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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

**COURSE NAME : 23CST207 - DATABASE MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEMS**

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**Unit 5- Physical Storage and MongoDB**

**Topic 1 : STORAGE AND FILE STRUCTURE**



# STORAGE AND FILE STRUCTURE



- Overview of Physical Storage Media
- Magnetic Disks
- RAID
- Tertiary Storage
- Storage Access
- File Organization
- Organization of Records in Files
- Data-Dictionary Storage
- Storage Structures for Object-Oriented Databases



## Classification of Physical Storage Media



- Several types of storage medias are exist in computer system. They are classified into different types
  1. Accessing speed
  2. Cost per unit of data
  3. Reliability
- Speed with which data can be accessed
- Cost per unit of data
- Reliability
  - data loss on power failure or system crash
  - physical failure of the storage device
- Can differentiate storage into:
  - **volatile storage:** loses contents when power is switched off
  - **non-volatile storage:**
    - Contents persist even when power is switched off.
    - Includes secondary and tertiary storage, as well as batter-backed up main-memory.



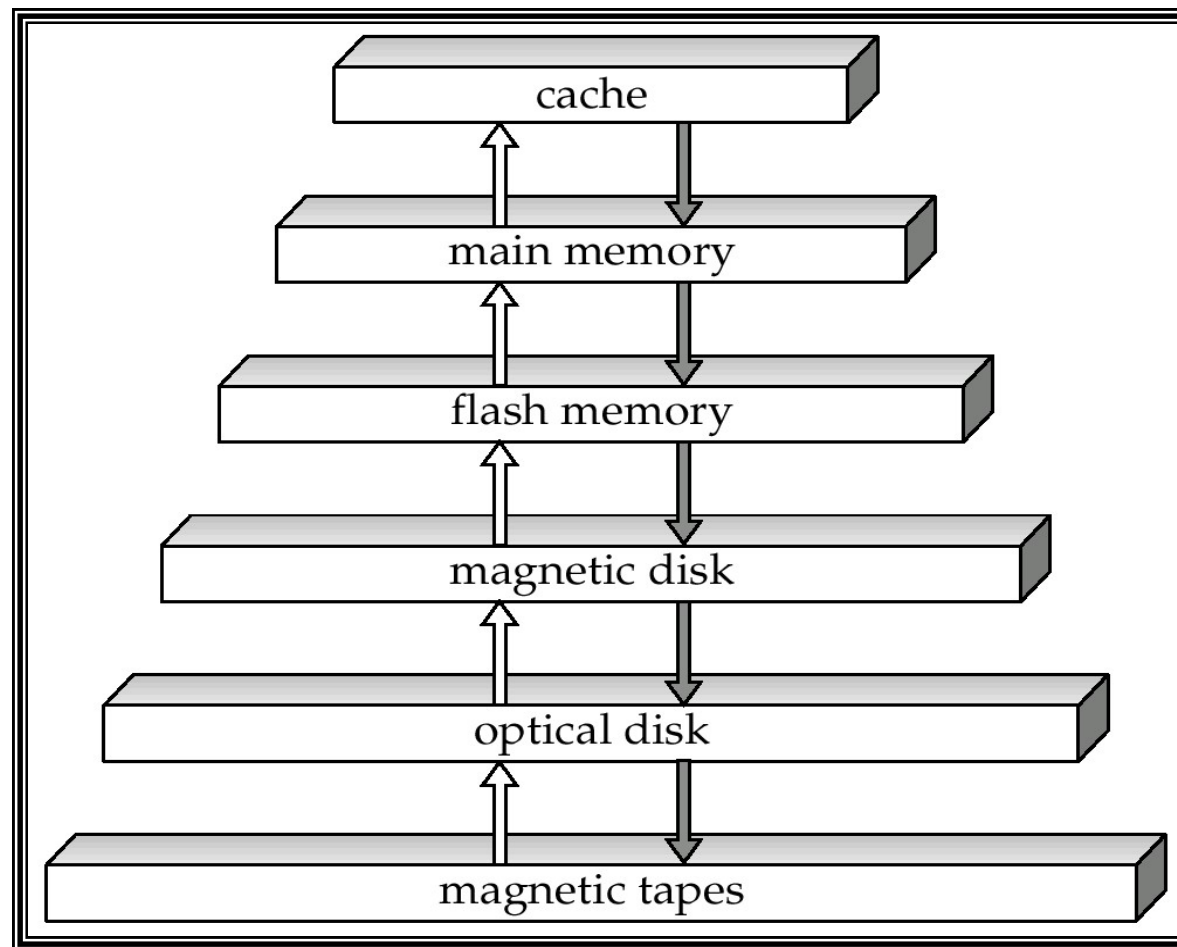
# Storage Device hierarchy



- The various storage media can be organized in a hierarchy according to their **speed and their cost**.
- Cache
- Main memory
- Flash memory
- Magnetic disk
- Optical disk
- Magnetic tapes



# Storage Hierarchy





- The higher levels are expensive, but are fast. As we move down the hierarchy, the cost per bit decreases, where as the access time increases.
- The storage hierarchy includes 3 main categories.
- Primary storage
  - This category usually provides fast access to data, but has limited storage capacity, it is volatile in nature.
    - Cache and main memory



- Secondary Storage (on\_line storage)
  - These device usually have a large capacity, less cost and slower access to data. It is non volatile
  - Eg. Flash memory, magnetic disks.
- Tertiary storage (Off\_line storage)
  - This is in the lowest level of hierarchy, non-volatile, slow access time
  - Eg: Magnetic tape, optical storage.



Based on storage volatility they can be classified into 2 types

- Volatile storage
  - Loses the contents when the power to the device is removed.
    - Eg., Main memory and cache.
- Non-Volatile storage
  - Contents persist even when the power is switched off.
    - Eg., Secondary & Tertiary storage devices.





# Primary Storage devices



- Cache memory
