unit itself is very compact compared with other two-disk NAS devices, and this certainly helps to conserve space. The front of the unit has status LEDs, while the back has a power port, Gigabit LAN port and a USB port for connecting and sharing a USB printer. It also has two drive eject levers, which is an interesting feature. You install the drives by lifting and removing the front cover — the drives then slide in and replacing the cover provides the mean of securing them. The only problem with this design is that the front cover is sensitive, and moving the unit can result in it popping straight off.



Read/write performance is pretty good. We wrote 3GB of assorted MP3s, videos and executables across, which took three minutes, 30 seconds to copy across and just under three minutes to copy back.

The DNS-323 doesn't have the same range of networking services as other units on the market, but it does provide FTP, iTunes, UPnP AV and DHCP services, which is still a useful array for most home networks. It comes bundled with Memeo AutoBackup software for automating backups to the device, but it's accessible as a mapped drive or UNC path — you can always just use Windows Backup to automate data protection.

James Bannan



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ONLINE www.dlink.com.au
MARKET Performance enthusiast
PRICE \$399

- Very affordable RAID 1 storage.
VERDICT ★★★★★
No web features.