

Computer Club

PODCASTS

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Tue., June 25 - 2:00PM
Brinton Classroom

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Initially, broadcast radio programs were similar to broadcast television – done on a specific schedule and if you wanted to hear an episode you had to ‘make an appointment’ to tune-in.

The availability of VCRs in the 70s made it possible and legal to ‘time-shift’ broadcast TV, all you had to do was set your device to save it.

With the advent of the internet and broadband, it became trivial for radio stations to save audio files and then make them available for streaming or download – known as a PODCAST when streamed.

But now it is no longer necessary that it be a radio program – it can be an audio file from any source. However the convention is that it generally will be a ‘spoken’ program rather than music.

To listen to a PODCAST, you will need a player. The ability to download (for subsequent off-line playing) appears to be controlled by the podcast publisher. In the same way, the ability to 'scrub' – move fast forward or rewind may not be supported. Look for a 'slider' which might appear when you pause.

Here are some suggestions:

For Apple iOS devices (iPhone, iPad) you may find several players at the Apple Store. Apple's "podcast" app comes up first in the search and is a good place to start.

Android – Download from Google Play. I don't use an Android or Kindle (derived from Android) for listening to podcasts, but TuneIn's standard player for Internet radio lists podcast support.

Computer - (Windows, Mac, or Linux) – Your browser probably supports it. The ‘Stitcher’ site may be called upon if your browser doesn’t support playing podcasts directly.

Bruce's

PODCAST

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NPR Podcast Directory

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/> then 'Categories' pull-down upper left

You may also search by name:

- Only a Game
- Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me
- Fresh Air
- Hidden Brain
- Science Friday

Due to my vision situation the rhythms of my 'internal clock' can be messed up. Fortunately, many NPR stations play BBC programs at night, so I found these.

BBC World

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts>

- **The Food Chain**
- **In The Studio**

Mo Rocca - Mobituaries

<https://www.mobituaries.com/the-podcast/>

- **Vaughn Meader: Death of a Career**
- **Sitcom Deaths and Disappearances**

The Independents

So far I have listed podcasts which are affiliated with radio stations and are generally governed by rules established by the FCC as to suitable content. Put another way there is usually someone from “Standards and Practices” who has access to the 7-second beeper.

What I am calling ‘independent’ podcasts do not operate under those rules. That is not to say that they are all tainted by inappropriate content, just be forewarned, just as a book review may alert you to violence, strong language, etc.

<https://podsearch.com/>

- Armchair Expert
- EQMM
- The Moth

The Moth exists to promote story telling. A participant's story is presented to a live audience, must be true, is limited to 10 minutes, and must be told without notes.

I extracted a typical story to close with...



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