



As seen on the show: Music hardware

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Below are the computer, laptop, PC card, and microphone used and featured in the music MSNBC's "The Future is Now: Tech Summit 2004."

PC:

Gateway 710XL Peak Performance system

The system features an Intel® Pentium® 4 processor with HT technology operating at 3.4GHz (powerful brain chips make it possible to manage multiple tracks of recorded music) and a huge 500 gigabyte hard drive (recorded music files are very large, like video).

[Click here to read more from Gateway.](#)

Price: \$4,449.97

PC Card:

Aardvark Audio's Direct Pro Q10

This combination of an advanced sound recording PC card connected to a "break out" box with eight microphone line in jacks makes it possible to record eight lines of live music simultaneously. The package also supports MIDI keyboards. With up to eight microphone lines supported simultaneously, Direct Pro Q10 can be used to record his drums and other band members. Price: about \$850.

[For more information, click here.](#)

Laptop for Lester Holt's live bass recording:

Alienware Sentia Extreme laptop

- Based on Intel® Centrino Technology
- Intel® Pentium-M Processor 1.7Ghz
- Intel® 855GM Chipset
- Intel® PRO/Wireless 2100
- 14.1" SXGA+ LCD Screen
- RAM 1024MB DDR PC2100
- Hitachi 60GB 7200rpm Hard drive

Price: \$2,548.00

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Microphone:

The USB-connected microphone in box is the M-Audio USB box product costs \$149.00 and gives a beginner a great, easy to install solution for quiet, good quality microphone and/or electric guitar/bass direct connect/input.

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