

# Slot Numbering

When a [Volume](#) has a slot in TapeTrack, the slot is represented by both a [Virtual Slot](#) and [Physical Slot](#).

When displaying Physical Slot, the slot will either be displayed as a slot, or a level and a slot (when the Zone the slot belongs to has defined slots per level).

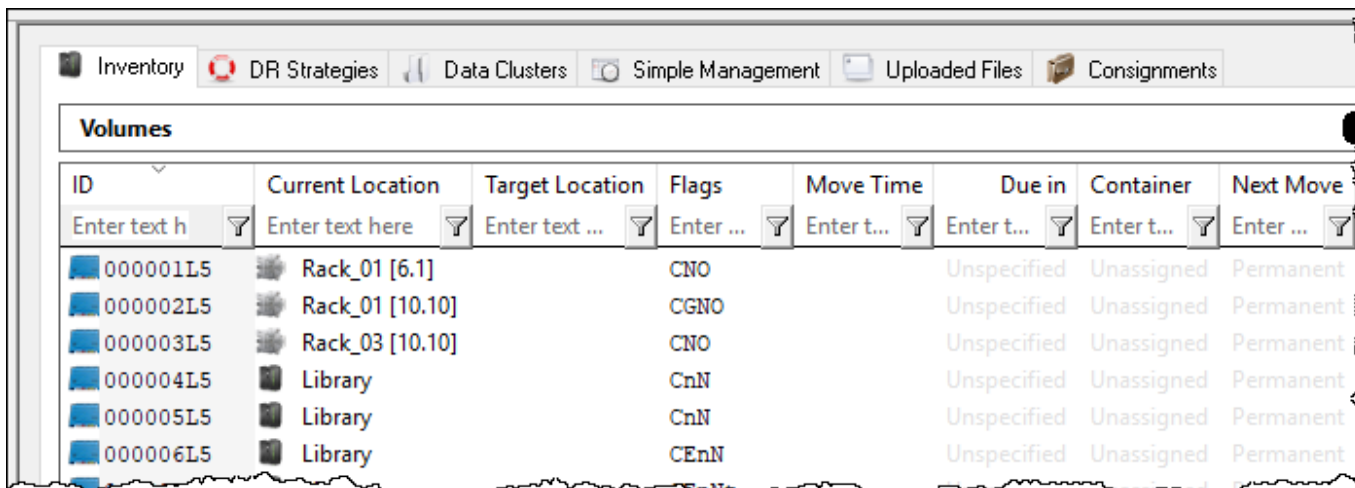
It is possible to change the way a Physical Slot is displayed in TapeTrack Desktop and TapeTrack Batch programs by defining changes in the [Configuration File](#).

