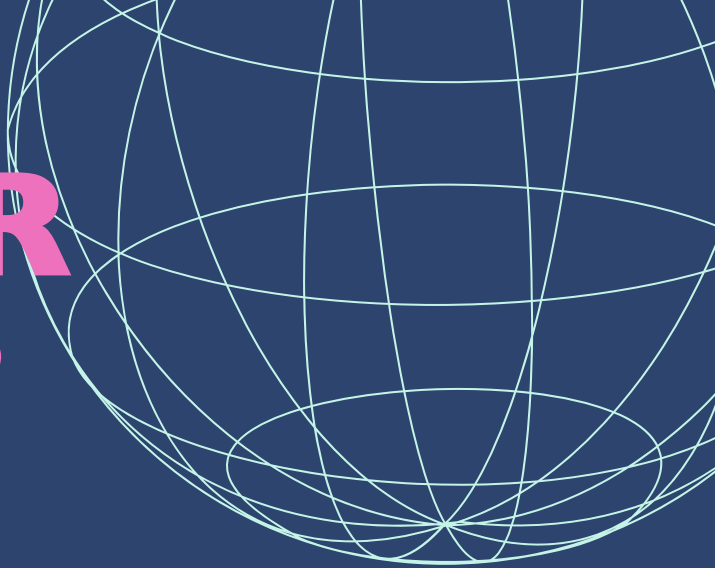# Can I Host
A SERVER AT HOME?
Yes, You Can!

BENEFITS

- Centralized media storage
- Better data management
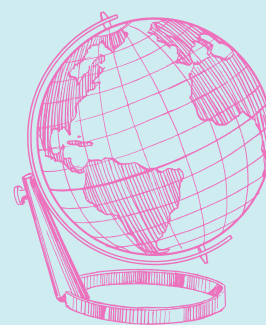- Affordable and customizable

HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

- Old computer: Dual-core processor, 2 GB RAM, 60 GB hard drive
- Additional storage: Extra hard drives or SSDs
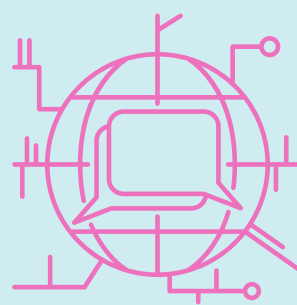- Wired network connection

SOFTWARE NEEDED

- Server OS: FreeNAS, Unraid, or Ubuntu Server
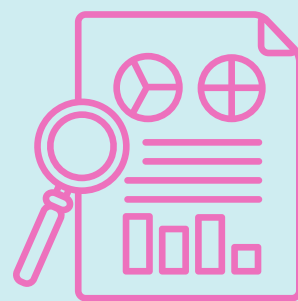- Web hosting software: LAMP stack (Linux) or IIS (Windows)

INTERNET CONNECTION

- Good upload speed: At least 40 Mbps
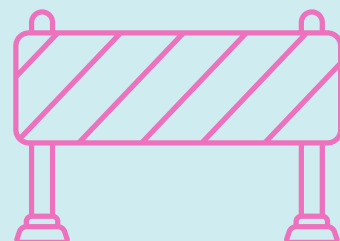- No data caps from ISP

CONSIDERATIONS

- Technical expertise needed
- Costs for hardware, software, and electricity
- Security: Regular updates and strong passwords

ALTERNATIVES

Cloud storage:

- Google Drive
- Dropbox
- AWS

CONTROL YOUR DATA WITH A HOME SERVER, BUT CONSIDER THE TECHNICAL CHALLENGES AND COSTS.