

Lecture 38 – Disks

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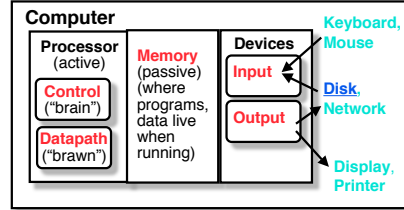
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The enabling power of iPod => What can you do with it? View medical images. Record flight data. Watch videos of opposing pitchers. Bring your CS61C lectures with you anywhere. Commit theft?! Some think in 10 years it'll hold all video ever.



Magnetic Disk – common I/O device

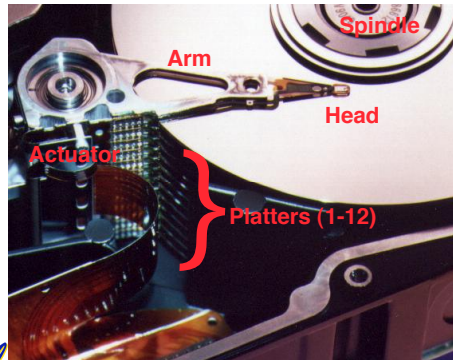


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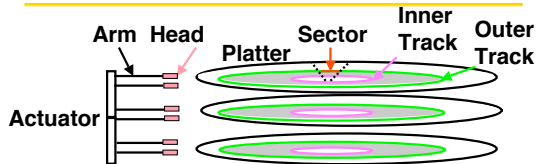
- A kind of computer memory
 - Information sorted by magnetizing ferrite material on surface of rotating disk (similar to tape recorder except digital rather than analog data)
- Nonvolatile storage
 - retains its value without applying power to disk.
- Two Types
 - Floppy disks – slower, less dense, removable.
 - Hard Disk Drives (HDD) – faster, more dense, non-removable.
- Purpose in computer systems (Hard Drive):
 - Long-term, inexpensive storage for files
 - “Backup” for main-memory. Large, inexpensive, slow level in the memory hierarchy (virtual memory)



Photo of Disk Head, Arm, Actuator



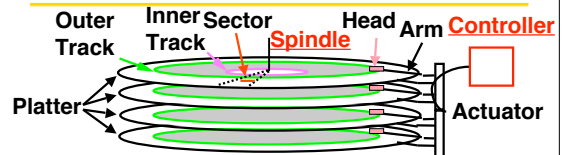
Disk Device Terminology



- Several **platters**, with information recorded magnetically on both **surfaces** (usually)
- Bits recorded in **tracks**, which in turn divided into **sectors** (e.g., 512 Bytes)
- **Actuator** moves **head** (end of **arm**) over track (“**seek**”), wait for **sector** rotate under **head**, then read or write



Disk Device Performance (1/2)



- **Disk Latency = Seek Time + Rotation Time + Transfer Time + Controller Overhead**
 - Seek Time? depends on no. tracks to move arm, speed of actuator
 - Rotation Time? depends on speed disk rotates, how far sector is from head
 - Transfer Time? depends on data rate (bandwidth) of disk (f(bit density,rpm)), size of request



Disk Device Performance (2/2)

- Average distance of sector from head?
- 1/2 time of a rotation
 - 7200 Revolutions Per Minute \Rightarrow 120 Rev/sec
 - 1 revolution = 1/120 sec \Rightarrow 8.33 milliseconds
 - 1/2 rotation (revolution) \Rightarrow 4.17 ms
- Average no. tracks to move arm?
 - Disk industry standard benchmark:
 - Sum all time for all possible seek distances from all possible tracks / # possible
 - Assumes average seek distance is random
- Size of Disk cache can strongly affect perf!
 - Cache built into disk system, OS knows nothing



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Data Rate: Inner vs. Outer Tracks

- To keep things simple, originally same number of sectors per track
 - Since outer track longer, lower bits per inch
- Competition \Rightarrow decided to keep bits per inch (BPI) high for all tracks (“**constant bit density**”)
 - \Rightarrow More capacity per disk
 - \Rightarrow More sectors per track towards edge
 - \Rightarrow Since disk spins at constant speed, outer tracks have faster data rate
- Bandwidth outer track **1.7x** inner track!

