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Spelling of disc

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Disk and **disc** are the two alternative spellings of the descriptive word for things of a generally thin and circular geometry. These variations are due to the way in which the words originated. The discussion here somewhat focuses on how the word applies to data-storage media.

The earlier word is *disk*, which came into the English language in the middle of the 17th century, and (probably following pre-existing words such as *risk*) it was spelled with a *k*. The spelling *disc* was introduced in the 18th century, following an increasing tendency to base the spelling of words on their roots: in this case the Latin word *discus* and the Greek word *δίσκος* (note that *kappa* in Greek is usually transliterated by *c* rather than *k*). In the 19th century, *disk* became the conventional spelling for audio recordings made on a flat plate, such as the gramophone record; this usage gave rise to the modern term *disc jockey*.

Early BBC technicians differentiated between *disks* (in-house transcription records) and *discs* (the colloquial term for commercial gramophone records, or what the BBC dubbed CGRs).

By the 20th century, the *k*-spelling was more popular in America, while the *c*-spelling was preferred in England. In the 1950s, when the American company IBM pioneered the first hard disk drive storage devices, the *k*-spelling was used. Consequently, in computer jargon today it is common for the *k*-spelling to refer mainly to magnetic storage devices (particularly in British English, where the term *disk* is sometimes regarded as a contraction of *diskette*, a much later word and actually a diminutive of *disk*).

Some latter-day competitors to IBM prefer the *c*-spelling. In 1979 the Dutch company Philips, along with Sony, developed the compact disc medium; here, the *c*-spelling was chosen. The *c*-spelling is now used consistently for optical media such as the compact disc and similar technologies.

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