

Podcasts

I used to enjoy listening to the radio a long time ago. When boom boxes came out you could record a radio show to tape. Now you can listen to the radio again to any show that's available as a podcast, and you don't have to listen at the time it's broadcast. You can listen anytime you want. Not only that, but you can listen to radio shows you have missed, even months ago. And, you can peruse the subjects of those shows from a list online and choose the ones you want to hear.

"Podcast" is a combining of "broadcasting" and "ipod," a portable player.

Most podcasts are MP3 format, a format that compresses original files to 1/10 their original size and still sounds great.

You can have podcasts delivered to your computer automatically by subscribing to an "RSS Feed." ("Really Simple Syndication")

Where do you find podcasts?

- I found many podcasts that interest me on KQED.
- You can Google search for something of interest: Forum
- Another, more general source, is *itunes*.

Here is a list of podcasts that some of my friends and I enjoy:

- Rick Steves Radio Show
- News From Lake Wobegon -- (Google: Prairie Home Companion, Listening, News)
- America's Test Kitchen Radio
- KQED's Forum (Michael Krasney) -- Google: KQED Podcasts, Forum, subscribe to RSS feed.
- This American Life
- Fresh Air
- TED talks
- Science Friday
- Wait, Wait ...Don't Tell Me
- Amateur Traveler Podcast
- Stuff You Missed in History Class

A look at some examples of podcasts from the largest collection of podcasts: **itunes**.

- Music --> Tchaikovsky --> Nutcracker (preview only: everything costs due to copyright law)
- Movies --> Woman of Gold
- TV Shows --> The Crazy Ones -- Pilot
- Podcasts --> New to Podcasts? --> Categories --> Arts --> TED talks --> 15-Jimmy Carter; 11-Society (Fresh Air)
- Radio --> Classic (Click on anything)
- itunes U -- University courses

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