

# How a Hard Drive Works.

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The hard disk drive is the primary device used for storing data.  
Every personal computer has a hard drive built into the machine.  
How a Hard Drive Works shows with full color illustrations, the main functions and operations of a primary internal hard disk drive.  
Reading data from the hard disk is shown with full color illustrations.  
The workings of the E-IDE controller are explained.  
Writing data to the hard disk is shown with full color illustrations.  
The file allocation table, sectors, tracks and clusters are covered in How a Hard Drive Works.  
This book will be useful to students and anyone else wishing to learn about How a Hard Drive Works.

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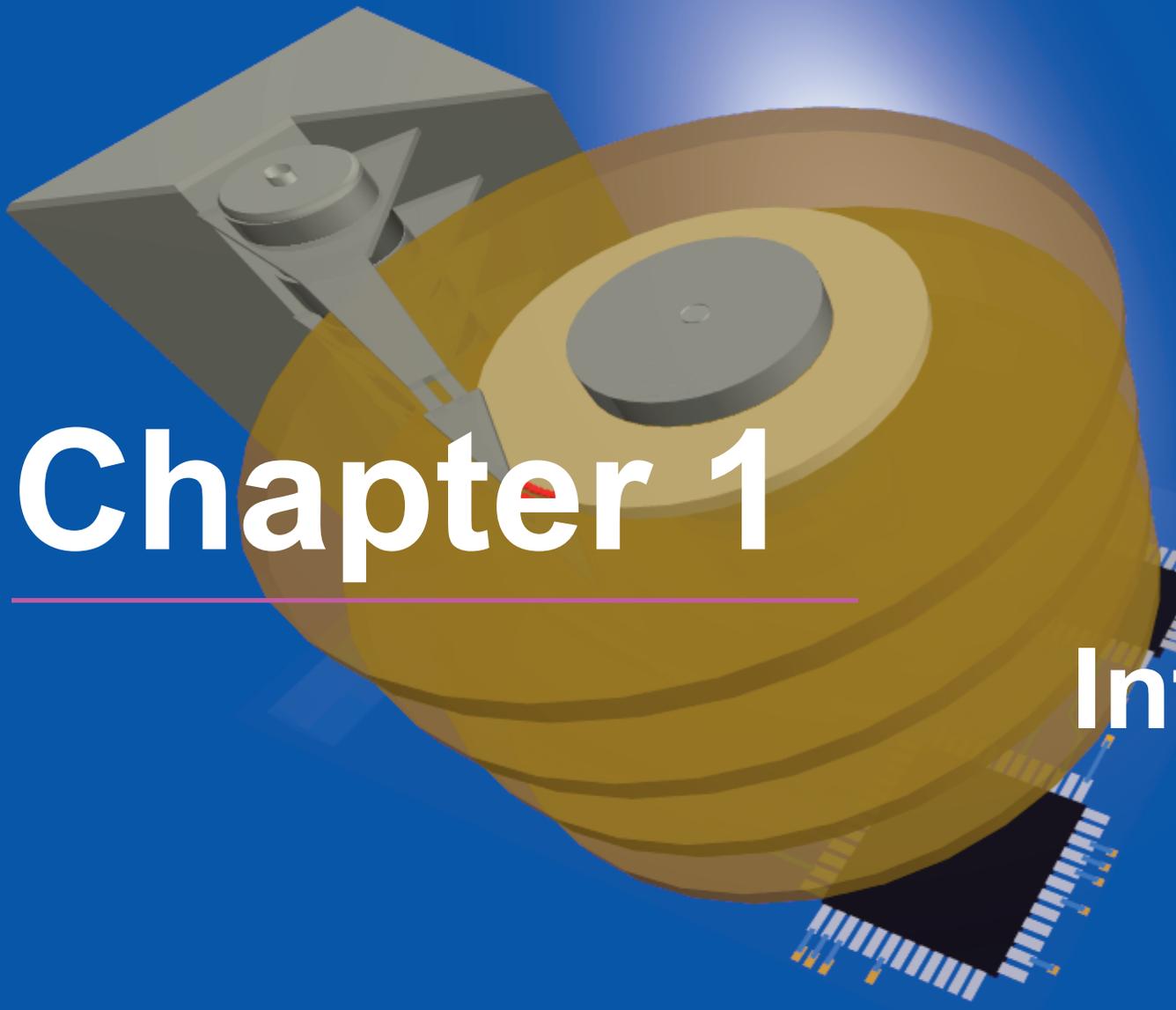
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# Chapter 1

