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Because of our situation over the past several years, virtual meetings have become mainstream faster than anyone could have hoped, be it for professional conferencing, personal hook-ups, or family gatherings. As a result, webcams that were already at a premium skyrocketed in the blink of an eye.

Many, including myself, who refused to use Apple's infamous built-in potato cams, resorted to other streaming methods. Personally, like a great many others, I latched onto software that turned my iPhone's front-facing camera into my webcam. And a good job it did, too.

I did become tired, however, of having to assemble the rig every time I wanted to speak with someone or, if lucky enough, appear on a podcast. Finally, after countless hours of trying to find a reasonably priced webcam, I stumbled across one at an astonishing price from a reputable brand name - Anker. I introduce the [AnkerWork Conf 200]((bit.ly/37knjRL)) at the low price point of USD $69.99.

You get all you need to get up and stream in the box: the C200, a USB-C to USB-A cable, and the usual paperwork. The QuickStart guide demonstrates two ways of mounting the webcam. You can mount the C200 in either of two ways. You can mount it on a desktop tripod or on the top of your desktop/laptop.

C200 profile.png

I have an ancient 21.5" iMac. Unfortunately, the flip-out piece to help you angle mount the C200 onto your computer wouldn't work for me. It has a small rubber pad with ridges at the end adhered to it, but my iMac would have nothing to do with it. Fortunately, I had a small, inexpensive desktop tripod in my collection of odds and ends, which suited my situation perfectly. I preferred this approach as I could raise the lens to my eye level.

All I needed to do was download the app and install it, and I was ready to start adjusting the settings to my liking.

C200 controls.png

This unit can achieve resolutions of 360p, 720p, 1080p and 2K ultra-clear resolution. I immediately set it to 2K, bringing sharp clarity. And the setting's granularity is as impressive as it is intuitive. (The larger aperture size captures more light so that even without a ring light in low-light settings, you can still look bright and professional with this computer camera.)

And this may be a silly little thing to some, but we all know the stories of computers being hacked into and a ne'er do well viewing you and your surroundings with you being unaware. This unit has an internal shutter you can open and close at your discretion. Only you have complete control of when your cam can be used.

The image settings are so intuitive that there's no need to consult a manual. You can adjust your brightness, sharpness, saturation, and contrast controls via sliders. And if the mood should strike you, you can flip your image 180°.

You can also adjust how much of a field of view the webcam can see by choosing the angle of the lens's opening. Without losing any image quality, you can pick from 65°, 78°, or 95° to show your face or include what's behind you. As far as the layman is concerned, it functions similar to a zoom function.

It also has autofocus which takes less than 0.5 seconds to adjust to keep you, or your presentation, incredibly sharp. Honestly, I never tried to see if I could fool it. But I can say that regardless of which field I set the webcam to, it was instantaneously razor sharp.

As for audio, you can select a directional (90°) or omnidirectional (180°) vocal pickup. Noises outside these areas will be muted. Because of dual mics, AI is used to pick up your voice while simultaneously reducing background noise.

Unfortunately, my experiences with the audio weren't as stellar as with the video. People I tested the system with were impressed with the picture quality while requesting I hook up a different microphone. As I have a podcasting mic, I used that. That combination left everyone impressed. I guess that something had to give to keep the price down.

Try what you have lying around. Depending on your computer's age, your onboard mic won't be Grade A quality, but it could be a definite step-up. Or you could take the money you saved by purchasing this inexpensive webcam and put that towards an inexpensive mic or lavaliere! The price of the two pieces of gear would probably be less than that of a high-end webcam!

The Anker PowerConf C200 can only be used with macOS 10.13 and above. And should someone ask if they could borrow it, it also works on Windows.

You can purchase the C200 at [AnkerWork’s site] (bit.ly/37Svt3W) or [Amazon} ([amzn.to/3KJj8gN](amzn.to/3KJj8gN)[).] (amzn.to/3KJj8gN)](#)

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