



## Suggestions for hardware and software<sup>1</sup>

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IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS,  
PLEASE LET ME KNOW!

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<sup>1</sup> Disclaimer: I do not promise that any of these will be the best for your purposes. Some of the links might be affiliate links, which means that if you buy through these links I might get a referral fee. If you prefer not to risk this, google the company and buy that way ☺.



## Microphone

If you want to use a hand-held microphone, the rode podcaster is a good one.  
If you want to use a lapel microphone, the sennheiser or rode lapel mics are top quality but expensive. Any lapel mic will do a reasonable job.

## Camera

I use a canon, but most of the video cameras these days are good. Look for ones that can connect to a tripod.  
You can use an iphone or an ipad to video.

## Connecting an ipad to a tripod

I have an ipad attachment for my tripod.  
You can make your own, though. This is a youtube video that shows you how:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrT4swynyek>

## Tripod

I use a velbon tripod, but you can purchase small table tripods which are adequate.

## Recording device

The Sony ICD-UX is a reliable digital voice recorder.

## Recording apps for phone and ipad

There are more voice recording apps for iPhone and ipad than you could ever hope to try, and most them don't offer much more than the simple functionality you get with Apple's built-in Voice Memo app.  
However, if I were to suggest one,  
*Audio Memos* allows you to control your recordings and makes them very easy to share.  
For non-apple phones and pads, *Cogi Notes and Voice recorder* does a great job.

## Editing software – audio

If you have a mac computer, Garageband is built in.  
Audacity is a free program that also works well, and has a PC version.

## Editing software – video

Imovie is built in to apple computers.  
Moviemaker is a good basic, easy to use PC program.  
Final Cut Pro is for the more adventurous.  
You can use powerpoint if you want to!

## Photobook providers

There are many, many, photobook providers.  
Mixbook,

Shutterfly,  
MyCanvas,  
Picaboo,  
Kolo,  
Snapfish,  
Prestophoto  
Smilebooks  
Mypublisher  
<http://www.lulu.com>

The list goes on, and there will be advocates for each one. I would advise you to purchase a “deal” from one of them and give several a go.  
The end result is usually very professional.

### **Easy website builders**

Wix is a very easy website builder, as is Weebly.  
I created a website in less than a day with no experience.

### **Cd and dvd makers**

There are many firms that will make cds and dvds from your files.  
If you want, you can burn your audio to dvd from garageband or audacity.  
You can burn a dvd from imovie or moviemaker.  
You can add chapters and an introduction through idvd or any of the other dvd authoring programs.

### **Transcription**

You can get your audio files transcribed by a professional transcriber  
Or you can send them to transcribers on:  
Fiverr, elance, odesk, or peopleperhour (some of these options are better than others, depending on how much time you want to spend editing afterwards.)

### **Editing and proofreading**

The Write Impression is a good editing service. I say that because it is my company  
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### **Printing**

You can have books printed at most copying firms.  
If you want to sell the books, Kindle is a good way of having ebooks to download.  
From kindle, you can go to createspace and format the book as a paperback or hardback.  
Kindle has step by step instructions here:  
<https://kdp.amazon.com/>

## Sources for music

Several sites offer music under creative commons licences.

- <http://www.freestockmusic.com/>
- [ccMixer](#)
- [Free Music Archive](#)
- [Jamendo](#)
- [Magnatune](#)
- [Simuze](#)
- [BeatPick](#)
- [CASH Music](#)
- [SectionZ](#)
- [Opsound](#)
- [Podsafe Audio](#)
- [AudioFarm](#)
- [Internet Archive's Netlabels Collection](#)

Just check the licence type for the music you choose.

## Sources for free photos

Many, but I like

<http://all-free-download.com/free-photos/>

Audio and video sharing sites

Please be aware that copyrighted music cannot be used in the background (for legal reasons) if you upload to these sites.

Amazon AWS

Vimeo

You tube

## Podcasts

There is an excellent set of instructions about how to make a podcast here:

<https://www.apple.com/itunes/podcasts/specs.html> [archive.org](#),

## Voice-to-text programs

dragon dictation has its problems, but many people swear by it.

## ghostwriting options

You can hire a ghostwriter to write a biography or an autobiography for you.

The Write Impression offers this service, too.

## Preferred File types for saving video

quicktime, Mp4, .mov

## **File types for saving audio**

MP3

## **transfer film to computer**

A non-professional but do-it-yourself way to transfer film to computer.

You will need a very dark, quiet room. Project the film onto a screen and set up a video camera on a tripod above and behind the projector. You can then capture the projected film onto video.

## **Recording what is on your computer screen.**

This is good for powerpoint photo compilations that you want to add voiceover to, or for recording skype conversations. (Just let the person know that you will be recording them.)

Screenflow (for a Mac)

Camtasia (for a PC).

## **How to make a pdf**

<http://www.wikihow.com/Create-PDF-Files>

## **How to set up a secret facebook group.**

There is a good slideshow on how to do this here:

<http://mashable.com/2013/05/26/how-to-secret-facebook-group/#gallery/secret-facebook-group/520c84033182974a8100038d>

## **isbn**

If you are publishing a book, you may need an isbn.

You get those from Bowker.

## **Done-for-you solutions:**

<http://www.talestotreasure.com.au/>