

A Warehouse Where Machines Fetch the Goods: Automated Storage and Retrieval Systems

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When we picture a large logistics warehouse, the first image that comes to mind is forklifts moving between tall shelves and workers walking down aisles with lists in hand. In some warehouses today, however, you can hardly see anyone in the aisles. That is because machines run on their own between shelves that soar almost to the ceiling, putting goods away and bringing them back out. Equipment like this, in which machines store goods in assigned locations and retrieve them when needed according to a computer's instructions, is called an 'Automated Storage and Retrieval System.' It is often cal