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Best Practices for Recording on a Computer

Follow these tips for the best experience when recording on a computer.

See [Host Checklist and Tips](#) or [Guest Checklist and Tips](#) for more info.

Computer & Internet

1. Use a computer with the **Google Chrome** or **Microsoft Edge** browser that is up-to-date.
2. Temporarily turn off any VPNs, browser extensions, content blockers, or firewalls.
3. Ensure a stable internet connection. You can test it here.
4. During the recording, **close other browser tabs and applications, especially any that use your microphone or camera** or require a lot of your computer's processing power.

IMPORTANT:

After you finish recording, **leave the Riverside browser window open** until you see the **Upload Complete confirmation**.

Audio & Video

1. Check our [equipment guide suggestions](#) for your specific mic and camera.
2. Wear **headphones** to prevent echo and increase overall audio quality.
3. Use an **external microphone** rather than your device's built-in mic. We recommend a **wired microphone**. However, a wireless microphone or a microphone built into **wired headphones** is also suitable.
4. Before recording, check and adjust your microphone sensitivity settings.
5. Test and preview your camera: riverside.fm/webcam-test.
6. If you plan to **share your screen**, test it in the Riverside Studio before the recording begins.

TIPS:

If using a **laptop's built-in webcam**, put your laptop on something to bring the camera to the same height as your eyes.

If possible, **record in a quiet space with daylight or with a lamp in front of you**. The strongest light source should be in front of you, not behind you.

Learn more

- [How to Produce the BEST Remote Video Interviews | Riverside Masterclass \(Riverside YouTube Channel\)](#)