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 **Decide on a structure that is easy for you to understand and access**

-  **Organise by subjects**
 -  Biology
 -  Physics
 -  Chemistry
-  **Organise by time**
 -  April
 -  May
 -  August
-  **Organise by file types**
 -  Word
 -  Excel
 -  PDF



Data backup

- Not everything lasts including your hard drives
- There are 2 types of back ups: **external hard disks** and **cloud back up**
- It is best to backup on both system in case one of them fails
- Backup is **extremely** important as it saves valuable documents like your thesis and research papers



Other tips on file organisation

- **Try not to keep any files on your desktop.** If you must, organise them in folders
- Immediately **delete downloaded installers** as it clutters and takes up space on your drive
- Try to make it a habit to **file your documents immediately.**
If not, make time to sort your files once a week before it gets out of hand
- Your files and folders name should be relevant to what the contents are
- **Use the search tool** on your laptop/desktop to look for files you can't manually find
- **Find the best structure** that truly works for you and make sure you stick to the organisation
- Organising your files will **save you a lot of time**