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KarenConna: podcasting is really exciting

JanetSA: I've played around with it, and am anxious to learn more

KarenConna: and learning something when it first starts allows you to learn before it gets too complicated

KarenConna: Has anyone else experimented with podcasting?

LoriBu: I've listened to a couple but that's the limit of my experience

JulieLi: Hi Karen and everyone, I'm here for the podcasting session. Have very little idea what it is all about yet.

ShaunH: haven't had any but it looks interesting...

KarenConna: We'll wait a few minutes before starting to allow time for anyone else to join

LoriBu waves to Susan, Michelle and Catherine

JosephTa: HI... sorry I'm late

JosephTa: stat class went long

KarenConna waves to Mano and Joseph

KarenConna: You're right on time Joe

KarenConna: we're just getting started

LoriBu waves to Joseph and Manorama

ManoramaT: Hello Lori, I hope all of you came loaded with ideas for Karen

KarenConna: Joseph Talaiver is a grad student who is currently working with podcasting and blogging

KarenConna: I've invited him to give us some ideas about what he's been working on

JosephTa o) I'm just an undergrad ;o)

LoriBu is looking forward to the discussion tonight

KarenConna: We'll get started, we have a lot to cover

KarenConna: When chatting if you aren't finished use the ... to let us know

KarenConna: when you have a lot of people in a room it can get confusing...

KarenConna: with everyone typing

KarenConna: feel free to ask questions as we go

KarenConna: Basically podcasting is like a radio talk show

KarenConna: it's available via the Internet and can be downloaded automatically via a piece of software

KarenConna: anyone with an iPod/iTalk or computer and Internet access can podcast to world

KarenConna: In a moment, I'll project a website to you....

KarenConna: this will open in a new window on your computer. Before I do that, it will be helpful if everyone has their chat window detached...

KarenConna: to do that look in the top right hand corner of the chat window at the drop down menu...

KarenConna: click the down arrow and choose detach

KarenConna: Rather than project the url, I'm going to type it here

KarenConna: then I will also project it. some may not be able to see the project as BJ was just telling me.

BJB2: click on the url to open a new window. If you have a pop up blocker, hold the ctrl key down on your keyboard as you press on the url

KarenConna: http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2005/21mar_podcast.htm?list1286074

ManoramaT: do you have your URL handy, Joe, like Walter's speech

BJB2 checks to see if everyone got the website?

JosephTa: I will find mine in a bit

KarenConna: This is a site from NASA

KarenConna: if you scroll down to the bottom of the article you will see...

KarenConna: To get the Science@NASA podcast, point your podcasting software to <http://science.nasa.gov/podcast.xml> ...

KarenConna: next to the ipodder graphic window

KarenConna waits a second for everyone to find this spot

JosephTa: I'm there

KarenConna: has everyone found that link

TaraCo nods

LoriBu: yes are we supposed to click it

JulieLi: Got it

KarenConna: It is near the bottom of the story

ShaunH: yep

VanL: I'm there

KarenConna: If you click that link you will get to see the code that is used to subscribe to a podcast. we'll talk about that in a minute

CatherinBP: got the link.

KarenConna: go ahead and click the link

LoriBu: done

CatherinBP: done

KarenConna: as you look at that page you will notice that it looks alot like html coding and it is very similar

KarenConna: it uses tags like html

KarenConna: this is what is used for creating what's called feeds for the podcasts

LoriBu: I have an RSS agregator and it went right to that

KarenConna: look down through the tags...

KarenConna: the tags are the things between <tag>

KarenConna: look for the tag <enclosures>

KarenConna: if you can find this <enclosures> tag you will see that it points to an mp3 file

TaraCo: I see it

KarenConna: the podcast itself is really just an mp3 file

KarenConna: So to listen to a podcast, you must first find one and then you have to subscribe to it

KarenConna: If everyone would please close that window now we'll talk about how to subscribe

KarenConna: to a podcast and then we'll talk about how podcasting might be useful in education

KarenConna pauses to give everyone time to catch up

KarenConna: To subscribe to a podcast, you need to use a piece of software called an aggregator

KarenConna: it's like subscribing to a newsfeed except that you'll use an aggregator specifically for downloading the enclosures

SusanR: Just subscribed to bloglines

KarenConna -)

KarenConna: iPodder is a good aggregator

SusanR: or added it to Bloglines

KarenConna: The aggregator is like a software client

KarenConna: you put in the url of the podcast...

