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Screen and video recording and viewing tips

Throughout this course you will asked to record yourself and your computer screen with audio. While we do not endorse any particular software program, we have included here some ideas for creating and viewing these recordings.

All uploaded videos should be in .mp4 format.
It's impossible for us to anticipate all platforms, set ups, etc, in order to provide a general solution to video and screen recording. However, if you have a question about any of this, the other learners can probably help you out, so please don't hesitate to post a question and ask for help.

Capturing video of yourself

Any video camera will do as long as it can capture video and audio that is high enough quality that someone else can reasonably see you and your drawings, and can hear your audio. Cell phones, flip cameras, or any other recording device you have is probably fine.

Screen and audio capture

There are many programs, some free and some for purchase, that can capture a video of your screen along with the audio through an attached or built-in microphone. If you're on a mac you're in luck because the mac has [built-in screen recording software](). Those of us who use Windows have used [TechSmith's SnagIt]() for simple screen video and audio capture with good results. It has a 15-day free trial if you want to try it out.

For other options, try a Google search, and if you know of good software, please post a discussion thread with your recommendations. When we get enough good recommendations, we'll pin it for future learners to see.

Video format and conversion

.mp4 video is relatively easy to produce and convert to. If you cannot directly save your video as .mp4 format, a Google search for "mp4 converter" will yield a number of possible programs for you to try.