

1898 THE RECORD



Flat discs, with respect to compact CDs, are among one of the oldest audio and music formats. Earlier records were made of shellac and were played on the now obsolete phonograph and gramophone. Though, far down the line, records were then being made of the much more familiar polyvinyl such as LPs which were played on turntables and record players.



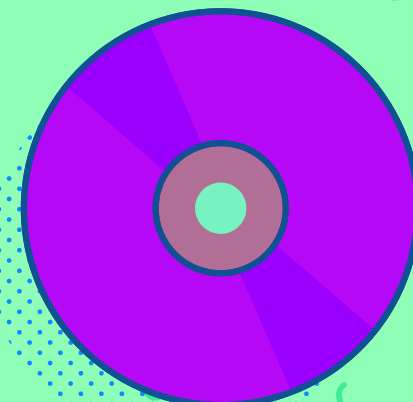
1962 THE CASSETTE



It did not take long for cassette tapes to replace 8-track tapes as they came with more advantages such as being able to be rewinded. Invented by Philips, they were played on tape recorders, on the boombox, and the renowned Walkman.



1982 THE CD



Invented by both Philips and Sony, the compact CD was initially an audio-only format. It had a storage capacity of up to 80 minutes (700 MB) of audio and are much smaller in diameter than its flat disc cousin (the record). CD players include the compact disc player, radios and the Diskman.



1993 THE MP3



MP3 is a digital audio file format and the most common of them all. It is considered as a lossy format meaning that their file sizes are usually small so that they can be easily downloaded over the internet—a big reason why they are as popular as we know them today. But before then were the handheld MP3 players introduced in the late 90s. The MPMan F10 holds the title of the first MP3 player and is the predecessor of the cell phone, computers, tablets, etc.

