Unit 6 — Memory and Storage



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EPROM (Erasable programmable read only memory)

a non-volatile (or permanent) memory type that is erasable via ultra-violet light and re-programmable

"EPROMs are popular for use in critical firmware applications, such as BIOS's, because they are both non-volatile and they can be updated when necessary."

Floppy disk drive

a legacy storage device which can read and write data slowly from a removable magnetic medium (normally 3.5" in diameter and holding 1.44 MB of data)

"Floppy disk drives were once included with almost all computers, but are now considered obsolete."

Hard disk drive

a storage device using rotating magnetic platters to store and retrieve data

"A hard disk drive can fail at any time, normally causing data corruption and loss."

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