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## Server

## **Merging+Player**

Although showing almost no external signs of upgrade from the original – and excellent – Merging+NADAC, the £12,750 Merging+Player system has become a one-stop instant music server. Using the music business RAVENNA networking standard gives this server a robustness that few domestic devices can hope hope to achieve, while allowing its built-in shielded RoonCore system to perfectly serve and convert music stored anywhere on your system.

More a file serving computer than a storage solution per se, the Merging+Player's strengths are that it builds upon that excellent sound of the NADAC and adds effortless access and serving of files stored on the same network, as if both Roon and Merging were made for one another. The DAC section retains all the absolute fidelity and musical precision of the standalone NADAC, too. In his test, *Hi-Fi*+ Editor Alan Sircom concluded that, "It not only shows what Roon can do, but lets the Merging design show what it can do in even sharper relief."

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