

Storage

Chapter 3

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Storage



- What is **storage**?

- Holds data, instructions, and information for future use

Storage medium

is physical material used for storage

Also called **secondary storage** such as : floppy disks, CDs, Zip disks



Storage



- **How does volatility compare?**
 - ▶ Memory is **volatile**—holds data and instructions temporarily
 - ▶ Storage medium is **nonvolatile**—contents retained when power is off

Volatile

Nonvolatile

Screen Display

ON

**Display
appears**

OFF

**Display
disappears**

Memory
(most RAM)
(chips on motherboard)

**Data and
instructions
available to user**

**Data and
instructions erased**

Storage Medium
(floppy disks, Zip disks,
hard disks, CDs)

**Contents
available to user**

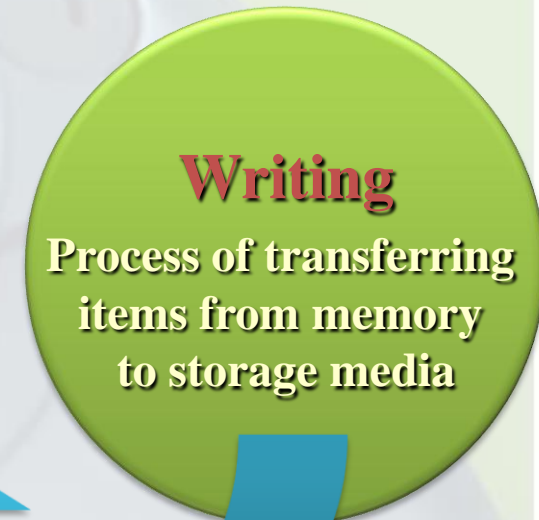
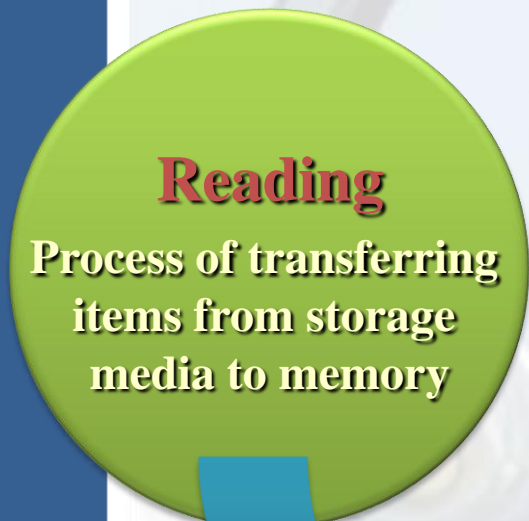
**Contents
retained**

Storage



What is a **storage device**?

Hardware that records and retrieves items to and from a storage medium. Examples are Floppy drive, Hard disk drive etc.



Functions as source of input

Creates output

Storage



- What is **capacity**?

