

Choosing Video Recording Headsets and Webcams

Headset Suggestions

(Don't use a Microphone/Speaker, the recording can be difficult to hear)

1. **Know the operating system you'll be recording on, such as Windows 7;** make sure the headset you buy works with your operating system!
2. **Plug in with a USB adaptor:** Other types of connections can pick up outside noises
3. **Make sure it's "plug and play":** You can plug it in and start using it on your computer fairly quickly
4. **Get Two earphones** vs one earphone: it blocks more outside noises
5. **Adjustable headset:** Make sure it's comfortable
6. Nice to have: **Noise-canceling microphone:** Helps with feedback and echoes
7. Nice to have: **Adjustable mouth piece**



Note: You don't need to buy an expensive headset; Logitech has reasonable, durable headsets

Don't get:

- **Gaming headsets** (they're expensive)
- **Wireless:** Can have static issues and depending on the power capabilities, can quickly run out of power

Webcam Suggestions (not required, many notebooks have them installed)

1. **Know your operating system, such as Windows 7, and make sure the webcam works with it!**
2. **Plug in with a USB adaptor:** Plug and play is the best: No software has to be downloaded or installed
3. **Universal Clip:** Allows the webcam to fit on most laptops and monitors
4. **Cord:** Make sure it's long enough to plug into your usb slot
5. Nice to have: **Rotates 180 to 360 degrees**

Note: If you have a Mac computer: Be careful-many webcams only work with Windows computers