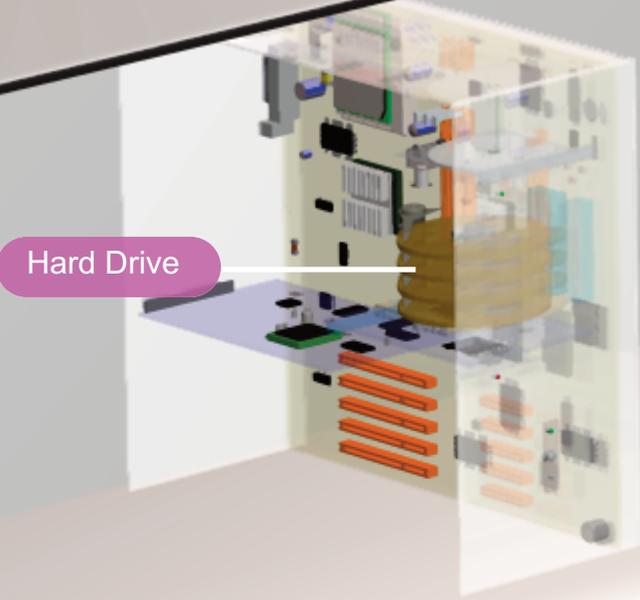
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Introduction.

