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jamalloy@xxxxxxx Wrote:

Mountain, I was just curious as to what is a proper amount of RAM when using today's digital software.

Most software today are huge in size and require a lot of processing power which is the function of the CPU. On the other hand, RAM or random access memory will commit some of those processes into memory resulting in faster access to your programs and/or files.

I personally think that 1 gig of RAM is optimal. Bumping up your RAM is the cheapest way to increase your computer's performance.

Mine says 512/MB SyncDRAM Total System Memory. The RAM acronym variants are confusing to me.

You have the older and slower kind of RAM which is SDRAM. The newer computers use DDR2. The difference in speed and performance is like a ford versus a ferrari. However, if you want DDR2, you will have to buy a new motherboard compatible with DDR2.

Also, I have been reading a lot about the Dell computers' double-core technology. Would this type of capability be beneficial to those transcribing with digital files, enabling the software to work quicker, or would the double-core technology not make any difference?

Remember that Dell did not manufacture double core technology. Double core refers to the two (2) CPUs in one core made by Pentium and AMD.

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Dell, HP, and other computer makers are just using the dual-core CPU chips to power some of their high-end computer models.

Dual-core is ideal for voice recognition. It is also ideal if you open several software programs at once, i.e. MSWord, your word expander, your audio player to play the dictations (using a footpedal), your IE or Firefox browser for research.

In other words, dual-core is *very* beneficial for transcribing digital files.

If you have the budget, I highly recommend buying dual-core.

TIP

Dell usually offers a lot of rebates each and every quarter when they try to dump inventory. You should also take advantage of Dell coupons floating around the net. Google search those Dell coupons and use them to save even more.

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