KarenConna: like the url that took us to the coding page for nasa

MichaelRu: I have used ipodder - easy to figure out and use

KarenConna: yes it is

KarenConna: ipodder will check that feed for you at regular intervals that you set

BillCon: url is also the xml feed address?

KarenConna: when the feed changes, it will download the file to your computer

KarenConna: if you are running iTunes it will also automatically put the link in iTunes for you

KarenConna: but you can also use media player or other player software to listen to it too

JosephTa: in itunes it will also put a playlist by the title of the podcast show

KarenConna: if you have an iPod, it will download to your iPod automatically when you sync your iPod

KarenConna: Right Joe

KarenConna: So...

KarenConna: you don't have to use an iPod, you can just listen on your computer

KarenConna: you can use any mp3 player, not just an iPod

JosephTa: iRiver is also a good one...

JosephTa: along with Creative Zen

KarenConna: the great part about podcasting is that it allows you to control when you listen to your favorite programs

KarenConna: it's like TiVo for the Internet

ManoramaT: Believe me, when we are on the road, we listen to podcasting by Joe's gurus.

KarenConna: I bet Mano -- it can be quite addicting

JosephTa: VERY!!

KarenConna: I hope that Edutopia begins podcasting their radio show

KarenConna: I know that NPR is beginning to do some things

KarenConna: and Educause has just podcasted their latest conference

ManoramaT: mmmmmm, for Joe and David; Joe brings humorous podcast files; so we enjoy it

KarenConna: Does everyone know where the SIGTC office is here?

LoriBu: not really

KarenConna: I put some reference files in there and links about podcasting

CatherinBP: me either

CatherinBP: good. I'll find it.

BJB2 . o O (you have to join the group before you can enter the group room, Karen)

KarenConna: BJ - what would be the best way to explain how to find the SIGTC office

KarenConna . o O (that's right I forgot)

ManoramaT: Joe broadcasted Dr. Witschey's speech on "Transformational Technologies" from EdTech 2005 conference (Richmond's own conference)

KarenConna: We'll have to help you after this session to join the group so you can access the room

BJB2: to join the group attach your chat window for a couple moments

BJB2 . o O (use FILE or go to ACTIONS and attach)

KarenConna pauses while BJ explains and the members can join SIGTC

BJB2: then go to the SEARCH tab at the top right of the screen

BJB2 . o O (this will be in your transcript and you can do it later)

BJB2: then click on the subtab GROUPS

BJB2: enter SIGTC and findit

KarenConna: I'm going to put the link to ipodder here so you have it in your transcript. but don't visit it now

BJB2: click on the match and you will see the group ID page

BJB2: at the top of the ID page is a place to join the group

KarenConna: <http://ipodder.sourceforge.net/index.php>

BJB2: once you've joined the group, you can enter the group room and access the resources there

KarenConna: this is where you can get the aggregator software - it is free

BJB2 . o O (done)

KarenConna: In the SIGTC office, I've put links to podcast directories so you can find podcasts to listen to

KarenConna: thanks BJ

JulieLi: is iPodcast Producer also free?

KarenConna: I haven't head about podcast producer

JosephTa: neither have I

KarenConna: Joe, have you heard of that one?

JosephTa: nope

JulieLi: Just following a link from the NASA page to software

KarenConna: Any other questions related to the general idea of what podcasting is?

JanetSA: question....

KarenConna listens

JanetSA: technical one...

KarenConna: okay

JanetSA: if I jumped out of here by mistake, now I've lost the earlier transcript....

KarenConna: I don't think so

JanetSA: do I have to wait for e-mail or is there some way to get it back here

KarenConna: you will still get it

BJB2: Janet, you will get all the past dialogue in your transcript

JanetSA: ok,

BJB2: . o O (you've just lost the immediate buffered chat)

CatherinBP: podcasting question...

BJB2: Hi, Ann.

JanetSA: gotcha

KarenConna: And you can contact me anytime with any questions you have Janet

MichaelRu: my apologies for arriving late and leaving early - Easter week is a crazy one - thanks for this opportunity - I look forward to future sigtc events!

KarenConna: You're welcome Michael

MichaelRu left the room (signed off).

KarenConna: I'm going to ask Joe to talk about some of the things that he has been doing with podcasting and blogging...

KarenConna: they really do work together and should be used in conjunction in most cases.

CatherinBP: Will a Google search (or any other) show a wide variety of podcasts available?

KarenConna: Catherine

JosephTa: ok

KarenConna: podcast alley and podcast.net

CatherinBP: thank you.

