

YOUR MOVIES. YOUR SERVER.

You bought it. You own it. Here's how to rip your physical DVDs & Blu-rays to your own server and stream them anywhere — Roku, phone, laptop, all of it.

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Get a disc drive

If your computer doesn't have one, grab a [USB Blu-ray drive](#) for around \$30–50. Works on any laptop or desktop.

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Rip the disc with MakeMKV

Download [MakeMKV](#) (free during beta). Insert your disc, click the big drive button, select your titles, and rip. It copies the movie to your hard drive as an [MKV file](#) — no quality loss.

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Compress it (optional but smart)

Raw rips are big — up to 40GB each. Use [HandBrake](#) (free) to shrink them down to 4–8GB with no visible quality drop. Pick the [Preset](#) and let it run.

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Put movies in a folder like `Movies/My Movies/Name Year` or `Movies/Name Year`. This naming format lets Jellyfin find cover art and info automatically.

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Set up Jellyfin

Download `Jellyfin` (free, open-source) and install it on any Windows, Mac, or Linux machine. Point it at your Movies folder. It builds your library with posters, ratings, and descriptions automatically.

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Stream it everywhere

Install the `Jellyfin` app on your phone, tablet, or TV — anything. On your home network it just works. Use `Tailscale` (free VPN) to access it securely from anywhere in the world.

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