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What is the best way to rack mount mini PCs?

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I have a few of these [fanless mini-PCs](#). Is there a good way to rack mount these? For example, are there adapters that allow to place several of them in a 1U or 2U? Or is there a chassis that can accommodate them?

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Perhaps something like one of these:

<https://www.amazon.com/RackMount-inch-Intel-MiniPC-NUCs/dp/B07TDRRCJB>

or

<https://simplynuc.com/3u-nuc-server-shelf/>

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Regrettably, the Amazon Q&A for the 1U product says the "rack mount is 100% designed for the NUC and won't fit other equipment."

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loosely zip tied cable connections (so they can be pulled out easily. At my old office I had rackmount shelves that had holes all in it and was able zip tie everything securely.

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Before this I had a habit of using really good double-sided tape and always regretted it when I needed to remove something.

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Just get a 1u shelf and zip ties. You can 3D print or use some wood to make a custom faceplate if you want. But you still need to make sure you have appropriate airflow pending your temps.

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normally if you can't buy it there is two choices.

shelf (easy one) or build your own rack mount, with a aluminium plate (if you have some tools for drill & cut)

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There probably isn't something off the shelf that will do this.

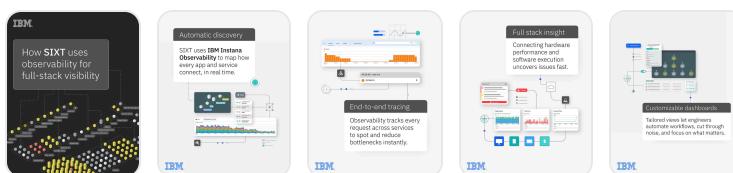
If you are able, it should be somewhat simple to make an "io-shield" style faceplate that has a shelf on it. I'm thinking the style for the Sony PVM crts

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The SimplyNUC shelf linked above looks pretty slick - there's a divider between each vertically-oriented PC and the dividers have holes in them so I'm guessing you can take advantage of wall-mount holes to secure each PC to the shelf.

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Should be able to fit 3-4 on a shelf.

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Hopefully, there's something better than having them floating around on a shelf. I'm hoping that there is a way to have them tightly secured with only their front ports visible.

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