

# Summary

- **The period 1948-1963, with the emergence of digital magnetic recording for direct access computer data storage, was one of the most creative and exciting periods in the history of magnetic recording .**
  - **The disk drive industry started in San Jose from these early beginnings and this region has always been its heartland.**
  - **A major high tech industry was created that provides the key enabling technology for the continuing expansion of on-line storage intensive applications.**