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Start with a Roon Core



What is the Core?

The **Core** is media server software that runs on a powerful computer, NAS, or turnkey appliance (like Nucleus or ROCK), located on the network within your home.

(For more information on how it fits in with **Control** and **Output** components, see the [Architecture](#) overview.)

When we emphasize that Roon requires a **Core**, we do so because it is important to draw a distinction between Roon and some other systems...

Some systems run "in the cloud" like Spotify and Google Music. Others are comprised of several de-centralized components with no central "brain" like UPnP, DNLA, and OpenHome.

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