



Storage Devices classifications:

1) based on SPEED Factor:

Register → cache → RAM → SSD → HDD → optical disk → Magnetic Tapes

2) based on COST Factor: just as

Register → cache → RAM → SSD → HDD → optical disk → Magnetic Tapes

3) based on CAPACITY: Large to small

Magnetic Tapes → optical disk → HDD → SSD
RAM → cache → Register

4) Volatility:

Volatile: Registers → caches → ~~RAM~~ RAM

non-Volatile: SSD, HDD, optical disc, Magnetic disc

5) Magnetic Tapes → optical discs → HDD, ~~SSD~~ → SSD → RAM → cache → Register

6) ~~Portability~~ Portability

→ Portable: optical discs → Magnetic tapes
→ SSD → HDD

→ non-Portable → RAM, Register → cache



Spooling memory management

↳ stands for Simultaneous Peripheral Operations on-Line

The key idea is the CPU is producing data faster than an I/O device can consume

Spooling is storing data temporary into a buffer so the CPU don't have to wait for the I/O device to finish data consumption

So, spooling solves the issue of the speed difference between a fast CPU and slower peripheral devices

→ Spooling components:

1) buffer → the temporary storage

2) Spool queue → list of jobs waiting for a device

3) Spooler program → part of the OS and manages the operation

* a disadvantage of spooling: if spool area is full, this means potential delays and slow operations