

## How to Expand a PC via Thunderbolt 2

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Sonnet launches the long-delayed (first announced back in 2013) Echo 15+ Thunderbolt 2 Dock-- a 16-port docking station compatible with Mac and Windows PCs featuring Thunderbolt ports.



It offers x4 USB 3.0 ports (able to supply 7.5W of power even when the computer is switched off), x2 6Gb/s eSata ports, a FireWire 800 port, x1 gigabit ethernet port, x2 3.5mm audio inputs, x2 3.5mm audio outputs and x2 Thunderbolt 2 ports.

Also included is a drive bay with 6Gb/s interfaces for one 3.5-inch or two 2.5-inch SATA drives and a built-in optical drive offering 8x DVD+/-RW drive, a Blu-ray BD-ROM/8x DVD+/-RW drive with Blu-ray player software for OS X, or a Blu-ray burner 4x BD-R/8x DVD+/-RW drive.

The company adds customers can connect the Echo 15+ to computers up to 60m away through the combination of optical Thunderbolt cable and Sonnet Thunderbolt 2 expansion systems, while the aluminium case can carry the latest 27-inch iMac or displays up to 34-inch in size.

"The Echo 15+ is the ultimate docking station for users to connect every device they need, including current and legacy devices-- even the latest Ultra HD 4K displays-- and expand their storage for backup or increased capacity in a single desktop device that connects to their computer with a Thunderbolt cable," Sonnet says. "With the option to add internal storage supporting data transfer rates of up to 750 MB/s, as well as the ability to read from and write to optical media including Blu-ray Disc, Sonnet's Echo 15+ Thunderbolt 2 Dock is the go-to station for flexible connectivity."

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