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Subject: Re: SSD vs sata etc

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The main downsides to SSD's at the moment are the higher price and lower number of write/erase cycles before they fail, slower writing time (depends on model, but generally slower than an equivalent HDD) and lower capacity.

On the up side, they are a lot faster than HDDs for random reads, have no moving mechanical parts which may fail and make no noise when in use.

Personally, I will be sticking with HDDs for the foreseeable future, but once SSDs start to mature I will certainly consider them, probably initially in an SSD / HDD combination where the SSD contains the OS and application installations (for fast loading) and the HDD contains the pagefile, documents, media, project files etc etc.

Oh, and a word of advice to anyone using an SSD: Disable the pagefile, or move it to a HDD instead. The pagefile is constantly written and modified while Windows is running and this causes your finite number of write/erase cycles on your SSD to be used up much faster than normal.

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