Tape



has been used for 50 years

based on cartridges

2013: up to 8.5 TB per cartridge (StorageTek T10000 T2)

slow random access time due to winding: approx 100 sec

high bandwidth: up to 100 MB/sec

good for archival/backup storage



Tape Library/Tape Jukebox

= cartridge library + loading robotmay hold several 100,000 cartridgesup to 100 Petabyte storage (uncompressed)

slow random access:

fetch cartridge (several seconds)

winding (about 100 sec)

good for infrequent yet near-line access to archive



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