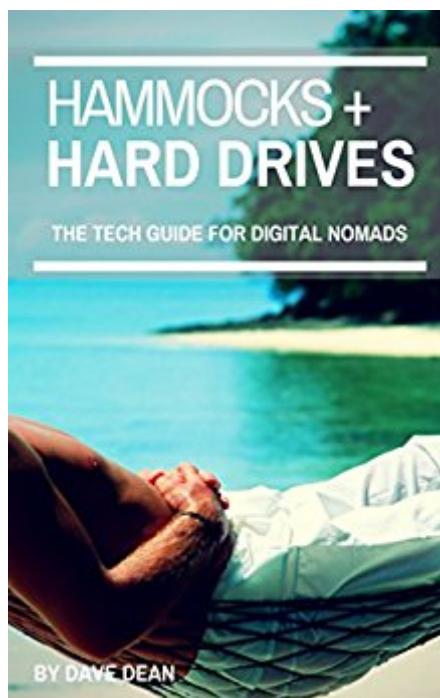


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# Hammocks And Hard Drives: The Tech Guide For Digital Nomads



## Synopsis

Fully revised for 2016! If you travel and work online, you're dependent on technology. Love it or hate it, it's part of your daily life • without it, you won't get paid • and yet it's something that's barely mentioned when people talk about this lifestyle. Working from the road comes with a unique set of challenges. The systems, equipment and processes that are perfect in a traditional office environment rarely work well outside of it.

Unreliable Internet and no dedicated workplace make productivity a challenge, and the need to fit everything in your luggage severely limits your equipment choices. Security is a major problem, yet one that's largely ignored until it's too late. There's a big difference between sitting in a cubicle protected by access cards and security guards, and wandering around the streets of a foreign city trying to find a cafe to work in. In the euphoria of finding a wireless network that actually functions, it's rare to stop and think about the passwords and confidential information that you're sending across it • and who else might be looking at them. The risk of equipment failure is much higher on the streets of South East Asia than in an air-conditioned Manhattan office, yet there's no tech support person backing up your data or ready to come around with a new laptop when yours breaks. You can't just walk around to a colleague's desk when they're ten thousand miles and nine time zones away. Working together with a business partner or client is much harder when you're on the road, especially if you're trying to do everything by email. If you're like most digital nomads, you're not a tech guru nor do you want to be. Instead, you're an expert in your own field • an artist, photographer, writer, engineer or something else entirely. Every hour that's wasted trying to fix a computer problem is an hour you'd much rather spend doing anything else. You just need things to work, using the right tools for the job and having enough knowledge to get everything done safely, securely and with a minimum of hassle.

Technology is simply a means to an end. I've written this book for you. Whether you're already a digital nomad or are planning to be, this book provides you with the straightforward, practical tech advice you need to work safely and effectively from anywhere. I'll give you the knowledge to choose exactly which equipment you need • and be certain about what you don't. Whether it's a laptop, phone, hard drive or anything else, you'll be able to focus on the features that matter on the road, and go beyond the sales people and specifications to make truly informed decisions. I'll help you and your data stay secure in highly-insecure environments (including some you probably haven't thought about). You'll have the right tools and gear to get faster, cheaper

and more reliable Internet connections anywhere in the world. You will know what to do when those connections inevitably stop working. You will save money on phone and data bills, and be able to collaborate effectively with others whether they are on the other side of the table or the other side of the world. You will know exactly how to prevent a tech disaster from destroying your business, and which websites and apps are worth your time and money. In short, I completely demystify the technology behind life as a digital nomad. By the end of this book, you will be armed with the technical knowledge, skills, equipment and tools to run your business from wherever in the world you happen to be.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I'm not a digital nomad, but rather someone who travels frequently often to places requiring a passport. This book is still full of valuable information. In my mind it doesn't matter if you're staying in a nice hotel in Penang for a couple of weeks or in a hostel in Phnom Penh for a couple of months, you're going to face many of the same challenges. Dave does a much better job than I ever do answering "Will my cell phone work in \_\_\_\_\_?" and also explained the difference between no Wi-Fi and no Internet quite well. And lastly, Dave doesn't appear to be emotionally attached to any

one platform (think Android vs. iOS and OS X vs. Windows) but rather explains the underlying requirements and letting the reader decide. As someone like me who is OS agnostic, I appreciated this.

This book finally answered all of the questions I have amassed over the years regarding staying secure while online. It digs deep to get you well secured but is written in a very practical style so that it is easily understood step by step. This is a very inexpensive "one stop shop" of a lifesaver. It leaves no stone unturned and I am very appreciative that Dave took the time to write this. Do not quibble for a second about purchasing this ebook. It will tell you everything you need to know about digital life on the road.

Average at best, shares a lot of information readily available online with a little bit of googling. Information is valuable and accurate but not necessarily valuable enough for me to justify having made the purchase considering I could find and had found the same if not similar information for free online. Not a waste of your money, but wouldn't necessarily recommend.

This is a great book from new and seasoned travelers alike. Dave covers off on the the essentials. He walks you through everything you need to know to make the right decisions, buy the correct equipment, and choose the best services for the type of travel and work you do. He makes sure he covers everything in just the right amount of detail so you get the right amount of information without wasting time on things that don't matter. Definitely a great choice for the digital nomad (or those soon to be!).

I've been working overseas for 18 months now and had done a lot of research before making the leap. THIS is the book that would have saved me tons of time. The author is very thorough and complete with his advice and recommendations. I thought I knew quite a bit about most of these topics, yet I discovered lots of tips that I will be implementing right away. Great Job...I'll be recommending this to other digital nomads for sure.

If you're a gear head like me, you'll definitely enjoy this. I think of myself as pretty computer savvy but I learned lots of new stuff.

Basically covered everything you ever needed to know about being a digital nomad from what

equipment to get to how to handle business at home.

I recently stumbled on Dave's blog - [TooManyAdapters.com](http://TooManyAdapters.com) and follow it regularly. Whether you travel for a living, love tech gear, or a mix of the two Dave is a wealth of up-to-date knowledge. When I saw he'd written a book, I bought straightaway. I wasn't disappointed. Don't expect charts and graphs. Don't expect cryptic spec sheets & insider jargon. Dave knows how all your tech gadgets work, but best of all, he doesn't speak like a tech writer. He clearly explains the challenges you'll face, then he explains why the 1 or 2 solutions he offers are the best. I knocked this book out in a few hours, then I've gone back a few times to check on something specific. I plan to keep this book loaded on my kindle when I start traveling with the family in a month or so. Best of all, any one of the tips in this book could save you hundreds - even thousands of dollars. It will more than pay for itself the first time your hard drive gets fried or someone steals your laptop. Nobody likes to deal with situations like that, but now I have peace of mind that I'll be back up and running within a few hours of my (next) catastrophic tech fail.

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