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Hi, As I wrote earlier I never store anything on the cloud. It seems that the number of issues cropping up is getting larger all the time. With external USB back up drives so cheap now (1TB for under \$60 and 2TB for not much more) I use them for storage of my music files. The stuff on the PC and player (I use a FIIO X3) is swapped out for new stuff about once a month from the USB drives. With the many thousand files I have...I don't trust the cloud. Some of my earlier files are stored on cds and dvd as data files. Storing things in the cd format limits the format to that for playing music and is not sufficient for some of my higher resolution files. Many are in 24/96 format and would be degraded as cd music files. For much home listening I use vinyl. Most are not digitized and with care can be played a lot of times on good gear (mine is). Probably in the 1000s range before any sonic issues are noted so there is no need to copy them. BTW most new vinyl comes with digital copies either on a cd or from the web. I also use reel to reel tape for some music. At 7.5 inches per second a standard 1200 foot tape will handle 30 minutes per side. The resolution and quality is very hard to tell from the original source (usually vinyl). As a purely analog method it avoids any possibility of the digitizing process screwing something up.