

Tools for the job

There is a wealth of equipment on the market for capturing & creating content.

Media services has tested many different pieces of kit and below are our recommendations based on a compromise between quality, cost & usability.

Camera

The camera that is recommended is the Logitech c920. While producing a very sharp picture, it's audio is also very good.



Aside from its flexible mounting options, there is also a screw mount on the underside to attach it to a stand

Computer

It is important that your Laptop or PC is capable of dealing with the demands of modern media. As a baseline specification, the Desktop recorder requires:

Windows 7, Windows 8 or 8.1 (running in Desktop mode)

Mac OS X 10.8 or 10.9

2.4GHz Core2 Duo CPU or equivalent

4 GB RAM

At least 1 GB of free disk space

It will run on other devices but the software's operation may not be smooth.

Microphones

There are a range of microphone styles depending on how you like to present. Below would be our recommendations for each scenario. Don't forget, your webcam may be sufficient at your desk.

Boundary Mic

The Beyerdynamic MPC70 is a very good quality USB mic. Good for lecture theatres and other meeting environments. Comes complete with USB cable and has a mute button.



Headset mic

The Audio-Technica ATH-330COM is a very cost effective operator style headset. It gives the added value of headphones to review recordings.



Wireless Mic

The Revolabs X-Tag is a good value wireless lapel microphone. It has a USB docking & charging station. The X-Tag is very compact and the audio is encrypted.



All of the kit detailed above is available from the Information Services computer shop in the McClay Library. More advanced equipment is of course available, should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.