# Types of RAM explained

DDR4-2133 ram, i have this. explain me differenct types of ram, explain me expensive or more powerfull

Got it 👍 Let's break this down step by step.

#### What is RAM?

RAM (Random Access Memory) is a type of **volatile memory** that temporarily stores data your CPU needs **right now**.

- It's much faster than a hard drive or SSD.
- When you turn off your PC, RAM gets cleared.

Your DDR4-2133 is one type of RAM (DDR4, with a speed of 2133 MHz).

### Main Types of RAM

Туре	Full Form	Speed & Usage	Notes
SRAM	Static RAM	Very fast, expensive	Used in <b>CPU cache</b> (L1, L2, L3). Not used as main memory.
DRAM	Dynamic RAM	Cheaper, slower than SRAM	Must be refreshed constantly. Basis of most RAM.
SDRAM	Synchronous DRAM	Works in sync with CPU clock	First step towards modern RAM.
DDR SDRAM	Double Data Rate SDRAM	Transfers data on both rising & falling clock signals	Modern system RAM (DDR1 $\rightarrow$ DDR2 $\rightarrow$ DDR3 $\rightarrow$ DDR4 $\rightarrow$ DDR5).

# Generations of DDR RAM (Main System RAM)

Туре	Year	Base Speed	Typical Use Today
DDR1	~2000	200-400 MHz	Obsolete
DDR2	~2003	400-800 MHz	Obsolete
DDR3	~2007	800-2133 MHz	Older PCs, laptops
DDR4	~2014	2133-3200+ MHz	Most PCs today (you have this)
DDR5	~2020	4800-8400+ MHz	High-end latest PCs & gaming rigs

Your DDR4-2133 means: DDR4 RAM, running at **2133 MHz speed** (one of the lower-end DDR4 speeds).

# Expensive vs Powerful RAM

#### Frequency (MHz / MT/s)

Higher frequency = faster data transfer.

Example: DDR4-2133 < DDR4-3200 < DDR5-6000.

#### • Latency (CL = CAS Latency)

Lower CL = faster response.

Example: CL16 is better (faster) than CL22 at same frequency.

#### Capacity (GBs)

More GB = more apps open at once.

Example: 8GB < 16GB < 32GB.

#### • Channels (Single, Dual, Quad)

Dual-channel doubles bandwidth compared to single.

Example:  $2\times8$  GB >  $1\times16$  GB.

#### Generation

DDR5 is faster and more expensive than DDR4.

# • Which is more expensive / powerful?

- Most powerful today  $\rightarrow$  DDR5, high frequency (6000+ MHz), low latency.
- Most expensive today → Large DDR5 kits (64–128GB, high MHz).

• **Balanced for gaming/normal use** → DDR4 3200–3600 MHz, 16GB or 32GB.

## **Summary**:

- You have DDR4-2133 (basic entry speed DDR4).
- RAM types: SRAM (cache), DRAM (main memory), DDR (generations).
- Expensive RAM = higher generation (DDR5), higher speed, lower latency, more GBs.
- For gaming/programming  $\rightarrow$  16GB DDR4-3200 or DDR5-5600 is a sweet spot.