Podcast Books and Web Sites

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The following groups of publications and web sites provide a great introduction to the field of interactive Internet learning technologies. Some of the web sites accompany podcasts that are described on a separate handout.

1. Books related to the General Field of Podcasting and Blogging

Geoghegan, M. W., & Klass, D. (2005). *Podcast solutions: The complete guide to podcasting*. Berkley, CA: Apress. www.friendsofed.com This book came bundled with a basic podcasting equipment package I bought from BSW. It provides an excellent overview of podcasting and provides technical suggestions for making the podcast better. A CD accompanies the book with more resources.

Hill, B. (2006). *Blogging for dummies*. Hoboken, N.J.: Wiley. Based on the award-winning series for making any task understandable, this book explains how to create and use a blog. While the purpose of this handout is to generally focus on podcasting, a blog is often necessary to publish the podcast to the Internet.

Islam, K. A. (2007). *Podcastong 101 for training and development*. San Francisco: Pfeiffer. Provides practical suggestions for businesses how to use podcasting as a trail tool.

Max, H., & Ray, T. (2006). *Skype: The definitive guide*. Indianapolis, IN: Que. This book provides an overview of Skype, which is an Internet-based telephone service. Skype is popular among some podcasters since it is inexpensive (or sometimes free) to "telephone" people using their computer. The big advantage is that, assuming all the technical issues are addressed, the sound quality is far superior to recording of conversations over the telephone. Skype is often talked about in other podcasting books as well.

Morris, T., & Terra, E. (2006). *Podcasting for dummies*. Hoboken, J.J.: Wiley. Based on the award-winning series for making any task understandable, this book focuses on the practical steps for listening to and recording podcasts. In addition to the very helpful information inside of it, an audio podcast also accompanies the book by providing examples of the topics discussed. Information for subscribing to the podcast is contained in a separate handout that recommends specific podcasts for listening.

Walch, R. & Lafferty, M. (2006). *Tricks of the podcasting masters*. Indianapolis, IN: Que. An excellent guide for either the beginner or advanced podcast producer or listener. About half of the book provide short profile of the leading podcasts in a wide variety of fields. The other half of the books provides practical suggestions for beginning a podcast. Rob Walch, one of the coauthors, is the host of the **Podcast411** podcast described earlier.

2. Websites Related to Podcasting and Educational Technology

Podcast411
Web Site http://www.podcast411.com
Maintained by Rob Walch, this web site provides loads of practical tutorials on navigating the practical aspects of creating a podcast. The directory of directories provides the most comprehensive list of all existing podcasts.

Duke Digital Initiative
http://www.duke.edu/ddi/
The Duke Digital Initiative (DDI) is a multi-year program of experimentation, development, and implementation of new and emerging technologies to explore their effective use in support of the university's mission. Duke is recognized as the leader in the use of podcasting at the college level. Several years ago they gained considerable attention when they distributed an Apple iPod to all students in the entering class with an expectation that the course instructions would integrate use of the technology into all their courses. A growing number of faculty from a variety of departments, programs and schools have explored new technology-assisted approaches to instruction. Faculty and students use portable, personal multimedia technologies and digital course materials contribute to the course experience and to students' learning. The goals for this year's Duke Digital Initiative were to promote innovative and effective teaching, to use technology in support of curriculum enhancement, to develop our technology infrastructure, and to share knowledge about effective instructional technology strategies.

Educause
http://www.educause.edu
This organization investigates a wide variety of educational technologies. Use the search engine within the website to identify a variety of articles and PowerPoint presentations that are available that focus on podcasting.

Podcast2.0
http://www.stevewhitaker.net/podcasts/web2/
This website also sponsors a podcast that is described on another handout.

Podcast for Teachers
http://www.podcastforteachers.org/
This website is maintained by Fordham University that explores the uses of instructional and learning technologies.