
SMB server for Sonos S1

This is an SMB1 anonymous/guest server that works solely for Sonos S1 speakers. It has been build on Node and is a [fork of adobe/node-smb-server](#).

Why?

When Sonos introduced their S2 controller system they excluded older devices. In my opinion this move was for financial reasons only. If there where features that where too heavy for older devices they could have just brought these new features to newer devices and maintain (API) compatibility for existing features across new and old devices.

While I have cheaper Sonos players like Symfonisk and Play:1 that support S2, I also have a Sonos Zoneplayer S5 (Play 3) and a Sonos Zoneplayer 120 (AMP), these are the only ones I have with a line-in and replacing them is costly as Sonos makes sure any speaker with a line-in is in the higher priced segment.

Sonos speakers running on the S1 system support SMBv1 with NTLMv1 only and support for this will [eventually be dropped from Samba](#). In the mean time new versions of Samba will disable support for older unsecure protocol versions by default and distros do have the option to disable these at compile time. Which means from time to time you will have to invest time in keeping your configuration in working state. That said you can still use Samba today [thanks to Jeremy Allison from the Samba project and Nelson Minar for debugging!](#)

I am committed to keep this project in a working state for as long as my Sonos S1 players are still working and I will try and repair them if that day comes.

Warning

This SMB Server is unsecure I am focused on getting it to work on Sonos, you should not use it for something else. Everyone having access to port 445 may access all shares and can possibly do nasty things. This project will have out of date dependencies with known vulnerabilities.

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When should use this?

If you are not able to get Samba to work on your Sonos S1 system. For Sonos S2 you should be able to use Samba, but I do not have S2 speakers so I do not test on them.

For setting up Sonos S1 on Samba I have two working config examples:

- [Ubuntu 20, Debian 11 Samba 4.13 smb.conf example](#) modify to fit your needs.
- [Ubuntu 22 Samba 4.15 smb.conf example](#) modify to fit your needs.

By all means do not use the Node SMB server if you need a secure SMB/CIFS server.

Installing

You should set-up a dedicated virtual machine for running your SMB server. If you want extra safety you can put all your music on a read-only file system. Don't forget to make backups. **This SMB server won't work with most other clients**, including smbclient/fuse so if you want to be able to add more music later on, you can do this via SSH, NFS or you can go crazy and install Nextcloud. But remember you probably cannot use SMB to add music.

This project is tested on Ubuntu 24 LTS and Debian 11.

Installing using automated installer

Again use at your own risk, if you do not like running random scripts downloaded from the Internet, follow the manual installation steps. Run the following commands as root `sudo su`.

```
wget https://barrydegraaff.nl/sonosmb/install-sonos-smb.sh -O /tmp/install-sonos-smb.sh
chmod +x /tmp/install-sonos-smb.sh
/tmp/install-sonos-smb.sh
```

Manual installation steps

Run the following commands as root `sudo su`. Note that lines that start with `cat >>` you have to copy multiple lines from `cat >> ... <<EOF ... multiple lines to the final EOF`. If you have trouble copy/pasting from the pdf, the README.md is also in the [installation package](#).

```
apt install nodejs npm wget net-tools libcap2-bin

npm install -g n
n 14

cat >> /usr/local/sbin/start-sonos-smb << EOF
#!/bin/bash
cd /etc/node-smb-server
npm start &
EOF

cat >> /etc/systemd/system/rc-local.service << EOF
[Unit]
Description=/etc/rc.local Compatibility
ConditionPathExists=/etc/rc.local

[Service]
Type=forking
ExecStart=/etc/rc.local start
TimeoutSec=0
StandardOutput=tty
RemainAfterExit=yes
SysVStartPriority=99
```

```

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
EOF

systemctl enable /etc/systemd/system/rc-local.service

cat >> /etc/rc.local << EOF
#!/bin/bash

/bin/rm -f /var/log/node-smb-server/*
/usr/local/sbin/start-sonos-smb &
exit 0
EOF

cat <<'EOF' >> /usr/local/sbin/smb-pacemaker
#!/bin/bash

# Check if SMB is running on port 445
STATUS=$(netstat -tulpn | grep ":445" | wc -l)

if test $STATUS -ne 1; then
    logger -t "Sonos Pacemaker" "SMB process not listening, killing the node process on port 445."
    # Get the process ID (PID) of the node process listening on port 445
    PID=$(netstat -tulpn | grep ":445" | awk '{print $7}' | cut -d '/' -f1)
    # Kill the process if it exists
    if [ ! -z "$PID" ]; then
        kill -9 $PID
        logger -t "Sonos Pacemaker" "Killed SMB node process with PID $PID."
    fi
    # Restart SMB process
    /usr/local/sbin/start-sonos-smb &
fi
EOF

chmod +rx /etc/rc.local
chmod +rx /usr/local/sbin/start-sonos-smb
chmod +rx /usr/local/sbin/smb-pacemaker

mkdir /var/log/node-smb-server
chmod ugo+w /var/log/node-smb-server/
mkdir /etc/node-smb-server
cd /etc/node-smb-server
wget https://barrydegraaff.nl/sonosmb/sonosmb.tar.gz -O /etc/node-smb-server/sonosmb.tar.gz
tar -xvf sonosmb.tar.gz
npm install

systemctl stop smbd
systemctl stop nmbd
systemctl disable smbd
systemctl disable nmbd

#open port 445 in the firewall
ufw allow 445/tcp
firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=samba
firewall-cmd --reload

