

Volatile Storage (VS)

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Volatile Storage (VS) or **Volatile Memory** is computer storage that only maintains its data while the device is powered.

Most [Random Access Memory \(RAM\)](#) used for primary storage in personal computers is volatile memory. RAM is much faster to read from and write to than the other kinds of storage in a computer, such as the hard disk or removable media. However, the data in RAM stays there only while the computer is running; when the computer is shut off, RAM loses its data.

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