## Changing Physical Slot Representation

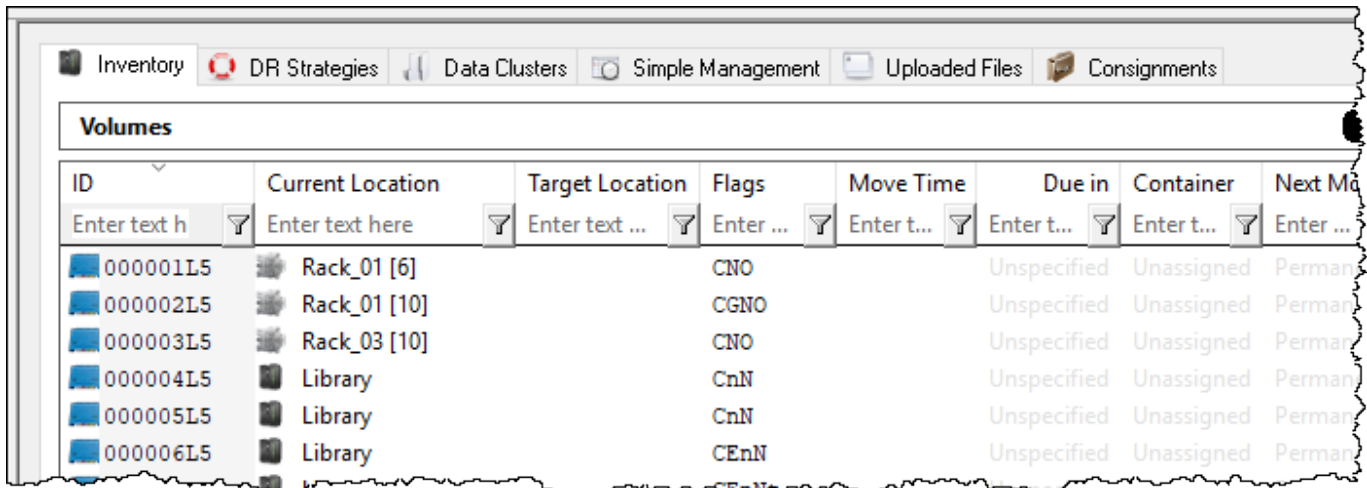
### Masking the Slot

The display in TapeMaster and Lite can be modified to mask the Slot number of the [Volumes](#), displaying Zone and Shelf only. This can be useful storing [Volumes](#) in drawers with a limited number of Slots, allowing librarians to Slot the [Volumes](#) quickly in a Zones shelf location without needing to adhere to a Slot Number.

No Slot Masking - TapeMaster displaying Zone, shelf and Slot (in the format **Zone\_ID [shelf\_number.slot\_number]**).



Slot Masking - TapeMaster displaying Zone and shelf only (in the format **Zone\_ID [shelf\_number]**).



ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next Move
000001L5	Rack_01 [6]		CNO		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000002L5	Rack_01 [10]		CGNO		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000003L5	Rack_03 [10]		CNO		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000004L5	Library		CnN		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000005L5	Library		CnN		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000006L5	Library		CEnN		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent

Further information and instructions on [masking Slots](#) can be found here

## Changing The Level

When creating (or editing) a storage Zone for [Volumes](#) you have the ability to specify not only the number of Slots but the number of Slots per level or Shelf. This enables TapeTrack to display the location of a [Volume](#) by Zone, Shelf and Slot number.

If you prefer Shelf levels to be displayed alphabetically, or any other string values, this can be achieved via the desktop software configuration file.

## Setting Shelf Name Values

Open the configuration file, found in the desktop installation directory (eg TapeMaster default installation directory `TapeTrack/Tapemaster/TMSSMaster.cfg`, Lite default installation `TapeTrack/Tapemaster/TMSSLite.cfg`) in a text editor such as Notepad.

- Uncomment (remove `/*` above and `*/` below) the code block `variables = { TMSSEVELNAMES="A,B,C"; }`;
- Set the Shelf names as required, default is level 1 = A, level 2 = B and level 3 = C.
- Add any extra Shelf names if required, for example if you have 10 Shelves `TMSSEVELNAMES="A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J";`
- Save file, ensuring it is saved with the extension `.cfg` and not `.txt`
- Restart your desktop software and check the change is effected correctly

## Example

TapeTrack TapeMaster display with Zone set to 10 slots per Shelf. Display for [Volume](#) 000001L5 shows in Zone Rack\_01, Shelf 6, Slot 1 (in the format **Zone\_ID [shelf\_number.slot\_number]**). The default display mode shows Shelf allocation numerically.

ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next Move
000001L5	GT1 [1.1]		CNO		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000002L5	GT1 [1.2]		CGNO		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000003L5	GT1 [1.3]		CNO		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000004L5	GT1 [1.5]		CNO		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000005L5	Library	Offsite Vault	CMnN	H23:12:17	Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000006L5	Library	Offsite Vault	CEMnN	H23:12:17	Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent

After alteration to the TMSMaster.cfg to set TMSLEVELNAMES="A,B,C", TapeMaster displays the shelf levels alphabetically, exchanging 1 for A, 2 for B etc.

Display for Volume 000001L5 shows in Zone Rack\_01, Shelf A, Slot 1 (in the format **Zone\_ID [shelf\_number.slot\_number]**).

ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next Move
000001L5	GT1 [A.1]		CNO		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000002L5	GT1 [A.2]		CGNO		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000003L5	GT1 [A.3]		CNO		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000004L5	GT1 [A.5]		CNO		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000005L5	Library	Offsite Vault	CMnN	H23:03:17	Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
000006L5	Library	Offsite Vault	CEMnN	H23:03:17	Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent

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