Table 11.1 I/O Techniques

	No Interrupts	**Use of Interrupts**
I/O-to-memory transfer through processor	Programmed I/O	Interrupt-driven I/O
Direct I/O-to-memory transfer		Direct memory access (DMA)

Table 11.3 Disk Scheduling Algorithms

Name	Description	Remarks
Selection according to requestor		
RSS	Random scheduling	For analysis and simulation
FIFO	First in first out	Fairest of them all
PRI	Priority by process	Control outside of disk queue management
LIFO	Last in first out	Maximize locality and resource utilization
Selection according to requested item		
SSTF	Shortest service time first	High utilization, small queues
SCAN	Back and forth over disk	Better service distribution
C-SCAN	One way with fast return	Lower service variability
N-step-SCAN	SCAN of N records at a time	Service guarantee
FSCAN	N-step-SCAN with N = queue size at beginning of SCAN cycle	Load sensitive

Table 11.5 Device I/O in UNIX

	Unbuffered I/O	Buffer Cache	Character Queue
Disk drive	X	X	
Tape drive	X	X	
Terminals			X
Communication lines			X
Printers	X		X

Table 11.6 Physical Characteristics of Disk Systems

Head Motion	**Platters**
Fixed head (one per track)	Single platter
Movable head (one per surface)	Multiple platter
Disk Portability	**Head Mechanism**
Nonremovable disk	Contact (floppy)
Removable disk	Fixed gap
	Aerodynamic gap (Winchester)
Sides	
Single sided	
Double sided	

Table 11.8 Optical Disk Products

CD

Compact Disk. A nonerasable disk that stores digitized audio information. The standard system uses 12-cm disks and can record more than 60 minutes of uninterrupted playing time.

CD-ROM

Compact Disk Read-Only Memory. A nonerasable disk used for storing computer data. The standard system uses 12-cm disks and can hold more than 650 Mbytes.

CD-R

CD Recordable. Similar to a CD-ROM. The user can write to the disk only once.

CD-RW

CD Rewritable. Similar to a CD-ROM. The user can erase and rewrite to the disk multiple times.

DVD

Digital Versatile Disk. A technology for producing digitized, compressed representation of video information, as well as large volumes of other digital data. Both 8 and 12 cm diameters are used, with a double-sided capacity of up to 17 Gbytes. The basic DVD is read-only (DVD-ROM).

DVD-R

DVD Recordable. Similar to a DVD-ROM. The user can write to the disk only once. Only one-sided disks can be used.

DVD-RW

DVD Rewritable. Similar to a DVD-ROM. The user can erase and rewrite to the disk multiple times. Only one-sided disks can be used.