

Benefits of a server

One of the most important benefits of having a server is the VPN security function. This secure connection from the user's computer to the server secures all traffic and everything you are doing so that intruders can't hack into your connection on a hotel, coffee shop or airport wireless network and steal your private information. Skilled hackers can even determine what passwords you are typing to access, for example, your bank or investment company. You can be sitting in a hotel lobby in Bangkok using your iPhone, iPad, or MacBook pro and can rest assured that anything you do will be secure (other than someone looking over your shoulder, of course).

Another benefit of the VPN service is that you have access to anything that is on your local network from anywhere in the world. You can also share the screen of any computer you have on your local network. As an example if you are on a trip away from home or the office and you want to log into your mac from your iPhone via the vpn you can do that.

You can also have access to files or devices anywhere on your local network. For example if you run out of ink on your printer, just switch to another printer in your network and print without any delay.

Another important benefit of having a server is that you can have parental controls for each of your family's devices that are pushed out to the device and cannot be altered by the user, such as one of your children or teenagers. You can even have those settings sent to any of your devices from a website interface where ever you are in the world via a secure website. The secure website is on your main server webpage. It's called profile manager and is a very easy to understand web management tool for all your devices. You can customize all settings you want for each device. For example you could prevent a child from visiting certain sites or only allow access to specific applications on their devices.

All of the services on the server can be customized via the web management website for all your devices. Simply browse for the services you want to configure, make your changes, save and the settings are pushed to the devices you specify that are in that group. You can choose to only push particular settings to an individual device, although it's much more efficient to set up groups and then assign users and devices to that group.

A further benefit of the profile manager service is that you can erase any of your devices should they be stolen and can also lock the device remotely so it can't be used or accessed.

Finally, the server adds a further layer of security between the outside world and your individual device. Your router is your first line of defense, your server then is your failsafe firewall. Of course, very secure passwords are essential, ideally with 13 characters including numbers, letters, and other characters. Unfortunately the web is a dangerous

place and one cannot afford to be complacent in protecting your information, assets, and your identity. It's a small price to pay for sleeping well!