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- Data storage and retrieval is one of the primary functions of computer systems.
  - One could easily make the argument that computers are more useful to us as data storage and retrieval devices than they are as computational machines.
- All computers have I/O devices connected to them, and to achieve good performance I/O should be kept to a minimum!
- In studying I/O, we seek to understand the different types of I/O devices as well as how they work.