WebCams

Web cameras, AKA webcams are devices connected or built in to a computer that allow you to send video across the Internet. Often they are used in conjunction with software such as Skype to allow you to video conference using a technology known as voice over IP. Webcams can also be used to record short videos. Keep in mind that the resolution of these cameras is low. You will not get high quality video from a webcam.

Webcams take many forms; some are separate from computers and plug in, usually through a USB port. Some are built in. Built in webcams appear on both desktop and laptop computers.
Generally, built in webcams require no set-up. The software is preinstalled when you purchase the computer. External webcams require additional software to be installed before you can use the webcam. Because each webcam uses different software, you'll need to refer to the software guide that comes with your webcam or computer to determine how to access and use the software.

Examples of Webcam software