# **Basic Video Streaming**

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## What We'll Cover

- Video/Audio Gear
- Setting up Gear for Streaming
- Streaming Options

## Selecting a Camera

- Needed Features
  - HD (4k is nice, but not needed)
  - HDMI Output (so you can get the picture to a Zoom computer)
  - Audio Input (so you can accept a microphone) and Output (so you can monitor)
- http://bhphotovideo.com Search on "Consumer Camcorders"







\$250 Canon Vixia HF R800 Kit

\$800 Panasonic HC-VX1

\$1300 Sony HXR-NX88

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# Using Your Smartphone as a Camera



#### **EpocCam**

(among others) \$8 app makes your Smartphone look like an external camera

USB or Wireless (WiFi) connection

# Using an External Video Camera

- HDMI is a common External Connector for Cameras
- Computers accept USB
  (or USB-c) as input
  Computers generally use HDMI for OUTPUT, not Input
- Use an HDMI-to-USB converter: \$50-100



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# Using More than One Camera



Using the Zoom Video Menu



BlackMagic ATEM Mini Multiple HDMI Inputs **USB-C Output to Computer** About \$300

#### Advanced Live Production - OBS

#### Open Broadcaster Software



- Software Video Mixer
- Free/Open Source
- Basic Effects
  - Fades and Wipes
  - Graphics
  - Video playback
  - Picture-in-Picture

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# Using an External Mic into a Computer

#### Focusrite Scarlet 2i2 USB Audio Interface



• Input: XLR Audio

• Output: USB to your Computer

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# More than One Audio Input – Audio Mixer



• Inputs XLR Audio

• Output: XLR Audio

• Many Integrate a USB Interface

## Streaming Experiences

- Zoom
  - 1-to-1 interaction: everyone can Chat, turn on mic
  - · Everyone has control over what they want to see
- Facebook
  - Events are easy to publicize directly on Social Media; Video integrated on Webpage
- YouTube
  - · Widely known video hosting; Live Chat
- Custom
  - To a TV Station
  - To a Re-stream Service (Castr, restream, etc) for multiple destinations

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## Practicalities – it's not just equipment...

- How many Cameras?
  - Will you have enough people to run them?
- How many microphones?
  - Will you have someone mixing the audio live?
- Need to show pre-made Video?
- Who will maintain and debug?

Questions?