



SSD Data Protection and Recovery

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Internal Protection Mechanisms

- NAND Level
 - Spare blocks and reserve areas
 - Data Scramblers
 - NAND Programming Optimizations
 - Premium NAND
- Drive Level
 - XOR
 - ECC
 - End to End data protection
 - Wear Leveling
 - BDR (Background Data Refresh)
 - System Assist (Read Retry)



Data Recovery Challenges

- Data Formats
 - Meta Data and ECC Data Structures
 - Flash Translation Layer
- Data Manipulation
 - Encryption
 - Compression
- Erase
 - Secure Erase
 - Trim
- Physical Differences between SSDs and HDDs
 - Platter vs. NAND Packages
 - Heads vs. NAND Channels (Can't Adjust a NAND Channel)

