Podcasting in Higher Education

- I. What is Podcasting?
- II. Why do Podcasting?
- III. How to find Podcasts
- IV. How to make Podcasts



I. What is Podcasting?

- Audio file
- Web Server
- .xml file
- "Feed Reader"







II. Why Do Podcasting?

- Recording lectures for repeated listening
- Recording pronunciation of difficult terms
- Recording guest presentations
- Recording reviews of major exams



II. Why Do Podcasting?

- VARK
- Constructivism
- Distance Learning
- memorable, novel approach
- Will student come to class?



III. How to Find Podcasts







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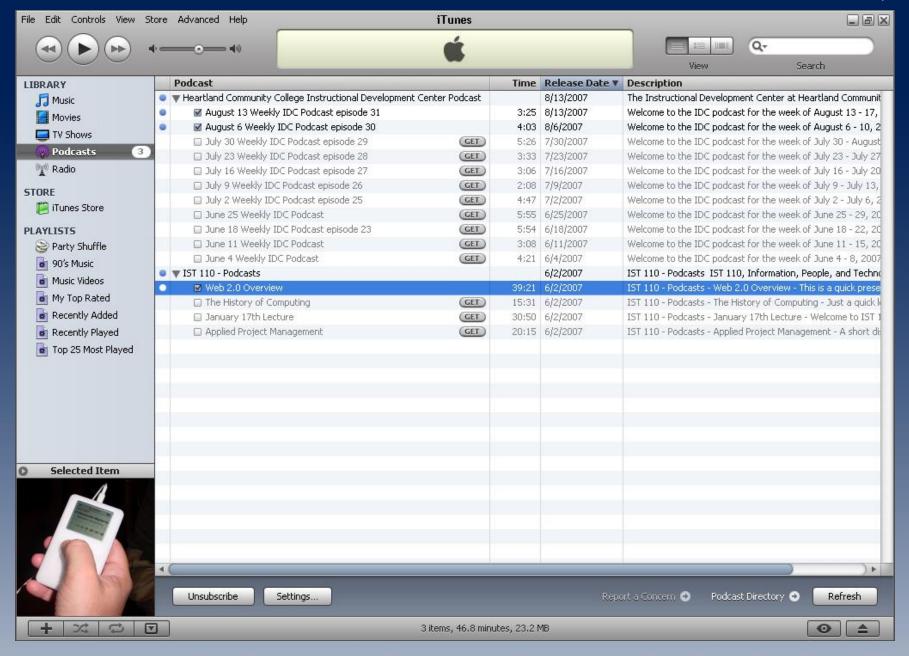
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- freeware through commercial software
- GarageBand (Apple Macintosh only)
- Propaganda (commercial product)
- Audacity (freeware)





A. downloading Audacity

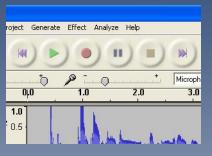
- http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/
- LAME encoder (.mp3)

