

# Assignment 1.8

# What is a SSD

- SSD is a Solid State Drive
- It is a semiconductor-based storage device which uses a NAND flash memory to save persistent data
- SSD have no moving parts and they are not subjected to mechanical failures and they are quieter and consumes less power

# Comparison between SSD and HDD

| SSD   | HDD   |
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| SSD are significantly faster in processing and offer near-instant access times and quick data transfers               | Slower access times and data transfer rates as they are limited by the speed of the spinning platters |
| They are more durable as they lack moving parts and they are light and able to withstand shocks, drops and vibrations | Susceptible to physical damage sudden impact or movements can lead of data loss                       |
| SSD are more expensive per GB making them good for running applications and OS on PCS                                 | Large storage capacity at a lower cost making them good for data storage.                             |

SSD are faster, durable and energy efficient making them a preferred option when coming to building PCs/Laptop or running applications. On a machine it will be good to have both SSD and HDD putting all Applications on SSD to ensure faster and smoother usability while having a HDD at the back to store data