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Revamping PC for Remote Interpreting

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My apologies for not delivering this newsletter to you sooner!

Since the last issue, I have been translating documents while doing research to add a laptop to my home office setup.

I had been primarily relying on my Surface Pro 6 since 2019, but a recent issue with Ethernet prompted me to start shopping for a laptop.

Thanks to the help of my husband and his best friend, I am happy (and relieved!) to report that I am writing this newsletter on a brand-new HP!

Here are some considerations that helped me narrow down the options for a budget-friendly laptop with remote interpreting in mind:

1. Intel Core i5 or better (Intel Core i5 or equivalent is typically required by remote interpreting agencies)
2. Related to #1, minimum of 3500 CPU benchmark
3. At least 4GB of RAM (I opted for 8GB)
4. SSD for speed and power efficiency
4. Windows 11
5. Screen size of 15.6" or larger
6. Dual-monitor capability (My options were DisplayPort, USB-C and HDMI. In the photo above, I have yet to set up the second monitor.)
7. Last but not least, Ethernet port

I referred to the following resources before making the final decision:

[Setting up a Work Environment & Best Practices for RSI](#) by Naomi Bowman

[私のリモート環境——リモート通訳を安心・快適に行うために](#) "My remote environment: for a piece of mind and comfort in delivering remote interpreting"¹ by Yuka Taniyama

I hope this will help reduce the amount of research if you are (or will be) looking for a laptop with remote interpreting capability.

The next Borderless Defined will be in your inbox in the week of June 27, 2022.

Thanks for reading!

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¹ This title is was translated from Japanese to English by Noriko Rogers.

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