

Podcasting Basics

What is a Podcast?

be of anything, any time limit
-interview, chat, q&a, talkshow, audiodrama, fiction

Definition : piece of sound, put online, shared with world

Room

-insulate, hang heavy blankets
-quiet room
-close door
-listen for and eliminate background noise
-away from windows

Sound

Sound travels in waves through space can be blocked / absorbed by
-carpet
-foam
-heavy blankets

Cool Equipment


- Mixers
- Field Recorder
- XLR Cable - can travel far, good quality, big round plug with 3 studs, goes from mic to mixer or field recorder.
- XLR Microphones
- USB Microphones

Microphones

Mic Tips

Where do you speak into?

The top for handheld mics .

Look for the label for mics that look different .

Don't fumble!

Control the Mic!

Windscreen blocks wind and mouthy sounds.

Types of Mics

Cardioid <3

Description : Think of the heart above the mic and your voice going into the middle

Uses : To get sound directly from the top/front (no side or back sounds).

Example : What a singer uses on stage

Bi-directional

Description : Gets sound in the front and back

Uses : Interview or two-way conversation

Example : The Snowball mic

Stereo

Description : like bi-directional, but gets left and right (stereo) and has fuller sound

Omni-directional

Description: gets sounds from front, back, sides, all (omni) directions.

Uses: when you want all the sounds in the room, maybe a concert or group of people

Example : Cell phone

USB mics will usually give 3 or 4 options. Check this chart out so you don't forget!

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Your Story

Beginning, Middle, End

Introduce yourself, the show, your segments
Transitions lead from one topic to the next
Music in the background, sound effects, clips, transition/theme music
Change your voice to reflect the mood, use music to highlight the feeling or mood of the story
Close with a sound, closeout words (tagline or motto)

Use an Outline!

Exercise: Hear your show in your mind and write down what you hear

Recording to Audacity

- Create New File
- Record
- Save file
- File>Export as .mp3
- Normalization will regulate and level out sound so there are no really loud parts.

Uploading

Upload your mp3 to:
Soundcloud or other podcast hosting sites like podbean, libsyn, even Youtube - can use a single image with the audio

Share!!

Tell friends and family
** Use a pseudonym/fake name for your online audience! Online safety! **

Great Root Words

Mono - single, one

Omni - all

Bi - two

Audio - sound

Cardio- heart

Pseudo - false

Nym - name

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Lil' TK says THANK YOU!