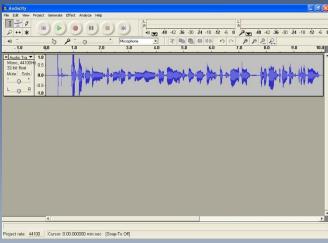


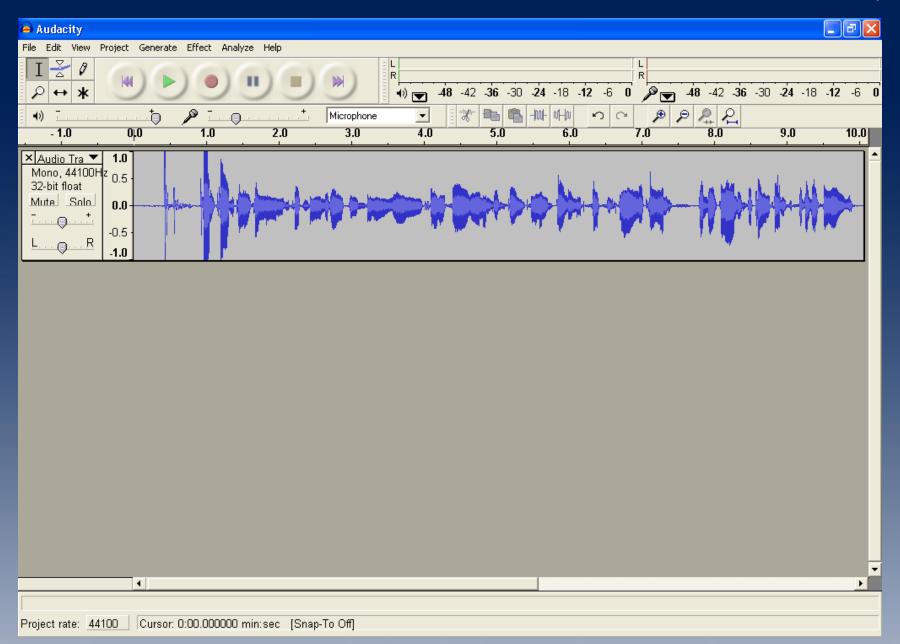


B. Recording the Podcast

- Using a script or outline
- Audacity





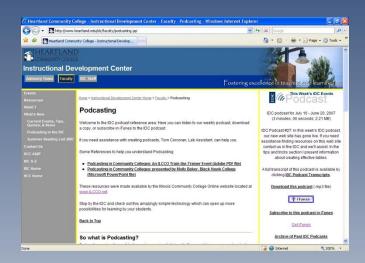


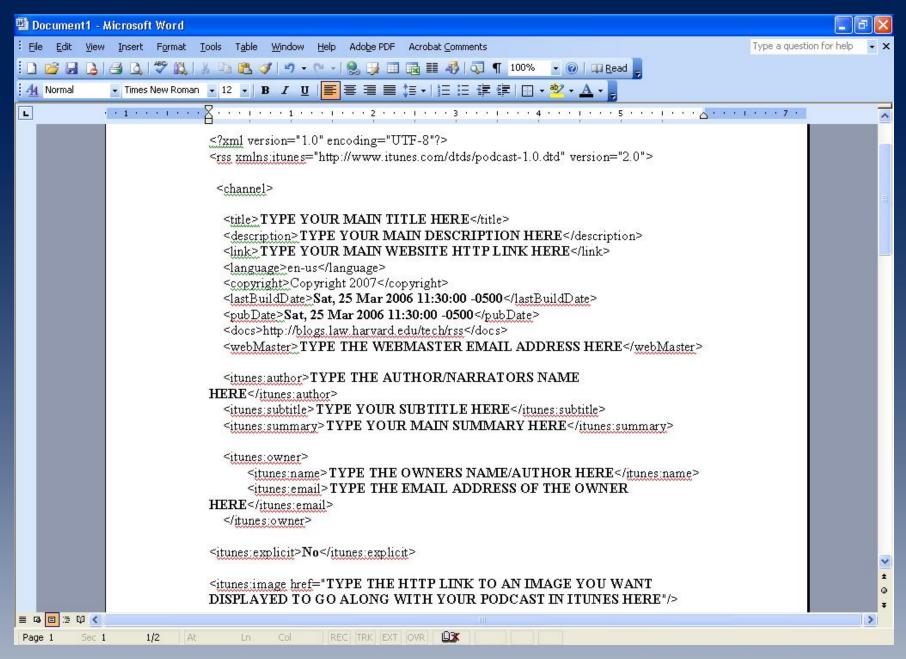


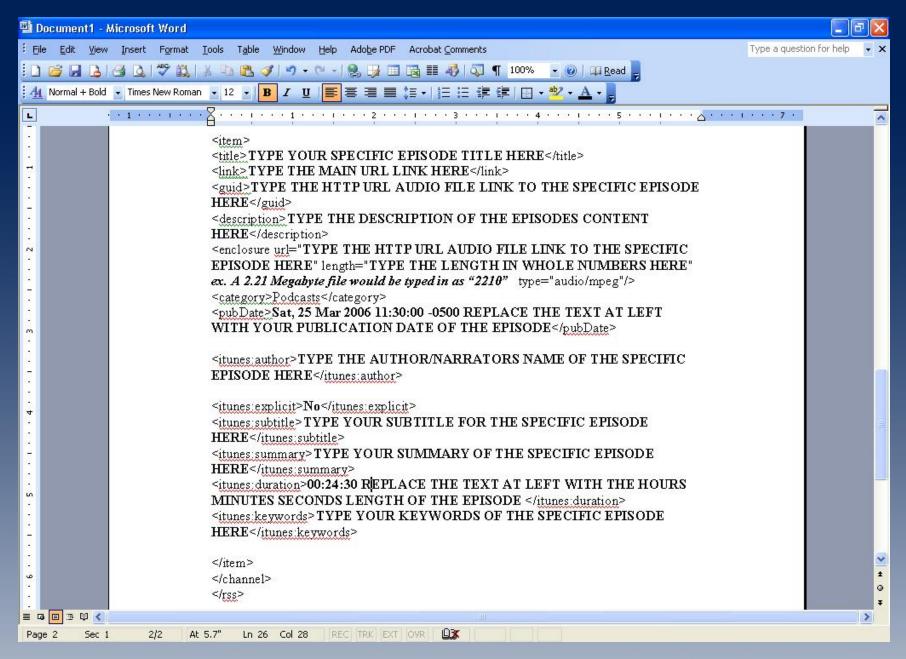
C. Uploading to a Server

- Similar to uploading any file type
- Making an .xml file











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If you need assistance with creating podcasts, Tom Corcoran, Lab Assistant, can help you.

Some References to help you understand Podcasting:

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- Podcasting in Community Colleges: An ILCCO Train-the-Trainer Event (Adobe PDF file)
- Podcasting in Community Colleges: presented by Molly Baker, Black Hawk College (Microsoft PowerPoint file)

These resources were made available by the Illinois Community College Online website located at www.lLCCO.net.

Stop by the IDC and check out this amazingly simple technology which can open up more possibilities for learning by your students.

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So what is Podcasting?

Podcasting makes it possible for you to record a digital audio file, save it to a server, and make the file(s) available to your students via a subscription hypertext link (using a RSS feed or .xml file) into a "feed reader" such as iTunes (a free program to download). Once this is completed your students will only need to click once to subscribe to all of your content (present and future podcast episodes). After subscribing your students simply refresh their subscription in iTunes by clicking "refresh" and your new podcasts will automatically download to their computers. Once on the student's computer they have the choice of listening to the audio in iTunes or connecting a MP3 player (such as an iPod), transferring the file to the MP3 player and listening to your podcast wherever they wish.



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