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Fun Facts

Many of you may have seen this email floating around over the years but I thought it was worthy of passing on again.

Can you guess what they are loading into the aircraft?

It's a hard disk drive (HDD) from 1956... with only 5MB of storage.

In September 1956 IBM launched the 305 RAMAC, the first 'SUPER' computer with a hard disk drive. The HDD weighed over a ton and stored a 'whopping' 5MB of data.

Below is a picture of a commonly used 8GB USB Flash Drive that fits in the palm of your hand.

This goes to show how far technology has advanced in 54 years. The 8GB flash drive below is the same as holding 1,638 '305 RAMAC Super-computers' in the palm of your hand!



Before You Buy a Hard Drive



We LOVE our pictures and our video! It's so easy to do and almost every gadget from cell phones to iPods is capable of capturing pictures and video. These days almost all of these gadgets save their data to hard drives (HD) and flash memory; both of which will eventually end up on your computer's HD for storage. The issue is that video (about 1GB per 5 minutes) and photos take up an incredible amount of space on a HD. Although most modern computers include larger HD's than in the past, we are most likely going to need more space than what is included on a standard computer.

Adding an extra HD is an easy solution. You can buy an internal drive to add to your tower, or an external drive. Before you buy a HD there are a few issues to consider before determining the right solution for you. Read more [here](#) before making a decision.

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