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Posted by [TCB](#) on Tue, 26 Sep 2006 15:29:03 GMT

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Tue, 26 Sep 2006 15:45:42 GMT

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<http://www.circuitcity.com/ssm/HP-Pavilion-Media-Center-Desk>

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I googled "RAID 5 NAS"...still not sure what it is. I found some things that looked to be well over a \$1000 (thatsa no good), or other build it yourself things (thatsa not so good either).

I suppose 2 drives could be alright, although I'm using 3 now. One for the OS, one for audio, and one for sounds (Giga sounds, etc., plus I usually throw backups of songs on the 3rd drive).

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