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Advantages

1. Low latency – that means there is very little delay when playing
 through the interface on your computer.
2. Even mid-level soundcards that extend to the pro level cost less than
 \$1000, with many value-priced entries at \$200-300.

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Disadvantages

1. Depending on the number of connections and inputs you need,
 - you may need to buy either a mixer or an audio I/O interface to
 - get the number you need.

2. Using a soundcard on your computer pretty much limits you to
 - recording wherever your computer is located. But there are
 - an increasing number of laptop solutions for mobile recording.
 - (See USB and Firewire.)

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Soundcards selling for under \$300

- Echo MiaMIDI**
- EgoSys Waveterminal 2496**
- M-Audio Audiophile**
- Echo Indigo**

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Soundcards selling for under \$600

- Digital Audio Labs CardDeluxe**
- Frontier Design Group Dakota**
- Echo Layla**
- M-Audio Delta 1010 LT**

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When you're planning to use a microphone or instrument, make sure that the sound card that you purchase has the right kind of inputs.

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Learn more:

You can learn more about sound cards at your local music or electronics store. In addition to a variety of publications like Electronic Musician, there are helpful online sources. Two of our favorites:

Sound Card Basics www.howthingswork.com

Reviews & Ratings www.pcactech.com