JosephTa: ipodder.org also has a large directory

KarenConna: are to good directories. I have a file in the SIGTC office with links for them

KarenConna gives the podium to Joe

JosephTa: wow I have the podium

BillCon: Your aggregator or software will allow you to browse also

JosephTa: please excuse my rapid random messages

JosephTa: I am a child of the AIM age

JosephTa: so I use weird little smileys and things :o)

JosephTa: so

JosephTa: without further ado

JosephTa: I maintain 3 diff types of blogs

JosephTa: one is my podcasting site

JosephTa: because it is after all a type of blogging

JosephTa: just with audio files

AnnMN: how do you create the audio files?

JosephTa: well I use adobe audition

JosephTa: and a basic lav. mic that I picked up at radio shack

JosephTa: now that is when I set up here in my room

JosephTa: but being that I do commute to school for 30 min

JosephTa: I have started to use a little digital voice recorder

JosephTa: Olympus VN-480PC

JosephTa: it records to .wav files and then I convert them to MP3 when I get home

JosephTa: any other questions so far?

CatherinBP: so far so good.

LoriBu: so anything that will let you record

VanL: that explains a lot about what podcasting is

AnnMN: how big are the files?

JosephTa: ok good question

LoriBu: an mp3 file onto your computer would work?

JosephTa: this is a big issue with podcasting

JosephTa: first I will answer Ann then Lori

JosephTa: the files can become quite large depending on the show

JosephTa: my daily listen is to "The Daily Source Code" by Adam Curry. His show is about 30 min long

JosephTa: but he can keep his file size down by using diff. compression rates

JosephTa: ok don't freak I know that sounds a little technical

KarenConna . o O (warning - language can be an issue on Curry's show so be careful playing it at work)

JanetSA: I've used a free program called Audacity for recording. It allows you to export as mp3

KarenConna: That's a good one Janet

JosephTa: yup

JosephTa: there are plenty of free ones out there

JosephTa: so don't go out and buy adobe suite like I did

KarenConna: garage band works too - I use that so I can add background music

JosephTa: but I use Photoshop CS and premier for other stuff so that's why I got it

KarenConna: I have trouble with the music composition in audition, but like it for voice recording

JosephTa: yea if u go with the mac set up Garage band is the way to go

KarenConna: garage band is super - and easy

JosephTa: absolutely

AnnMN: Ok - so now I've got an mp3 to "post" where do I post it for the students to access?

JosephTa: ok

JosephTa: just really quick... Lori did that answer ur question

JosephTa: the whole MP3 thing

JosephTa: or

JosephTa: ??

LoriBu: yes, I'm good

JosephTa: ok

JosephTa: cool

JosephTa: now Karen what do you use for your podcasting

JosephTa: cause for me again... i bought software

JosephTa: RadioUserland

KarenConna: I use my own server

AnnMN: if I have a website can I post the file there?

KarenConna: and create my code in notepad. is that what you are asking

KarenConna: yes Ann

AnnMN: create code?

JosephTa: yes exactly

JosephTa: yes the XML code

JosephTa: that u need

JosephTa: the aggregators to read

JosephTa: u need to update that

JosephTa: as you make new 'casts

KarenConna: it's like HTML - not very hard - easy to copy one already created

JosephTa: exactly

JosephTa: so Ann

JosephTa: for ur question

KarenConna: I have a sample xml code linked in the SIGTC office - a very simple one so you can learn how to do it

JosephTa: you wanna have some server space

JosephTa: where u can store the mp3

JosephTa: then on ur webpage u create the XML code that refers to that mp3

JosephTa: so when people have ur podcast on their subscription list

JosephTa: the aggregator will pick up on any new loads

KarenConna: exactly

KarenConna: it sounds a bit harder than it really is

JosephTa: yea

AnnMN: so a podcast is like a blog but with audio files

KarenConna: so don't be stressed

JulieLi: How does this work with weblogs and Manila software?

KarenConna: right Ann

JosephTa: yup instead of just entries

JosephTa: u will also have the mp3 that is the main content

JosephTa: sometimes for some shows i listen to

JosephTa: I listen to them while in front of the computer

KarenConna: Many of the blog software create the files for you

JosephTa: (I know that defeats the purpose)

KarenConna: the beauty of this technology is that people can personalize it to fit their needs...