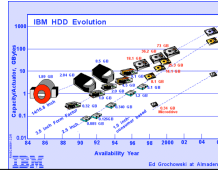


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Disk Performance Model /Trends

- Capacity : + 100% / year (2X / 1.0 yrs)
 - Over time, grown so fast that # of platters has reduced (some even use only 1 now!)
- Transfer rate (BW) : + 40%/yr (2X / 2 yrs)
- Rotation+Seek time : - 8%/yr (1/2 in 10 yrs)
- Areal Density
 - Bits recorded along a track: **Bits/Inch (BPI)**
 - # of tracks per surface: **Tracks/Inch (TPI)**
 - We care about bit density per unit area **Bits/Inch²**
 - Called **Areal Density** = BPI x TPI
 - “~120 Gb/In² is longitudinal limit”
 - “230 Gb/In² now with perpendicular”
- GB/\$: > 100%/year (2X / 1.0 yrs)
 - Fewer chips + areal density



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State of the Art: Two camps (2006)



- Performance
 - Enterprise apps, servers
 - E.g., Seagate Cheetah 15K.5
 - Ultra320 SCSI, 3 Gbit/sec, Serial Attached SCSI (SAS), 4Gbit/sec Fibre Channel (FC)
 - 300 GB, 3.5-inch disk
 - 15,000 RPM
 - 13 watts (idle)
 - 3.5 ms avg. Seek
 - 125 MB/s transfer rate
 - 5 year warrantee
 - \$1000 = \$3.30 / GB
 - Capacity
 - Mainstream, home uses
 - E.g., Seagate Barracuda 7200.10
 - Serial ATA 3Gb/s (SATA/300), Serial ATA 1.5Gb/s (SATA/150), Ultra ATA/100
 - 750 GB, 3.5-inch disk
 - 7,200 RPM
 - 9.3 watts (idle)
 - 8.5 ms avg. seek
 - 78 MB/s transfer rate
 - 5 year warrantee
 - \$350 = \$0.46 / GB
 - Uses Perpendicular Magnetic Recording (PMR)!!
 - What's that, you ask?
- Hitachi now has a 1TB drive! (Deskstar 7K1000)
source: www.seagate.com



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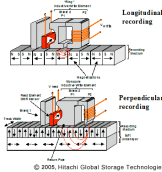
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1 inch disk drive!

- Hitachi 2007 release
 - Development driven by iPods & digital cameras
 - 20GB, 5-10MB/s (higher?)
 - 42.8 x 36.4 x 5 mm



- Perpendicular Magnetic Recording (PMR)
 - FUNDAMENTAL new technique
 - Evolution from Logitudinal
 - Starting to hit physical limit due to superparamagnetism
 - They say 10x improvement



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www.hitachi.com/New/cnews/050405.html

www.hitachigst.com/hdd/research/recording_head/pr/

Where does Flash memory come in?

- Microdrives and Flash memory (e.g., CompactFlash) are going head-to-head
 - Both non-volatile (no power, data ok)
 - Flash benefits: durable & lower power (no moving parts, need to spin μ drives up/down)
 - Flash limitations: finite number of write cycles (wear on the insulating oxide layer around the charge storage mechanism)
- How does Flash memory work?
 - NMOS transistor with an additional conductor between gate and source/drain which “traps” electrons. The presence/absence is a 1 or 0.



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en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flash_memory

What does Apple put in its iPods?



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Upcoming Calendar

| Week # | Mon | Wed | Thu Lab | Fri |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| #14 This week | I/O Disks | Performance | I/O Polling | Writing really fast code (Aaron) P4 due |
| #15 Next week | Re-configurable Computing (Michael) | Parallel Computing in Software (Matt) | Parallel? I/O Networking & 61C Feedback Survey | Parallel Computing in Hardware |
| #16 Last week of classes | LAST CLASS Summary, Review, & HKN Evals | Perf comp due Tues Wed 2pm Review 10 Evans | | |

FINAL EXAM Sat 2007-05-12 @ 12:30pm-3:30pm 2050 VLSB



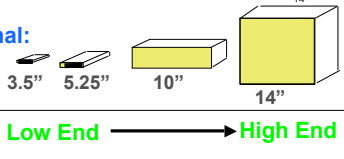
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Use Arrays of Small Disks...

- Katz and Patterson asked in 1987:
 - Can smaller disks be used to close gap in performance between disks and CPUs?

Conventional:
4 disk designs



Disk Array:
1 disk design



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Replace Small Number of Large Disks with Large Number of Small Disks! (1988 Disks)

| | IBM 3390K | IBM 3.5" 0061 | x70 |
|-----------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| Capacity | 20 GBytes | 320 MBytes | 23 GBytes |
| Volume | 97 cu. ft. | 0.1 cu. ft. | 11 cu. ft. 9X |
| Power | 3 KW | 11 W | 1 KW 3X |
| Data Rate | 15 MB/s | 1.5 MB/s | 120 MB/s 8X |
| I/O Rate | 600 I/Os/s | 55 I/Os/s | 3900 I/Os/s 6X |
| MTTF | 250 KHrs | 50 KHrs | ??? |
| Cost | \$250K | \$2K | \$150K |

Disk Arrays potentially high performance, high MB per cu. ft., high MB per KW, but what about reliability?



