



Learning Technologies Information Sheet

1. Sony IC Recorder ICD-UX80

What is it?

The Sony IC recorder- ICD UX 80 is a small handheld MP3 recording device about twice the size of a normal memory stick. It plugs into the USB port of any computer to be used as an external memory device that can also play and record MP3s. The ICD UX 80 has stereo built-in microphones suitable for record a business meeting, open lecture or interview or podcast. With reasonable power consumption, this recorder is small enough to use only one AAA batteries. It has an external headphones jack socket on the top along with a small speaker on the back if you need to let others hear your recordings. While the display screen is small, it does scroll the mp3 titles and the file folder names for you to see.

Potential uses for Teaching and Learning:

The any MP3 recorder/player has great potential for enhancing teaching and learning. Here are a few examples:

- Using an MP3 recorder to record assessment data.
- The publication or submission of assignments.
- Audio feedback.
- Recording and Podcasting key revision points, reminders, hints and tips or provide oral instructions.
- Record meeting or interviews.
- Provide oral feedback on assignments.
- Create discussion forums using voice records (for example gong).
- Creating a series if discursive podcasts.
- Use as a reflective tool for staff CPD or student Eportfolio.
- Record examples of correct phonics and pronunciation.

Pros and Cons

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- Portable and easy to store.
- The device is easy to use with a clear design.
- The device can record and play back recordings and store additional data if required.
- Comes with an inbuilt USB connector (virtually plug and play).

Cons

- Even when the device is locked the device can be accidentally turned on, however with carefully use this isn't a real problem.
- The size of the LCD display is little small.
- The inbuilt microphone does struggle with heavy ambient noise pollution.