- Number of bytes (characters) a storage medium can hold

Kilobyte (KB) 1 thousand



Megabyte (MB) 1 million



Gigabyte (GB) 1 billion



Terabyte (TB) 1 trillion



Petabyte (PB) 1 quadrillion



Exabyte (EB) 1 quintillion



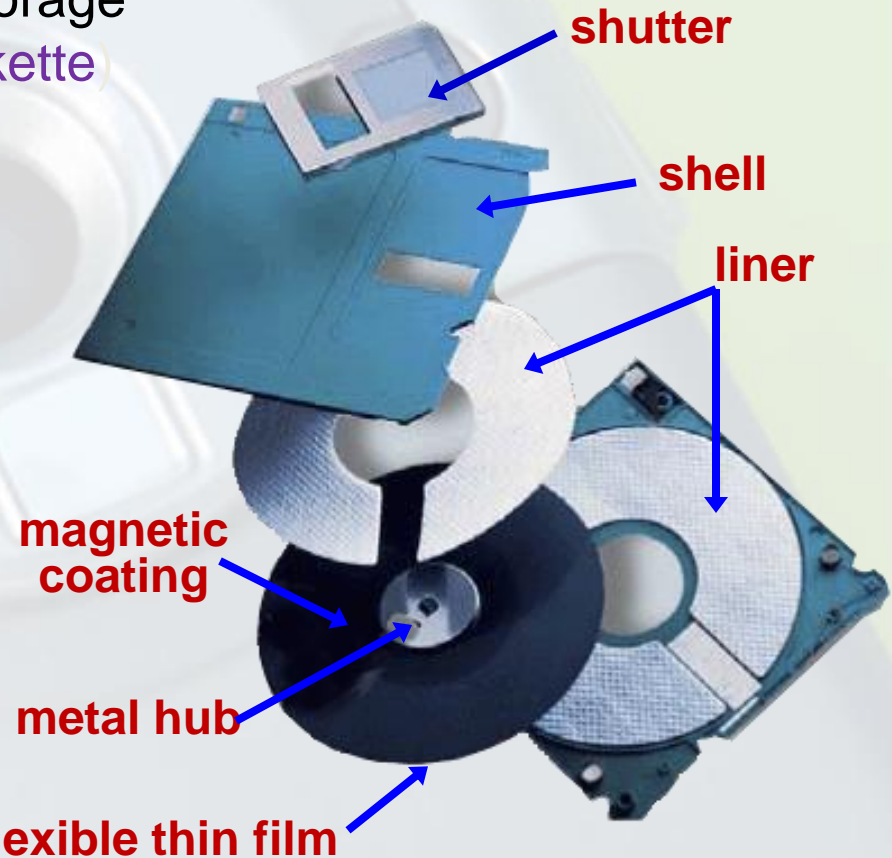
Floppy Disks



- What is a **floppy disk**?
 - Portable, inexpensive storage medium (also called **diskette**)



Thin, circular, flexible film enclosed in 3.5" wide plastic shell



Floppy Disks



- What is a **floppy disk drive**?
 - Device that reads from and writes to floppy disk
 - One floppy drive, named drive A
 - If two floppy drives, second designated as drive B



Floppy disk drive built into a desktop computer

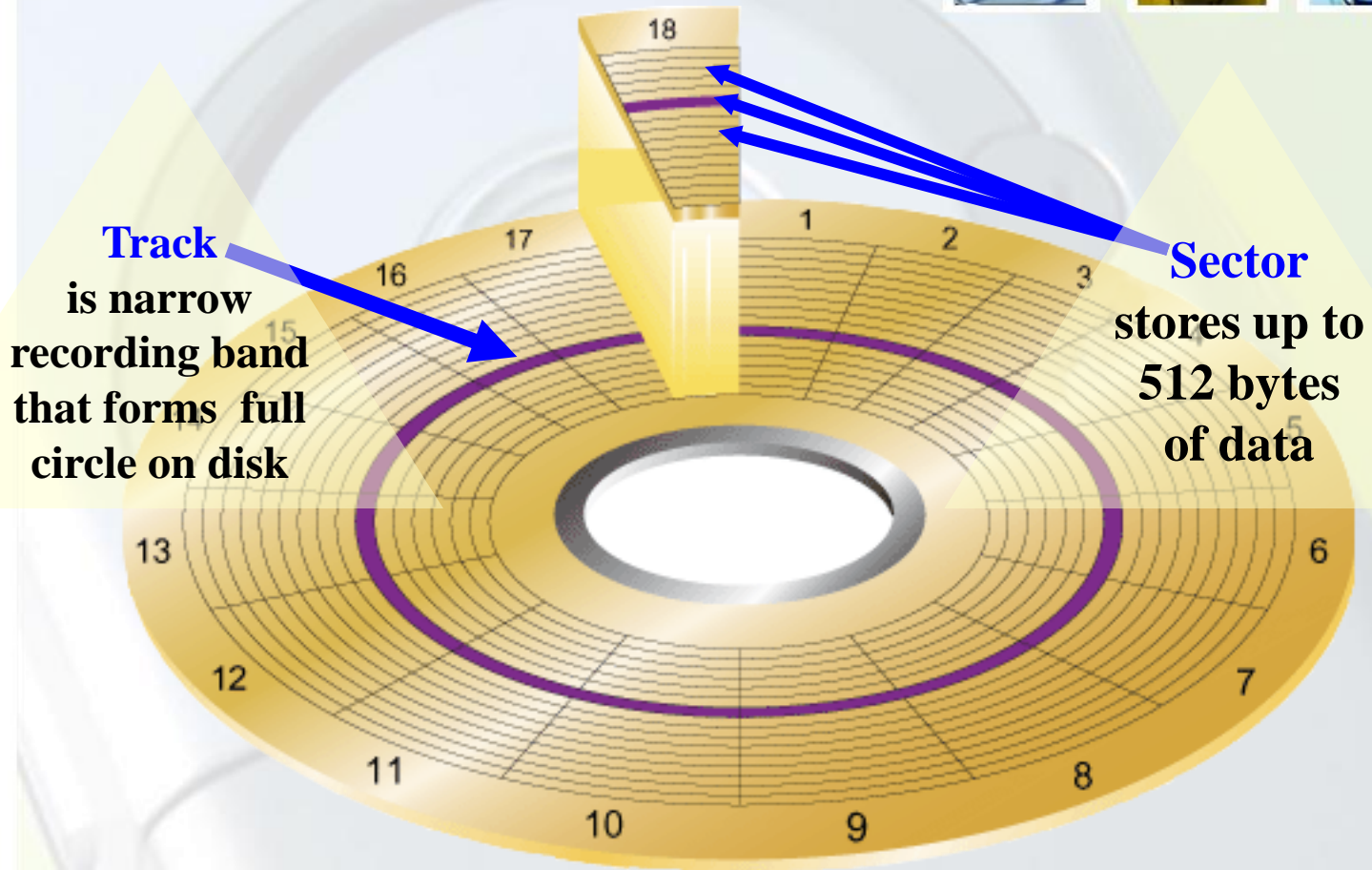
External floppy disk drive attaches to a computer with a cable



