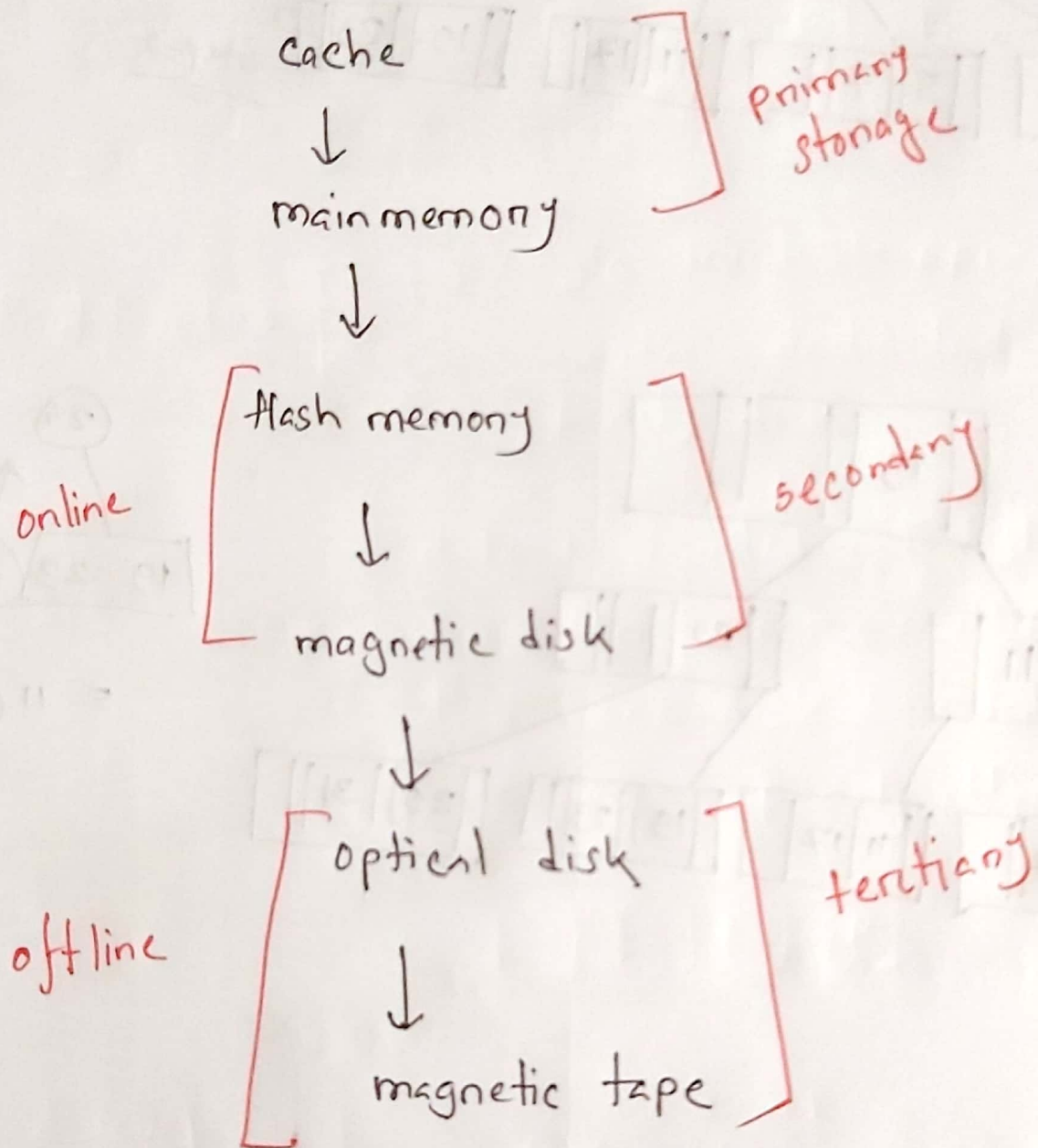


# Storage Hierarchy



## what is RAID

Redundant Array of Independent Disks

→ it is a technology used in computer storage to improve performance, reliability and capacity by combining multiple physical drives into a single logical unit

### Raid Level-0

no Redundancy  
data loss

→ block stripping

→ spreads data across disks without any redundancy & fault tolerance

→ offer higher performance

### Raid level-1

→ mirroring disk

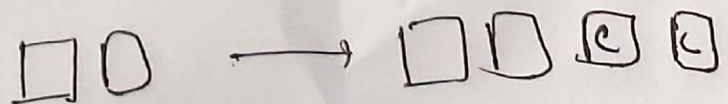
→ data redundancy

→ best write performance

→ best data protection

→ lower storage efficiency

→ create an exact copy of each block on two separate disks



Raid Level-2

- bit stripping
- memory style error encoding

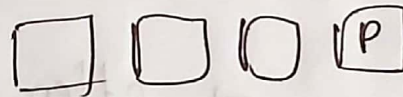
→ use for error detection & correction

Raid level-3

- byte level stripping with a dedicated parity disk

- high transfer rate
- error detection

→ data is divided into bytes and written across multiple disk, one disk dedicated to storing parity info



Raid level-4

Block <sup>Level</sup> ~~Level~~ stripping

rest same as 3

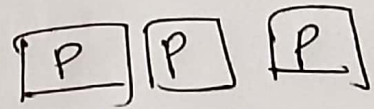
higher I/O rates



## Raid level-5

fault tolerance  
higher performance  
efficient use

- distributes both data and parity information across multiple disk
- do not have dedicated parity disk
- parity info is distributed across all disk



## Raid level-6

same as but provides additional level of fault tolerance

- use block level striping with two independent parity disk (P, Q)

→ best fault tolerance

→ costly

- can tolerate <sup>failure</sup> of any two disk simultaneously

## Block level stripping

- ① divides data into larger blocks or chunks
- ② Data blocks distributed across multiple disk
- ③ enable parallelism for each block
- ④ Higher performance
- ⑤ Stripping size kilobytes - megabytes
- ⑥ less overhead
- ⑦ best for large dataset and sequential access pattern

## Byte/Bit level stripping

divides data at smaller granularity

Individual bits/byte of data distributed across ...

- ③ enable ~~par.~~ parallelism for each bit
- ④ Higher data transfer
- ⑤ byte - byte
- ⑥ more overhead
- ⑦ best for high coherency, random access pattern

## Block level stripping

$$\text{physical block number} = (\text{logical block number} - 1) \div \text{number of disk} + 1$$

$$\text{Disk number} = \left( (\text{logical block number} - 1) \div \text{number of disk} \right) + 1$$