

How to Create a Podcast - LCAC June 20, 2007

The front of the handout had steps from

<http://www.apple.com/support/garageband/podcasts/recording/>

The back had gory details of demo developed by Beth Katz (katz@cs.millersville.edu):

0. Decide on what you'll podcast about. Gather photos in iPhoto. Write some text. Use short sentences. This is the hard part. Good content is hard to create.
1. Open Garage Band 3 and choose New Podcast Episode. Choose where to save it.
2. Click on the Podcast Track. In the Media Browser (in the menu choose Control and Show Media Browser), choose your title photo and drag it to Episode Artwork. There's also a button.
2. Choose a voice track. I chose the existing Female Narrator track. It's a Real Instrument. I turned on Gate and Compressor in the Effects settings found under Details. Double-click on the track's icon if the track info isn't showing in place of the Media Browser. There's also a button.
3. Record your words. You can stop after each paragraph if you wish. That lets you edit sections and have a short pause with music fading in between paragraphs. You can move the ends to edit.
4. Save. That's an important step. Save frequently.
5. Click on the Loop Browser and find a Jingle. Move to the beginning of the podcast, and drag your chosen jingle to the Jingles track. You can copy and paste to make it longer.
6. Click on the Podcast track and drag chapter artwork into the track at appropriate places. In the editor area, provide a chapter title. You can also add a marker to include a URL.
7. Export to iTunes or Export to disk. This creates an m4a file. It took a few minutes on my desktop machine. If you go to iTunes, it starts iTunes while it was exporting. When it's done, the completed podcast is in your Music library in Tunes. Subsequent exports are faster.
8. When you are happy with what you've done, you could convert it to an mp3, but that seems to lose the pictures. The directions from Apple describe how to publish it as a podcast. I haven't tried that. My two minute podcast was about 1.3 MB of m4a file. Realize that your broadband connection doesn't upload as quickly as it downloads.
9. You can access the demo as an m4a file off the LCAC web site. You can just click on the file and it will play. Or control-click to download it. To get there directly, try:
<http://cs.millersville.edu/~katz/lcac/Dipper.m4a>
10. After the meeting, I cleaned this up a bit and saved it again. I also opened it in Quicktime Pro and saved it as a standalone movie (mov file). That is also on the group web site. Control-click to download it. To get there directly, try:

<http://cs.millersville.edu/~katz/lcac/Dipper.mov>