When it comes to preparing your SD card and flashing it with an Operating System for your Raspberry Pi, you have two options.

Both of these options are **FREE** to download and use.

1. [Etcher](https://www.balena.io/etcher/)

2. [Raspberry Pi Imager](https://www.raspberrypi.org/downloads/)

I describe how to use both in this course.

Etcher has been around for quite a while and is one of the most popular flashing software options that is available.

The Raspberry Pi Imager was recently created by the Raspberry Pi Foundation so I also updated some videos to also cover it.

In the upcoming videos, I show how to use both options and it is good to play around with both and choose what is best for you.