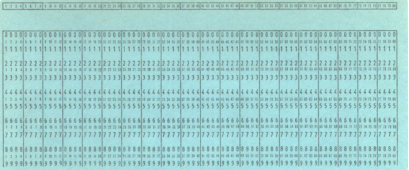













## Storage Media Timeline

<p><b>1928</b></p>	<p><b>Punched Card</b> Overtaken by magnetic disk storage in mid-70s</p>	
<p><b>1971</b></p>	<p><b>8" Floppy Disk</b> Overtaken by the 5¼" floppy</p>	
<p><b>1976</b></p>	<p><b>5¼" Floppy Disk</b> Overtaken by other media</p>	
<p><b>1979</b></p>	<p><b>Data Cartridge</b> Proprietary in branded computers, phased out as new computers developed</p>	
<p><b>1981</b></p>	<p><b>3½" Floppy Disk</b> Still in use in some cases</p>	
<p><b>1986</b></p>	<p><b>Syquest Removable Hard Disk</b> Phased out in mid-90s</p>	

<p>1988</p>	<p><b>RW Optical Storage Disk</b> Phased out in mid-90s</p>	
<p>1988</p>	<p><b>Blue Dye CD</b> Phased out in favor of more stable metal-based CDs by mid-90s</p>	
<p>mid-1990s</p>	<p><b>Aluminum and Gold CDs</b> Still used widely, losing some ground to DVDs</p>	
<p>1994</p>	<p><b>Zip Disk</b> No longer widely used</p>	
<p>1996</p>	<p><b>CD-RW</b> Used primarily for temporary storage</p>	
<p>1997</p>	<p><b>DVD-R and DVD-RW</b> Widely used for their large storage capability, growing in popularity</p>	
<p>1998</p>	<p><b>USB Flash Drive</b> Still growing in popularity</p>	