```

```
iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -m tcp --dport 445 -j ACCEPT

setcap 'cap_net_bind_service=+ep' `which node`

cat >> /etc/cron.d/sonosmb << EOF
SHELL=/bin/bash
PATH=/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin
MAILTO=""
* * * * * root /usr/local/sbin/smb-pacemaker
EOF
```

There is no support for SystemD because I do not like it. It's not on Github because I don't like Microsoft.

Setting up your share

Set-up your share in the `/etc/node-smb-server/config.json` file. You can either put your music in `/home/public` or change the path in config.json so it points to your music folder.

```
"shares": {
  "public": {
    "backend": "fs",
    "description": "Music Collection",
    "path": "/home/public"
  }
}
```

After making changes run `killall node` and run `/usr/local/sbin/start-sonos-smb` to start it again or wait a minute for the pacemaker to restart it.

In the Sonos S1 app go to Music Library Setup and tap the Add Shared Music Folder option. Then use `//ip-of-your-server/PUBLIC` with the username guest and empty password. Here are some screenshots:

Add music from your networked share

Type the path to your networked share:

Examples:

\\MyOtherComputer\Shared\Music

\\MyNetworkedStorage\Shared\Music

Username and password

Please enter the username and password, if any, for the network drive containing your music:

Username:

Password:


[Back](#)[Next](#)[Cancel](#)

Music Library Settings

[Folders](#) [Advanced](#)

My Music Folders on Sonos

Click 'Add' to add a new music folder to your Sonos system.

Name	Path
 PUBLIC	//192.168.0.2/PUBLIC

[Add](#)[Remove](#)

Click 'Remove' to remove the highlighted folder.

Troubleshooting

There is a lot of logging that can help with debugging, you can run the following command and watch the output while hitting the play button on the Sonos controller, assuming you have a playlist with music coming from your share:

```
tail -f /var/log/node-smb-server/*.log
```

While probably not useful, you can try and use smbclient from Samba to list your shares from this Sonos SMB server. You would need the following in `/etc/samba/smb.conf`

```
[global]
#Required for Sonos S1
server min protocol = NT1
client min protocol = NT1
client use spnego = no
client ntlmv2 auth = no
ntlm auth = true
ntlm auth = ntlmv1-permitted
```

You can then use `smbclient` as follows:

```
smbclient \\\ip-or-fqdn\\PUBLIC -U guest%
```

Replace ip-or-fqdn with the IP or DNS domain name of the Sonos SMB server. Replace PUBLIC with the name of your share. You can use commands such as `ls`, `cd` and `help` to browse your share.

Another useless thing, mounting a share works by running the following commands as root:

```
apt install cifs-utils #ubuntu
apt install smbclient #debian
mkdir /media
mount -t cifs -o rw,username=guest,password="",vers=1.0 //ip-or-fqdn/PUBLIC /media/
```

Tested Speakers, OS and Node versions

Speaker	SoftwareVersion	HardwareVersion	Software date
Play:1	57.10-25140	1.20.1.6-2.1	2022-01-14
Symfonisk Shelf (gen 1)	57.10-25140	1.20.3.3-2.0	2022-01-14
Zoneplayer 120 (Amp gen 1)	57.10-25140	1.16.3.1-2.0	2022-01-14

Speaker	SoftwareVersion	HardwareVersion	Software date
Zoneplayer S5 (Play:5 gen 1)	57.10-25140	1.16.4.1-2.0	2022-01-14
ZonePlayer S5 (Play:5 gen 1)	57.13-34140	1.16.4.1-1.0	2022-10-14

NPM versions 7.5.2, 8.5.1. Node versions 12.22.9, 12.22.12, 14.21.3. Ubuntu 24.04, Ubuntu 22.04, Debian 11.

Known issues with Node > 14 TLS/OpenSSL Provider

On Node 18 Sonos SMB can be started with:

```
export NODE_OPTIONS=--openssl-legacy-provider
npm start &
```

But it still seems to be less stable than on older Node versions. So the installer with use Node version 14, the last version that works without issues.

See: [stackoverflow thread](#).

Alternatives?

The only thing that comes to mind is running an older version of [Samba in Docker](#).

