

# USB Flash Drive

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**A small, portable flash memory card that plugs into a computer's USB port and functions as a portable hard drive. USB flash drives are touted as being easy-to-use because they are small enough to be carried in a pocket and can plug into any computer with a [USB port](#).**

**USB flash drives have less storage capacity than an external hard drive, but they are smaller and more durable because they do not contain any internal moving parts.**

**USB flash drives also are called *thumb drives, jump drives, pen drives, key drives, tokens, removable disks* or simply *USB drives*.**