Subject: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by colinhester on Tue, 25 Sep 2007 01:21:06 GMT
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Amazing what's been done in 20 years. Now, where did I put those dilithium crystals....C

Subject: Re: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 25 Sep 2007 14:33:14 GMT
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I remember the 5Mb and 10Mb disk packs of the late 70's and early 80's. The 100Mb disk drives were as big as a washing machine.

Subject: Re: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by Mr Vinyl on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 16:52:07 GMT
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I have an old lap top that my father gave me. It doesn't have a hard drive at all in it. It only reads off of floppy disks. That's it no storage at all. Amazing the speed at which things progress.

Subject: Re: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by granch on Thu, 21 Feb 2008 09:54:51 GMT
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I just ordered a one Terabyte drive they say is the size of a paperback book.

Subject: Re: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by Songs4Life on Wed, 11 Aug 2010 14:45:14 GMT
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My very first pc used a cassette tape drive as a storage device. It was powered by a 6502 microprocessor and had 8 Kb ram upgradeable to a massive 16 Kb *gasp.

Subject: Re: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 11 Aug 2010 14:49:26 GMT
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I had an 1802 with 256 bytes RAM, and a 6502 with 4kB RAM. It had 8K basic, like the Apple II. Those were the days!

Subject: Re: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by Songs4Life on Wed, 11 Aug 2010 14:54:16 GMT
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Then you must be able to remember how the word processor was burned into eeprom. And the 8-inch floppy disk can do double duty as a hand-fan.

Subject: Re: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 11 Aug 2010 15:10:47 GMT
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The little 1802 computer was a homebrew that I assembled on a perf board with point-to-point wiring. Looks like spaghetti on the underside, just a bunch of red wires. I still have it, and the 6502 system too (Synertek Sym-I, much like the Kim-I, precursor to the Apple I and II), and both computers still work. Sometimes I get them out and turn them on, just for old times sake.

Subject: Re: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by Songs4Life on Wed, 11 Aug 2010 15:16:01 GMT
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I wish I could have saved mine but I moved house too often and many things got lost or broken in transit. I can still remember the peep peep peep sound of the data being loaded into the pc from the cassette drive. That's a type of digital sound alright.

Subject: Re: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by addictedtosound on Thu, 02 Sep 2010 17:59:14 GMT
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I had a really old Amstrad computer, all of my data was saved on to a cassette tape. I used quite a

few tapes writing a story, wish I'd kept the tapes now.

Subject: Re: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 02 Sep 2010 18:24:23 GMT
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Sometimes I get a wild hair to try and find an old Altair 8800 or Imsai 8080 computer on Ebay. I always loved those computers.

Subject: Re: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by addictedtosound on Fri, 03 Sep 2010 05:44:44 GMT
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I'm waiting for holographic storage come out. I think a 2TB hard drive at the moment is the max you can go with the current way they're constructed.

Subject: Re: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by Bohnam on Thu, 23 Sep 2010 11:45:58 GMT
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A holographic storage would be excellent. Seriously. It's not too far off into the future either I think. I think in this day and age, if you give the right person an idea, it will come to light.

Subject: Re: One gigabyte then and now
Posted by capbuster on Fri, 24 Sep 2010 01:44:27 GMT
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It is kind of scary. Even people are getting obsolete. Anyone need a robot or two.