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## Training Presentation

Web Streaming

# Introduction

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- ▶ What is Web Streaming?
- ▶ Who is Streaming?
- ▶ Web Stream Process
- ▶ Types of Streams
- ▶ How to Stream for Free



## Who Is Streaming?

- ▶ Everyone who wants to make money, expand their business or save money.



# Web Stream Process

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- ▶ Acquire
- ▶ Encode
- ▶ Transmit
- ▶ Distribute
- ▶ Decode



# Acquire

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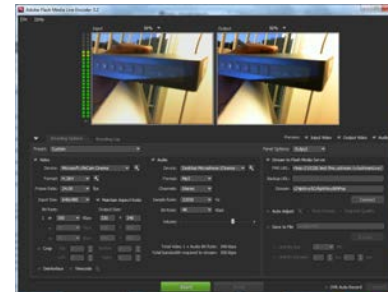
▶ Garbage In Garbage Out



# Encode

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- ▶ Decision to make: Hardware or Software?
- ▶ What's your budget?
- ▶ What do you have already?
- ▶ Who will receive your stream?



## Transmit

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- ▶ Getting your stream to the Internet can be simple...
- ▶ ... or very difficult.
- ▶ Firewalls can be a problem in hotels
- ▶ Make sure you have adequate bandwidth
- ▶ Have a reliable signal. **DO NOT RELY ON WiFi!**
- ▶ Use a hardwired connection where at all possible
- ▶ Test before, during, and after your stream
- ▶ Wireless may be used in some cases.



## Distribute

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- ▶ Ideally, use a content delivery network (CDN)
  - ▶ A CDN takes your stream and redistributes it to many
  - ▶ A CDN can be free with ads or paid with no ads
  - ▶ An advanced CDN is called an Online Video Platform (OVP)
  - ▶ OVPs are a type of cloud service
- ▶ You can stream directly from your encoder **IF**
  - ▶ You are simply going point-to-point
  - ▶ You have very few viewers
  - ▶ You have ample bandwidth





# Types of Streams

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- ▶ **Live**
- ▶ **Video On Demand (VOD)**
- ▶ **Push**
  - ▶ Flash
  - ▶ Windows Media
  - ▶ Real
  - ▶ HTTP
    - ▶ Silverlight Smooth Streaming
    - ▶ Apple HTTP live streaming
    - ▶ Adobe Dynamic Streaming
- ▶ **Pull**
  - ▶ Windows Media
  - ▶ Progressive Download (Not Really Streaming)



## Web Streaming Pros and Cons

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- ▶ **Great things about web streaming**
  - ▶ You can reach a lot of people anywhere
  - ▶ Can be free with advertising
  - ▶ Can make money through advertising or VOD
  - ▶ Powerful way to build a brand
  - ▶ Save money on travel and venue
  - ▶ Can be performed from multiple devices
- ▶ **Not-so-great things about web streaming**
  - ▶ Expensive if not ad supported
  - ▶ Can be complicated to set up
  - ▶ Requires a fast and reliable Internet connection
  - ▶ It's not two-way



## Streaming With NewTek's TriCaster

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- ▶ All-in-one solution that has no equal.
- ▶ Supports
  - ▶ Windows Push/Pull
  - ▶ Flash (Always Push)
- ▶ Easy to set up
- ▶ Built-in web browser for CDN dashboard support
- ▶ Works with any CDN
- ▶ User configurable
- ▶ No expensive options to add-on. It just works.



## Summary

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- ▶ Quality In; Quality Out – Acquire the best possible content.
- ▶ Get the best encoder you can afford.
- ▶ Make sure you have a rock solid Internet connection.
- ▶ Plan ahead to best meet your distribution needs.
- ▶ Remember your content will be viewed on a variety of platforms.
- ▶ Hire a consultant before you get stuck – it's cheaper.

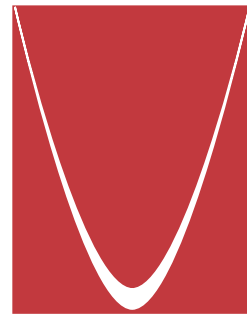




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