When looking at digital recorders, the models out there vary in terms of:

- Price
- Feature sets
- Ease of use
- Size
- Does the model work with a tripod?
- Microphones:
  - Stereo or mono?
  - Directional?
  - Does it work with an external microphone?
- Does it have a headphone jack?
- How many hours of recording time does the model support? (i.e. How many hours of time before you are required to upload the recordings to a computer or some other media? This can easily range from 50 hours all the way up to 600 hours.)
- Type of removable media provided/records to
- Software/audio editors
- Type of format it records to (MP3, WMA, other)
High End ($200+)

- **H4 Pocket-Size Digital Audio Recorder – ~$240 - $300**
  - http://www.amazon.com/Zoom-ZOO-H4-Handy-Recorder/dp/B000LGA2K6/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=musical-instruments&qid=1244488814&sr=8-1

- **Olympus DS-2400 – ~$240-$300**
  - Advanced features
  - File editor
  - 1GB SD Removable Media (included)
  - Voice activation
  - Direct PC link

- **Olympus DS-61 – ~$220-$300**
  - 530 Hours recording time (internal memory)
  - Removable stereo microphone
Mid Range ($100-$200)

- **H2 Pocket-Size Digital Audio Recorder – ~$140-$180**
  - [http://www.amazon.com/Zoom-H2-Portable-Stereo-Recorder/dp/B000VBH2IG/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&s=musical-instruments&qid=1244488814&sr=8-2](http://www.amazon.com/Zoom-H2-Portable-Stereo-Recorder/dp/B000VBH2IG/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&s=musical-instruments&qid=1244488814&sr=8-2)

- The following two are essentially the same, with size and mac/windows differences (and cost):
  - **Olympus DS-40 – ~$80-$150**
    - Removable stereo microphone
    - 136 hour recording time (internal memory)
    - Records WMA and MP3
    - 32 hours, two AAA batteries
    - Just runs on windows
  - **Olympus DS-50 – ~$150-$300**
    - 275 hours recording time (internal memory)
    - Records WMA and MP3
    - Removable stereo microphone
    - included remote control
    - double the internal memory of the DS-40
    - Runs on both windows and mac
Low End ($25-$100)

- **Olympus WS-210S – ~$50-$80**
  - 138 hours recording time
  - Built in stereo mics
  - PC link via USB directly (has a usb plug built in)
  - Records to WMA
  - Incl. mini headphone and mini mic jacks
  - Positive reviews overall, it seems
    - [http://www.amazon.com/Olympus-WS-210S-Voice-Recorder-141960/dp/B000V3H00A/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=electronics&qid=1245181810&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/Olympus-WS-210S-Voice-Recorder-141960/dp/B000V3H00A/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=electronics&qid=1245181810&sr=8-1)

- **Olympus WS-400S – ~$55-$80**
  - 272 hours recording time
  - PC link via direct USB (has a usb plug built in)
  - Built-in stereo microphones
  - Records to WMA format
  - Support for other languages on screen
  - Includes headphone and mic jacks
  - One AAA battery