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Array Reliability

- **Reliability** - whether or not a component has failed
 - measured as Mean Time To Failure (MTTF)
- Reliability of N disks = Reliability of 1 Disk ÷ N (assuming failures independent)
 - 50,000 Hours ÷ 70 disks = 700 hour
- Disk system MTTF: Drops from 6 years to 1 month!
- Disk arrays too unreliable to be useful!



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Redundant Arrays of (Inexpensive) Disks

- Files are "striped" across multiple disks
- Redundancy yields high data availability
 - **Availability**: service still provided to user, even if some components failed
- Disks will still fail
- Contents reconstructed from data redundantly stored in the array
 - ⇒ Capacity penalty to store redundant info
 - ⇒ Bandwidth penalty to update redundant info



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Berkeley History, RAID-I



• RAID-I (1989)

- Consisted of a Sun 4/280 workstation with 128 MB of DRAM, four dual-string SCSI controllers, 28 5.25-inch SCSI disks and specialized disk striping software

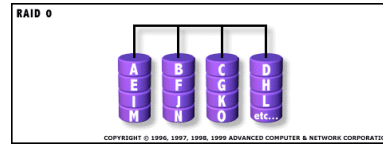
- Today RAID is > tens billion dollar industry, 80% nonPC disks sold in RAIDs



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“RAID 0”: No redundancy = “AID”



- Assume have 4 disks of data for this example, organized in blocks

- Large accesses faster since transfer from several disks at once

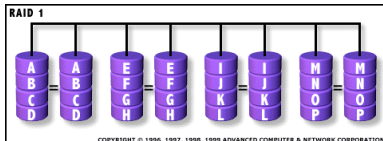
This and next 5 slides from RAID.edu, http://www.acnc.com/04_01_00.html
http://www.raid.com/04_00.html also has a great tutorial



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RAID 1: Mirror data



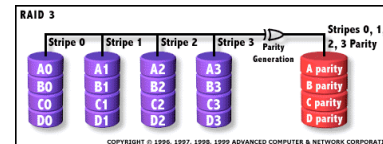
- Each disk is fully duplicated onto its “mirror”
 - Very high availability can be achieved
- Bandwidth reduced on write:
 - 1 Logical write = 2 physical writes
- Most expensive solution: 100% capacity overhead



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RAID 3: Parity



- Parity computed across group to protect against hard disk failures, stored in P disk
- Logically, a single high capacity, high transfer rate disk
- 25% capacity cost for parity in this example vs. 100% for RAID 1 (5 disks vs. 8 disks)

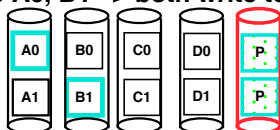


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Inspiration for RAID 5 (RAID 4 block-striping)

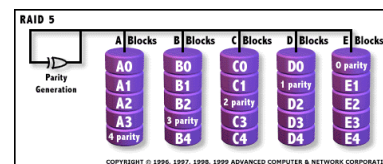
- Small writes (write to one disk):
 - Option 1: read other data disks, create new sum and write to Parity Disk (access all disks)
 - Option 2: since P has old sum, compare old data to new data, add the difference to P:
 - 1 logical write = 2 physical reads + 2 physical writes to 2 disks
- Parity Disk is bottleneck for Small writes: Write to A0, B1 => both write to P disk



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RAID 5: Rotated Parity, faster small writes



- Independent writes possible because of interleaved parity
 - Example: write to A0, B1 uses disks 0, 1, 4, 5, so can proceed in parallel
 - Still 1 small write = 4 physical disk accesses



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en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Redundant_array_of_independent_disks

Peer Instruction

1. RAID 1 (mirror) and 5 (rotated parity) help with performance **and** availability
2. RAID 1 has higher cost than RAID 5
3. Small writes on RAID 5 are slower than on RAID 1

| | ABC |
|-----|-----|
| 0 : | FFF |
| 1 : | FFT |
| 2 : | FTF |
| 3 : | FTT |
| 4 : | TFF |
| 5 : | TFT |
| 6 : | FTF |
| 7 : | FTT |



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“And In conclusion...”