Floppy Disks



What are **tracks** and **sectors**?



Formatting prepares disk for use and marks bad sectors as unusable

Floppy Disks



- What are **tracks** and **sectors**?
 - **Tracks** are configured in concentric circles in which data are stored.
 - PC disks use **sector** organization to store and retrieve data. The recording surface is divided into **sectors** (a disk-storage concept of a pie-shaped portion of a disk or diskette in which records are stored and subsequently retrieved).

Floppy Disks



How do you care for a floppy?

- Proper care helps maximize disk's life
- Floppy disk can last at least seven years

Never open the shutter and touch the disk's surface

Avoid exposure to heat and cold

Avoid exposure to magnetic fields

Avoid exposure to contaminants such as dust, smoke, or salt air

Keep disks in a storage tray when not using them

Zip Disks



- What is a **Zip disk**?
 - **Magnetic medium that stores 100 MB or 250 MB of data**
 - **Used to back up and to transfer files**
 - **Backup** is duplicate of file, program, or disk in case original is lost
 - **Zip disks require a Zip drive—high capacity drive that reads from and writes on a Zip disk**



External Zip drive



Hard Disks



- What is a **hard disk**?
 - High-capacity storage
 - Consists of several inflexible, circular platters that store items electronically
 - Components enclosed in airtight, sealed case for protection

hard disk installed
in system unit



Hard Disks

What are **external hard disks** and **removable hard disks**?

- **Used to back up or transfer files**

External hard disk—freestanding hard disk that connects to system unit



Removable hard disk—hard disk that you insert and remove from hard disk drive



CDs and DVDs



- What are **CDs** and **DVDs**?
 - Flat, round, portable metal discs with protective plastic coating
 - Can be read only or read/write
 - Most PCs include CD or DVD drive, most play audio CDs



Push the button to slide out the tray.

Insert the disc, label side up.

Push the same button to close the tray.

CDs and DVDs



- What is a **CD-ROM**?
 - Compact disc read-only memory
 - Cannot erase or modify contents
 - Typically holds 650 MB to 1 GB
 - Commonly used to distribute multimedia and complex software



CDs and DVDs



What are **CDs** and **DVDs**?

- **CD-ROM** stands for compact disc-read-only memory.
- Once inserted in the CD-ROM drive, the text, video images, and so on can be read into RAM for processing or display.
- The data on the disk are fixed-they cannot be altered. This is in contrast to the read/write capabilities of magnetic disks.
- What makes CD-ROM so inviting is its vast capacity to store data and programs. The capacity of a single CD-ROM is up to 680 MB-about that of 477 diskettes.

CDs and DVDs



- What are **CD-Rs** and **CD-RWs**?

