

Is This the Roon Server You're Looking For?

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If you are looking for something different to sell, we found this product tucked away in Hall 14 at ISE 2020.

KinoServer's **KinoKube** was born in Italy from the desire to create a Roon server with top performance.

"To achieve this, our philosophy has been to optimize the project both from the hardware and the software point of view. Using a fanless configuration was a good starting point, but we wanted to go beyond," says KinoServer's Francesco Maglione.

"Going beyond" in this case meant first solving the issue of heat: from the delidding intervention on the CPU, to replacing the normal thermal paste with a liquid metal fluid to lower CPU temperature by 20 degrees, to creating a huge aluminum heat sink with the case itself.

If you look carefully, you'll see the Italian design on KinoKube has crinkled aluminum edges. At first glance, you assume this design touch is more artful than practical. But by increasing surface area in this "edgy" design, the makers figured out how to better dissipate the heat from the components.

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KinoKube is available in two versions, with and without mechanics of archiving (ripping) of music CDs on internal storage (SSD M.2).

KinoKube comes equipped with **MinimServer** software to process Metadata in the ripping operation. The **RoonServer software**, also installed as standard inside the KinoKube, guarantees the best management and organization experience of music libraries as well as high resolution audio content (FLAC, DSD, MQA, etc.).

Like every Kinoserver, KinoKube is built by hand in Italy, and each machine is tested for 24 hours before shipping.

More specs, not published on website yet:

- CPU: Intel real server grade CPU up to 4 cores. The base model CPU is more powerful than most I7s installed on laptop or NUC.
- Memory: up to 32 GB RAM. It is configured for the shorter signal path.
- System disk: dissipated SSD M.2
- Storage: up to 16 TB SSD arranged in Raid 5/6 or new state of the art ZFS file system.
- OS: Ubuntu server customized by Kinoserver in order to have maximum performances in audio quality.

Launch street price: starting from Euro 1499, vat excluded. Available in silver and black from

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Yes, there are other Kinosever models. The company even makes custom-built models.

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