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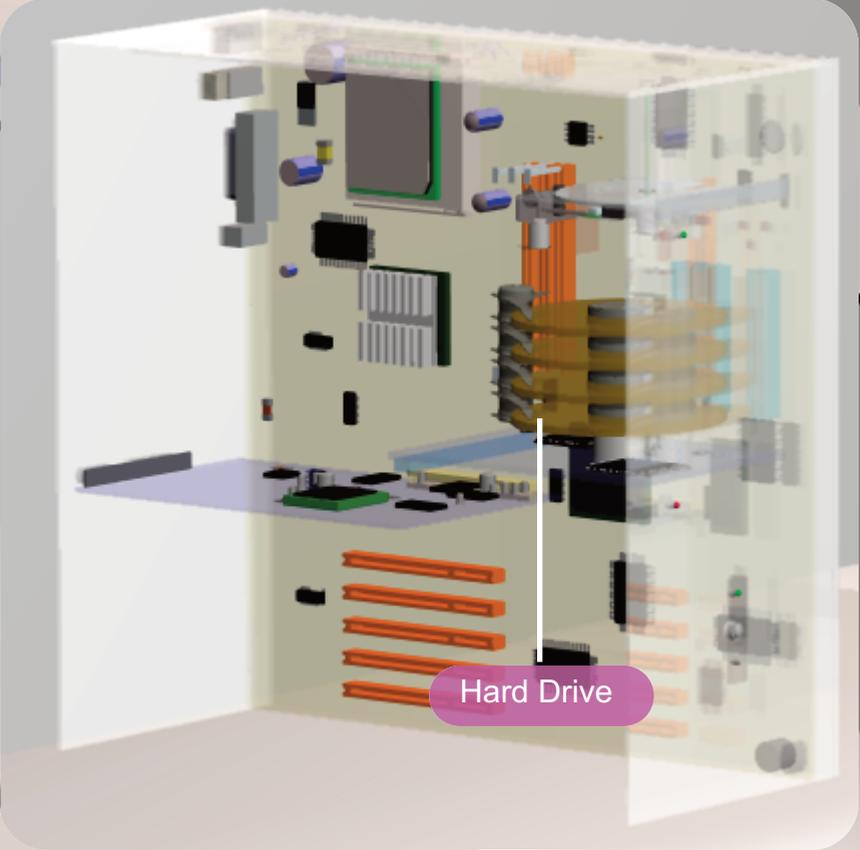
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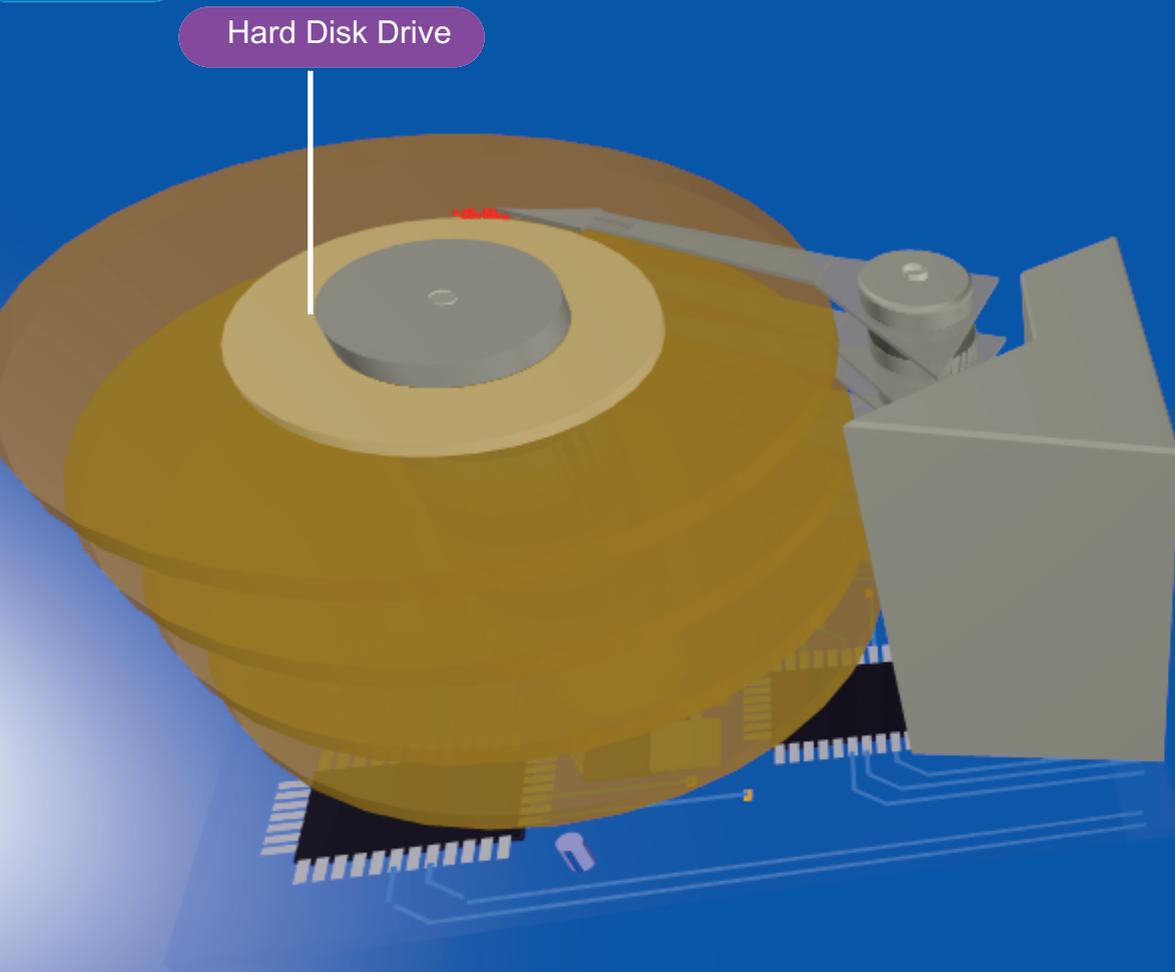
Hard Drive

With its high-speed operation programs can be loaded quickly.

When buying a new computer, it's a good idea to buy a machine whose hard drive, has a large storage capacity and fast access time..