- **Magnetic Disks continue rapid advance: 60%/yr capacity, 40%/yr bandwidth, slow on seek, rotation improvements, MB/\$ improving 100%/yr?**
 - Designs to fit high volume form factor
 - PMR a fundamental new technology
 - breaks through barrier
- **RAID**
 - Higher performance with more disk arms per \$
 - Adds option for small # of extra disks
 - Can nest RAID levels
 - Today RAID is > tens-billion dollar industry, 80% nonPC disks sold in RAIDs, started at Cal



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Bonus slides

- These are extra slides that used to be included in lecture notes, but have been moved to this, the “bonus” area to serve as a supplement.
- The slides will appear in the order they would have in the normal presentation

Bonus

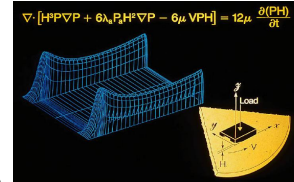


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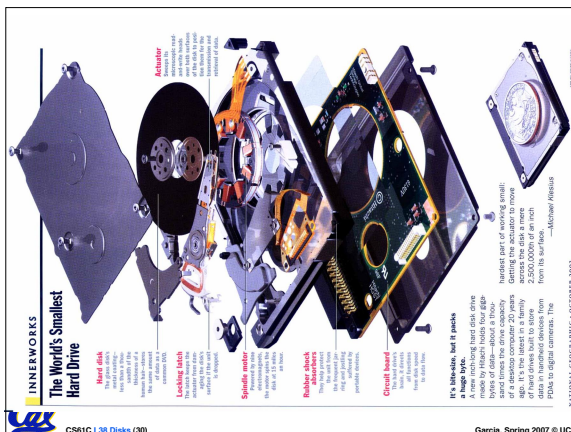
BONUS : Hard Drives are Sealed. Why?

- The closer the head to the disk, the smaller the “spot size” and thus the denser the recording.
 - Measured in Gbit/in². ~60 is state of the art.
- Disks are sealed to keep the dust out.
 - Heads are designed to “fly” at around 5-20nm above the surface of the disk.
 - 99.999% of the head/arm weight is supported by the air bearing force (air cushion) developed between the disk and the head.



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Historical Perspective

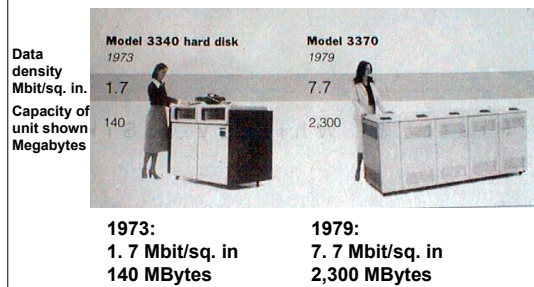
- **Form factor and capacity are more important in the marketplace than is performance**
- **Form factor evolution:**
 - 1970s: Mainframes ⇒ 14 inch diameter disks
 - 1980s: Minicomputers, Servers ⇒ 8", 5.25" diameter disks
 - Late 1980s/Early 1990s:
 - PCs ⇒ 3.5 inch diameter disks
 - Laptops, notebooks ⇒ 2.5 inch disks
 - Palmtops didn't use disks, so 1.8 inch diameter disks didn't make it
 - **Early 2000s:**
 - MP3 players ⇒ 1 inch disks



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Early Disk History (IBM)



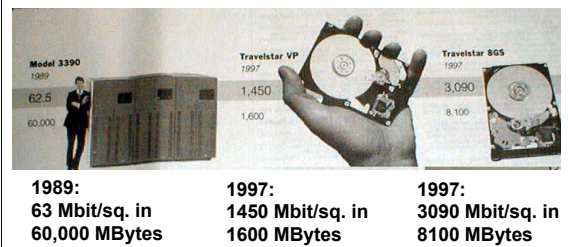
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Disk Performance Example

- Calculate time to read 1 sector (512B) for Deskstar using advertised performance; sector is on outer track

Disk latency = average seek time + average rotational delay + transfer time + controller overhead

$$= 8.5 \text{ ms} + 0.5 \cdot 1 / (7200 \text{ RPM})$$

$$+ 0.5 \text{ KB} / (100 \text{ MB/s}) + 0.1 \text{ ms}$$

$$= 8.5 \text{ ms} + 0.5 / (7200 \text{ RPM} / (60000 \text{ ms/M}))$$

$$+ 0.5 \text{ KB} / (100 \text{ KB/ms}) + 0.1 \text{ ms}$$

$$= 8.5 + 4.17 + 0.005 + 0.1 \text{ ms} = 12.77 \text{ ms}$$

- How many CPU clock cycles is this?



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