CD-R (compact disc-readable)
—disc you can write on once

CD-RW (compact disc-rewritable)
—erasable disc you can write on multiple times

Must have
CD recorder
or **CD-R drive**

Cannot erase
disc's contents

Must have
CD-RW software
and **CD-RW drive**

CDs and DVDs



What is a **DVD-ROM** (digital versatile disc-ROM or digital video disc-ROM)?

- High capacity disc capable of storing 4.7 GB to 17 GB
- Must have **DVD-ROM drive** or DVD player to read DVD-ROM
- Stores databases, music, complex software, and movies



DVD



DVD drive

CDs and DVDs



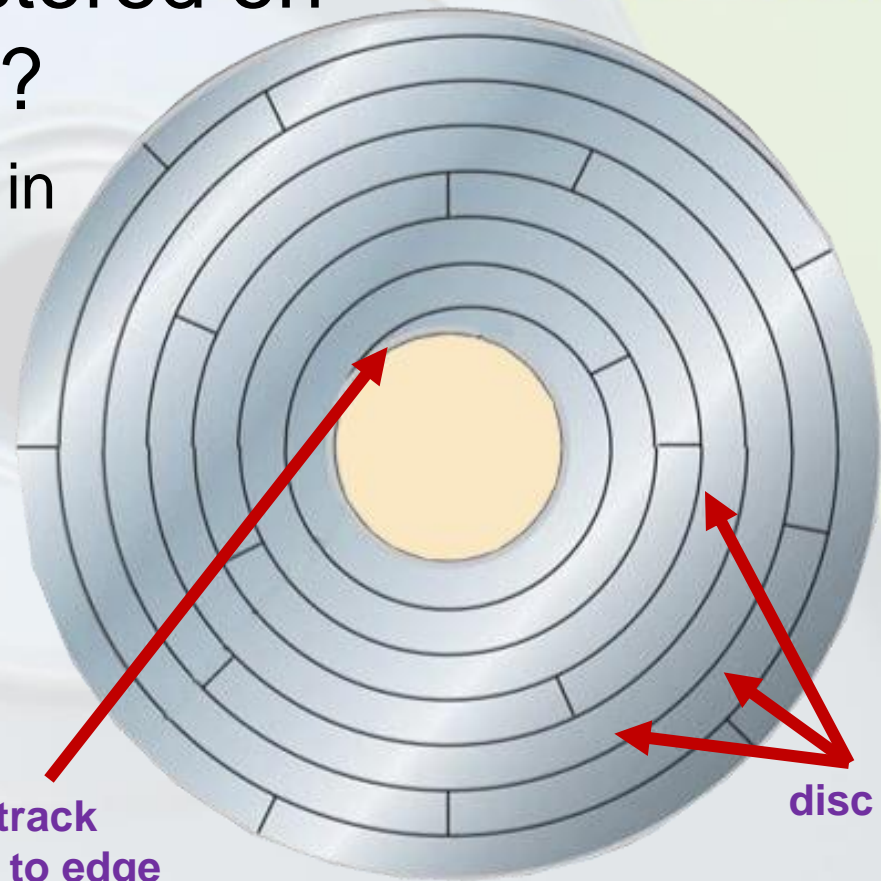
- What are **CDs** and **DVDs**?
- DVDs are poised to replace CD-ROMs. The DVD (digital videodisk) looks like the CD and the CD-ROM, but it can store from 7 to 14 times as much information (up to about 10 GB). A DVD can store the video for a full-length movie.
- DVD drives are back-wards compatible; that is, they can play all of your CD-ROM and CDs. DVDs probably will replace videotapes and CDs in a few years

CDs and DVDs



- How is data stored on a **CD** or **DVD**?

- Typically stored in single **track**
- Track divided into evenly sized **sectors** that store items



single track
spirals to edge
of disc

disc sectors

Tape



- What is **tape**?
 - Magnetically coated plastic ribbon capable of storing large amounts of data at low cost
 - Primarily used for **backup**



Tape



- How is data stored on a tape?
 - **Sequential access**
 - Reads and writes data consecutively, like music tape
 - Unlike direct access — used on floppy disks, Zip disks, hard disks, CDs, and DVDs — which can locate particular item immediately

Miniature Mobile Storage Media



What is **miniature mobile storage media**?

- Storage for small mobile devices



Miniature Mobile Storage Media



What are common types of miniature mobile storage media?

CompactFlash



Smart Media



Secure Digital



Memory Stick®



Microdrive™



USB Drive™