  - It is the fastest and most costly form of storage. It is volatile in nature. It is managed by computer system hardware.
- Main Memory
  - Fast access, generally too small to store the entire database.
  - Too expensive
  - Capacities of up to a few gigabytes widely used currently.



# Flash Memory



- It is present between primary storage and secondary storage in the storage hierarchy.
- It is non volatile memory.
- Accessing speed is as fast as reading data from main memory.
- Widely used in embedded devices such as digital cameras.
- It is also known as EEPROM (Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory).
- Disadvantage is that an entire block must be erased and written over at a time.



# Secondary Storage Devices



- Magnetic Disk

- Primary Medium for long term storage of data, Typically stores entire database.
- Data must be moved from disk to main memory for access and written back storage.
- Much slower access than main memory.
- Capacities ranges upto 400 Gigabytes currently
- Much larger capacity than main and flash memory.
- Disk storage survives power failures and system crashes.
- Disk failure can destroy data but is very rare.



# Tertiary Storage



- Optical Disks
  - CD ROM
  - DVD
  - CD –R and DVD-R
- Magnetic Tapes



- Optical Disks

- It is non volatile in nature
- Data is read optically from a spinning disk using a laser.
- CD-ROM, DVD and Record once versions are most popular from of Optical storage.

- CD ROM (Compact Disk Read only Memory)

- Disks can be loaded into or removed from a drive
- High storage capacity (640 MB per disk)
- Higher seed times or about 100 mseconds.
- Higher latency (300 RPM) and lower data transfer rates ( 3 to 6MB/sec) compared to magnetic disks.



- DVD (Digital Video Disk)
  - DVD – 5 hold 4.7 GB and DVD- 9 holds 8.5 GB
  - DVD-10 and DVD-18 are double sided formats with capacities of 9.4 GB and 17 GB
  - Other characteristics similar to CD-ROM.
- Record once Versions (CD-R and DVD-R) are becoming popular
  - Data can only be written once, and cannot be erased.
  - High capacity and long lifetime, used for archival storage
  - Multiple write versions also available (CD\_RW, DVD-RW)



- Magnetic Tapes

- Non volatile memory used mainly for **backup**, for storage of infrequently used information and as an off-line medium for transferring information from one system to another.
- Holds large volume of data and provides high transfer rates
- **Very slow access time** in comparison to magnetic disks and optical
- Tape jukeboxes used for very large capacity of storage



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