



record better demos

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(Bare Essentials) Home Studio Equipment List:

Computer:

At least 1Gb CPU and 1Gb of ram will suffice, but if you can aim for a higher spec machine as the more CPU and RAM the better your system will perform and work with your software.

Audio Interface:

Select an interface with enough inputs for the types of instruments you may want to record including acoustic drums. You should also consider if recording in stereo or mono. If recording in stereo you will require at least two inputs that can operate simultaneously.

Microphone, XLR cable, Mic Stand and Pop Filter:

Cardioid condenser microphones are ideal if you only have one microphone as they are sensitive and work well accross a variety of instruments including vocals. If you can stretch to two consider a small diaphragm mic for recording instruments.

You should also acquire a microphone stand to prevent mechanical vibrations and a pop filter if recording vocals to minimise plosives (The T, K and P sound associated with words begining with T, K or P andsibilance (the Shhhh sound heard with words begining with the letter S).

Studio Monitors:

Reliable studio monitors offer a more accurate (taking into account room ambience) reference of your mix, however if you are restircted either from a budget standpoint or due to noise restrictions headphones will suffice, at least to begin with.

Closed Back Headphones:

Headphones are essential for recording. Closed back headphones are preferable as they are less likely to spill onto the recording

DAW (Digital Audio Workstation aka Recording, Editing and Mixing Software):

There are many free options (including Garageband and Pro Tools First) that offer more than enough funcionality for the typical home studio environment.