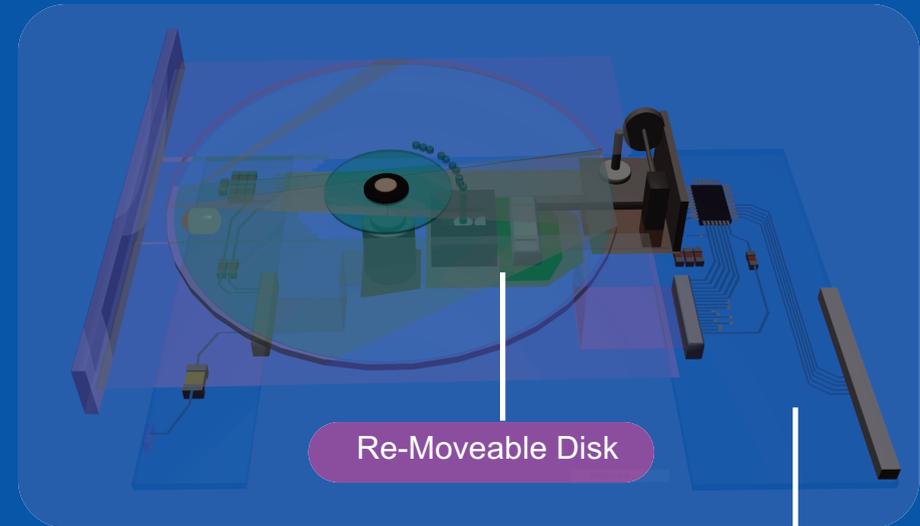
Hard Drive



Hard Disk Drive

A hard drive can typically store many gigabytes of data, a CD-ROM disk is limited to 650 megabytes.

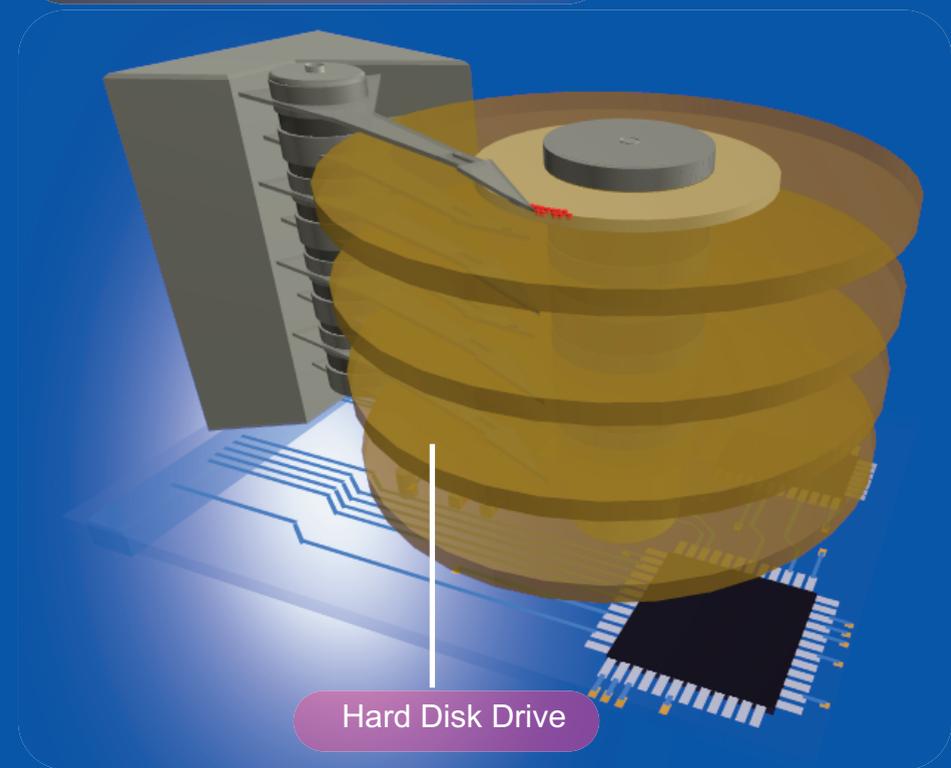
The access time governs how fast data can be retrieved, from the hard drives disks.



Re-Moveable Disk

CD-ROM Drive

Whereas with CD-ROM drives the storage media is not permanent, with a hard drive the disks are contained in the case.



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