

Click, listen & learn from Podcasts.

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The use of Podcasts

- Mother bought Video iPod so daughter can watch podcast - iPod not needed.
- Use of podcasts expanding in entertainment and education.
- 'iTunes U' the future - US Universities.
- Helps promote learning and Universities.

Three types of podcasts

1. Audio Podcast
2. Video Podcast
3. Enhanced Podcast - Audio with some visual presentation (Procast)

Audio Podcasts

- iPod can be used - shuffle £50
- Any mp3 player - use of M4a/M4b files
- Don't really need such - networked laptop or computer needed (with earphones)

Video Podcasts

- Problem with Audio is a lack of words to read and analyse - there is a need to consider words in judgements.
- Use of a Video Mpeg4 camera - problems with size of file and lighting issues within a classroom.
- Results - via Video iPod.

Enhanced Podcast

- Advantage of combining audio with a PowerPoint.
- Opens up in iTunes - can see the PowerPoint at full screen size on the College computer or a laptop.

Profcast benefits

- Easy to create and publish - done in seconds/minutes.
- Students can listen after a lecture - make notes at their own speed (stopping and replaying).
- Useful revision aid.

Students creating podcasts

- Students create PowerPoint presentation - not just the teacher.
- 'Politics Podcast Competition'.
- Students can no longer expect to be passive learners.
- Required to research and present topics. PowerPoints and Podcasts facilitate such learning.
- Creating podcasts is both fun and educational.

Footnotes/info

- See the LawsBlog:
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- See www.profcast.com
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