



EQUIPMENT & SOFTWARE

Microphones

XLR and USB are cable types for microphones. XLR mics provide better audio quality but require extra equipment and can be pricier. USB mics are user-friendly, cost-effective, and plug directly into a computer and there are some fantastic options for podcasters. Some mics include both cable types.

Dynamic and condenser microphones are two different types of microphones with distinct features. Dynamic microphones are ideal for recording in spaces with background noise, while condenser microphones are better suited to sound-treated areas like professional recording studios. Knowing where you'll be recording and the space's characteristics can help in choosing the right microphone for your needs.

Recommended Microphones



Audio Technica ATR2100



Samson Q2U

**Highly
recommended:
Great plug & play
USB microphone**



Rode NT USB



Rode Procaster

**Highly
recommended:
Excellent sound
quality but need
stand/arm**



Rode Podmic
USB & XLR



Rode Podcaster



Rode SmartLav



Rode Wireless Go II

**Recommended:
Rode Wireless Go II
if you need
portability**

Professional Set-ups



Rodecaster Pro II



Zoom H5



Zoom H6



Focus Scarlett mixer

Headphones

Headphones are essential for monitoring audio when recording and for editing and production in podcasting. They enable real-time issue detection and fixing. Good quality headphones don't necessarily require a huge investment but you want to look for wired and closed back. If you have a tight budget, you could use the headphones that come with your phone.



Audio Technica ATH M20X



Rode NTH-100



Sennheiser HD 400S

Accessories



Rode Boom Arm



Universal Boom Arm with Pop Filter



Mic Stand



XLR-to-USB Signal Adapter



Pop filters



Acoustic shields/boxes

When buying a boom arm or microphone stand, it is recommended to also purchase a shock mount to protect it from vibrations. It is important to choose a shock mount that is suitable for your microphone.

Software

Recording

[Squadcast](#) - includes Descript which is great for editing and AI transcripts (interviews & solo)

[Riverside FM](#) (interviews & solo)

Zoom (interviews - quality not quite as good as Squadcast or Riverside FM)

Audacity (solo only)

Garageband (solo only)

Editing

[Descript](#) (subscription includes Squadcast for recording)

[Audacity](#)

[Garageband](#)

Additional Editing

[Auphonic](#) - polishes final mp3, adds tags and can create AI transcripts and show notes

Podcast Hosting

[Captive FM](#)

[Buzzsprout](#)

[Libsyn](#)

[Podbean](#)

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