



OTHER HARDWARE COSTS

This document outlines some of the audio and video digitization equipment available on the market. Some of these setups have been used at times at Washington State University. See other documents detailing our current setups.

AUDIO CAPTURE DEVICES

AGPtek® Tape to PC Super USB Cassette-to-MP3:

Available at [Amazon](#) \$18.99 (2015-10-14)

Pros: Cheap, easy to use

Cons: Only converts to mp3, not great quality construction or recordings

ZOOM H4n Handy Recorder:

<https://www.zoom-na.com/products/field-video-recording/field-recording/zoom-h4n-handly-recorder>

Available at [B&H](#) \$219.99 (2015-10-14)

Pros: Mid-price, can also be used to record in the field (eg: for oral history projects)

Cons: Not as reliable as a dedicated sound card

AVID Mbox Pro:

<https://www.avid.com/US/products/Mbox>

Available at [B&H](#) \$499.99 without Pro Tools bundle (2015-10-14)

Available at [B&H](#) \$799.99 with Pro Tools bundle (2015-10-14)

Pros: Very good quality, allows for level adjustment and balancing

Cons: Expensive, requires Firewire port on computer

Sound Devices USBPre 2:

<http://www.sounddevices.com/products/portable-audio-tools/usbpre2>

Available at [B&H](#) \$879.00 (2015-10-14)

Pros: Very good quality, allows for level adjustment balancing, uses USB output to computer

Cons: Expensive

VIDEO CAPTURE DEVICES

elgato video capture:

<https://www.elgato.com/en/video/video-capture>

Available at [B&H](#) \$72.99 (2015-10-14)

Pros: Cheap, easy to use

Cons: Only converts to MPEG4, not great quality

Elmo Telecine:

Discontinued, available sporadically on eBay

Pros: One of the only options for 8mm and 16mm film digitization

Cons: Expensive, difficult to get

STORAGE DEVICES

Hitachi Ultrastar:

<http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16822145476>

Available at [New Egg](#) \$169.89 (2015-10-17)

Quantum SuperLoader 3 (Tape Drive):

<http://www.quantum.com/products/autoloaders/superloader3/index.aspx>

Available at [Tiger Direct](#) \$2,149.99 (2015-10-17)

Note: More recommendations available, the above are just a couple suggestions from Alex Merrill's presentation. It is best to consult with multiple people and your IT team when considering digital storage solutions.