It’s nice to have a lot of memory if we are to be working with rather big datasets. I got 2 sticks of 16 GB, for a total of 32 GB of RAM, and plan to buy another 32 GB later.

Following Jeremy Howard’s advice, I got a fast SSD disk to keep my OS and current data on, and then a slow spinning HDD for those huge datasets (like ImageNet).SSD: I remember when I got my first Macbook Air years ago, how blown away was I by the SSD speed.