Preventive Maintenance: Backups

- Floppies

  Unreliable, but useful in a pinch. Dealing with multi-volume floppy backups can be difficult.

- Tape

  Both SCSI and "floppy" tape drivers supported by Linux kernel.

  Most common method; many utilities available. Beware of bad tapes.

- CD-ROM

  Read-only, but hey... If you installed the system from CD-ROM, it makes a wonderful backup. Maybe, only backup home directories and files which you have changed (say, /etc).