Disable logging

If everything works, you may want to turn off the logging, this benefits SSD lifetime:

```
mv /etc/node-smb-server/logging.json /etc/node-smb-server/_logging.json
```

To re-enable logging:

```
mv /etc/node-smb-server/_logging.json /etc/node-smb-server/logging.json
```

Restart the SMB server to apply the change.

Changelog

To make Sonos work only one change is needed from the [original source](#) in `lib/smb/cmd/tree_connect_andx.js`:

#replace this line:

```
var shareName = msg.path.substring(msg.path.lastIndexOf('\\') + 1);
```

#with this line:

```
var shareName = msg.path.substring(msg.path.lastIndexOf('\\') + 1).toUpperCase();
```

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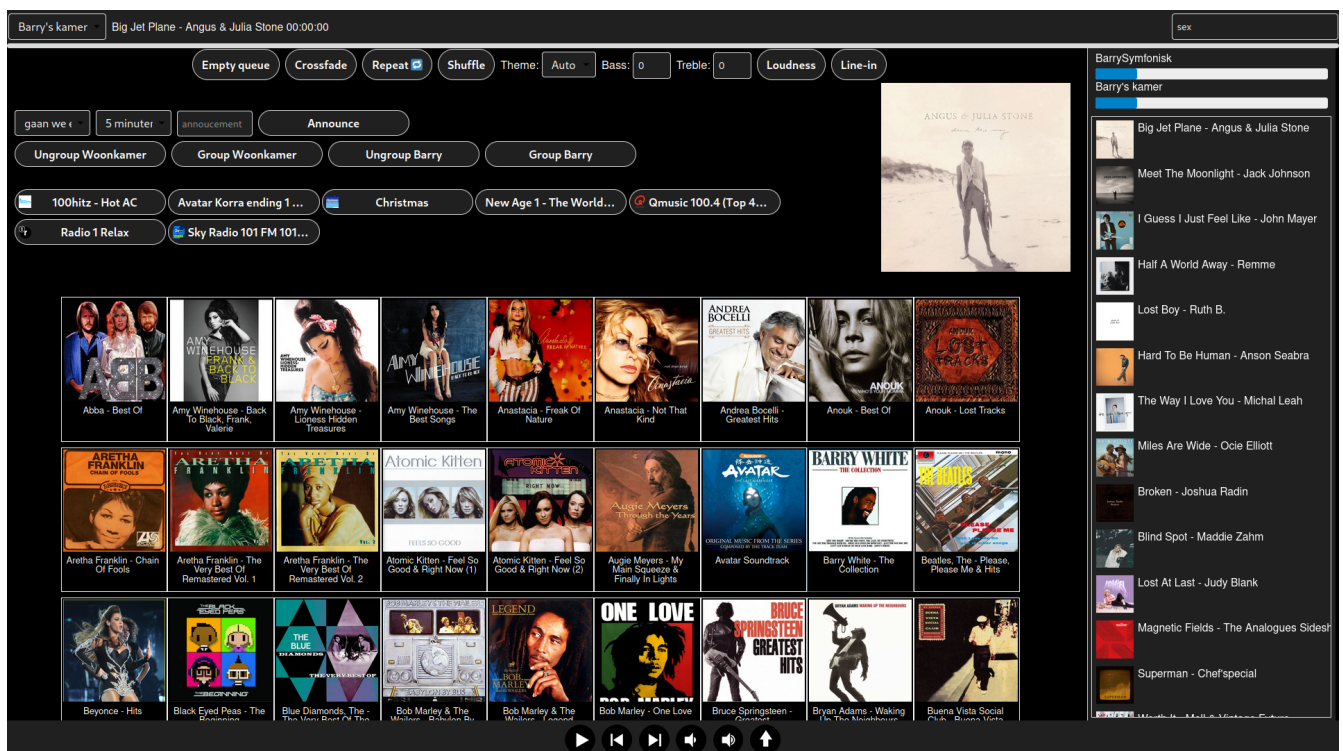
Email me at sonos [at] barrydegraaff [dot] nl. Donations via Paypal to the same address are welcome!

Some more thoughts for inspiration

For a long time I have also avoided the Sonos Controller App as I just don't like it. I have build my own controller based on <https://github.com/jishi/node-sonos-http-api>. I never released it because I don't think it would work well for people and I would get too many support questions.

But you can try and hack your own, one of the benefits of the node-sonos-http-api is that it allows you to do things with your speakers that the official controller does not support. For example you can set the balance on all types of speakers. This way you can create a **stereo-pair** from different types of speakers in the same group. By setting the balance of certain speakers to the left and others to the right.

Here a bunch of screenshots:



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Christmas All Over Again - Tom

Petty & The Heartbreakers 00:02:57

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Empty queue

Crossfade

Repeat 

Shuffle •

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Bass: 0

Treble: 0

Loudness

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