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I could not do my transcription with a laptop keyboard. I have a totally split keyboard I plug in if I am working. I can use the laptop keyboard okay for personal stuff and actually most of the personal stuff is photography, so it works fine for that. But if I travel with the laptop I put the plug-in keyboard in my luggage as I couldn't manage the accuracy and speed I need for my work on the laptop keyboard.

Barb C.

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Thanks Barb,

We do have a local sharp here in town, and they are the Dell retailer. I have a Toshiba laptop Quoismo (sp) that I got last year for a backup. Gotta ask you this, how hard is it to get used to transcribing the reports on a laptop? I use a split keyboard, and I don't know if I could get used to using the laptop keyboard. Whatcha think?

Laura

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The only "brand" I've ever bought is my laptops--I've had a Sharp, a Gateway, and my current Toshiba, which I am absolutely happy with--ordered it custom and paid a premium price, but it was worth it.

As for desk tops I've always had them built to my specs by a local business. I've never found one "off the shelf" that was exactly what I wanted. My last desk top I stressed that while I wanted the best price he could give me, QUALITY was most important. I've had it 3 years, and it's the best computer I've owned. I'm afraid to say how good it has been for fear of jinxing it!

My son has an HP he is happy with, but I've heard a lot of complaints. I've heard good things about Dell, but when I talked to them 3 years ago they didn't want to "build one for me". They insisted on including things I did not want, and did not offer things I did. Gateway used to

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have a good reputation many years ago, but I have not heard good things lately. There are some good prices on E machines (I think that's the name) and I've heard some good things about them, too.

I think some things are the "luck of the draw." My computer guru son says a high percentage of computer components are defective. He stopped building computers for people just because of the hassle of having to get parts exchanged and not meeting deadlines as a result! He still builds Linux servers.

My advice is find a knowledgeable, reputable local person or company and have it built to your specs. The big advantage of that is if there are problems there is someone local to take care of it. Beats shipping costs and time lost when there are problems.

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I am going to be replacing my desktop soon, and I was wondering what brands to steer toward or away. It has been a long time since I have been in the market for one, and I just don't have a clue as to what kind.

Laura