

Replacing my File/Print Server w/ Pogoplug

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The PogoPlug is meant to be used to essentially create your own dropbox. That's pretty cool, but I don't care. I just wanted a cheap computer with low wattage. Unlike Microsoft or Sony with their consoles, Cloud Engines doesn't care that people buy the computer to hack on because they still sold you a computer. So I decided to use it to run PlugboxLinux (a variant of ArchLinux) on a 16 GB memory stick I also bought to serve as the hard drive.

The PogoPlug arrived before the memory stick, so I just decided to plug it in to make sure it wasn't DOA. I first plugged it into a switch hanging off my router. Then I plugged it into the wall. The little light in front started wildly blinking green. Then it settled into a solid green. Since I manually assign all the IPs on my network, I know that IPs in a certain range are 'guests' on the network. This allowed me to quickly figure out which device was the Pogoplug. I SSH'd in with the default password and ended up at a bash prompt. (Note, I'm told that once you access the device's web page, SSH becomes disabled unless you re-enable it ? so for simplicity's sake ? don't bring up the web interface if you're just going to hack the device)

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