Anatomy of a geek desktop
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I did have many computers – laptop, desktop, old BBC Micros, Mac SE/30 – but gave them all away when I moved to Philadelphia. Now I just use my ThinkPad T42, which goes everywhere with me.

This is my home-made cable organiser. It's made of a toe separator (for separating your toes when you're painting your toenails) and stops my cables from falling down the back of my desk. I'm immensely proud of it.

These are just some of my books. The rest are in Cambridge, UK, and will be joining me at some point.

Coffee. Necessary for getting anything done.

Large stack of papers, most of which are PhD-related notes. I'm getting to the thesis-writing phase, so the stacks of paper are increasing in size and number.

I've had my trusty Timbuk2 bag for over three years and love it.

Pile of electronics: Nokia 770 and charger, spare laptop battery, Canon S400 (stored in an old sock).