

Podcasting Equipment

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Some people think they need a professional recording studio with expensive equipment to start a podcast. This is not true. Below I provide the essential equipment you will need as well as some add-ons as you go along.

The Essentials:

1) Microphone

- Basic: [ATR 2100](#)
 - I used this for about my first 12 episodes. It's an affordable and effective USB microphone.
- Advanced: [Heil PR 40](#)
 - This is what I currently use. It's very expensive but very effective, and it gets rid of much of the surrounding noise, even if you're not recording in an ideal place.
 - My [Heil PR 40](#) setup has a few other bells and whistles to make it work smoothly. Again, it's not all cheap, but this not strictly essential and the more affordable microphone works well too. However, if you want to go the Heil PR 40 route, I suggest you get these too.
 - [Heil Mic Boom Arm](#)
 - [Heil Shockmount](#)
 - [Shure XLR to USB adapter](#)
 - [XLR Cable](#)

2) Recording software

- *Audacity* - This is what I use and it can be downloaded for free.
- *Garageband* - An alternative that comes free with any Mac.

3) ECamm Recorder for Skype OR [Squadcast](#)

- ECamm is great tool for podcast interviews. It's very affordable and you only pay for it once. It allows you to record any Skype call and use the audio as a podcast episode!
- Squadcast is what I currently use for interviews. It's a monthly service and very good.
- Technically, these are not *strictly essential*. But if you want to do interviews one day, you will need this or something like it.

*That's all you need to start recording and releasing your podcast!
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