

Re: Backup device:Tape vs CD-RW

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"Gaétan Martineau" <gmarti@mediom.qc.ca> wrote in message
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> *Strange conversation, minutes ago, with a computer vendor. I asked for
> his advice, got quite surprised, and finally submit here my question to
> your kind knowledge or experience to finally get another feedback.*

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> *Problem:*

> *I am about to change computer and think, in the process, of also buying
> a *good, safe and easy* backup solution for personal use at home.*

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> *What I think is:*

> *I am interested in a tape drive for 8mm mammoth 20 Gb exabyte
> cartridges. a) It stores plenty b) It would backup data on our home LAN
> (3 computers) through NFS and maybe smbstar c) it would backup (through
> crontab) automatically except for feeding the cartridge into the drive
> and store it away afterwards d) this type of cartridge is compatible
> with what I use at work (for seismic research) so I can finally easily
> exchange data. e) I can keep a whole M\$ partition on an exabyte and if
> virus comes, "tar xvzf" will take care of the rest. So no antivirus shit
> to maintain or worry about. f) Pretty well same for linux;(except for
> viruses) I can keep a complete Linux install on a cartridge, so if I
> want to do the spring clean up, I can batch restore a "tar xvzf" instead
> of interactively reinstalling from CD's.*

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> *What he said was:*

> *Tape drives are not so much used anymore nowadays. A good solution is to
> use a 650 Mbytes CD-RW. You format it and then backing up your stuff is
> just a matter of "drag and drop" from the Windows explorer. Cheap,
> convenient. And you do not need as much as 20Gb. You do not backup your
> programs. You don't need to do that; it does not happen often that the
> whole computer goes wreck.*

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> *What do you think???* I