JosephTa: but some podcasters are good about linking to websites and articles on their entry on their site related to the blog

KarenConna: listen in the car...on the iPod...on the computer...whenever or where ever. Imagine the uses for education

JosephTa: the uses for education are phenomenal

JosephTa: in fact I am pushing my school to start

AnnMN: I think this could be great for teachers to use as bell ringers - or homework assignments - they can be downloaded before students leave for the day and referenced in the evening

KarenConna: Great idea Ann

JosephTa: fabulous

KarenConna: Schools could use them to "push" info to parents

KarenConna: and to do spotlights

VanL: I'm sorry for asking this, but how is it good for students?

JosephTa: I can get that

KarenConna: but best of all...kids would have authentic audiences

JosephTa: I know for me

JosephTa: being a student now in college

SusanR imagines its use in the classroom

JosephTa: I have always had a hard time listening

JosephTa: u know the kids in the back

JosephTa: lookin out the window

AnnMN: Student could create there own podcast as projects

JosephTa: or playing with toys under the desk

KarenConna: Van - one of the things with any new technology is to spend some thing really looking at it and how it can improve something

BillCon: It's the personal touch to your students

KarenConna: students have a global voice and that is very motivating to them

VanL: I see

JosephTa: if those kids are asked to start a show

DavidW: You enable children to learn by asking them to tell stories.

KarenConna: storytelling is very powerful

JosephTa: and then tell that they can share with everyone in the world it's an awesome idea

VanL: Now I'm getting it, I was looking at it at a different perspective

KarenConna: there are many perspective

KarenConna: and it'd be great if we continually touch base on what can work with podcasting for education

JosephTa: on the college level I am getting my school to start recording class lectures to MP3 and podcasting them

KarenConna: there is a discussion started in the SIGTC group room for this purpose

AnnMN: when do you download your files to listen to?

KarenConna: I've thought about using it when kids are going to be out for long-term illness

JosephTa: you can download them whenever

KarenConna: I do mine at 3 AM

KarenConna: you set the time

AnnMN: how at 3am?

JosephTa: mine is set for diff times of the day

KarenConna: in the configuration of the software

JosephTa: ipodder has an automatic scheduler

JosephTa: u can just download them

KarenConna: it does it automatically without my intervention

ManoramaT: if we start telecollaboration projects with children in Pakistan or India, our children can understand the level of resources and hard work that other children have to commit to

AnnMN: do you download to an ipod or just listen through your software?

LoriBu: if you already use another aggregator for other RSS subscriptions, would that interfere with ipodder?

JosephTa: no u can listen in several ways

LoriBu: does ipodder only do audio?

KarenConna: Ann, it downloads to the computer...then if you sync your iPod you can listen there to. either way computer or iPod

KarenConna: actually Lori....

KarenConna: i've used it to transmit all types of files - video powerpoint etc

JosephTa: or even toast the MP3 onto a CD and listen in car

KarenConna: you just have to retrieve the files from the download location - it doesn't automatically go anywhere like mp3 files go into iTunes.

AnnMN: burning a disc takes time - I want it to be ready to go when I walk out the door

JosephTa: anyfile that u include in ur enclosure

JosephTa: will be downloaded with the next scan for 'casts

KarenConna: then iPod or other mp3 player is the way to go Ann

JosephTa: my iPod sits in its cradle right till the moment I walk out to the car

JosephTa: so it gets them for me

JosephTa: no CD

JanetSA: ah, that's cool. didn't think about enclosing other types of files

KarenConna: ipodderX for the mac I believe does video and photos - but I haven't tried it and someone said that that's only the paid version, not the free version

JosephTa: I think ipodder does video and all too

JosephTa: just have to include them in the enclosures

KarenConna: Janet - I've toyed with ideas about how to use that for workshops etc when I want people to have a copy of a powerpoint for the presentation. maybe some potential there

JosephTa: whether u can view them or not is a diff matter

LoriBu: just wondering about that, viewing

JanetSA: of course. depends on your DAP's abilities.

AnnMN: DAP?

JanetSA: digital audio player....mp3 player

KarenConna: well, if you were sending them for a workshop--I'm thinking a district one where you know the software people have--then it should work

KarenConna: We're just about out of time

KarenConna: questions

JosephTa: wow

JosephTa: went quick

KarenConna: yes it did

KarenConna: I have one?

KarenConna: how many would be interested in another session on this topic?

JanetSA: me

LoriBu: I would be

ManoramaT: www.google.com

CatherinBP: I would too.

JulieLi: Yes, after I have time to explore a bit

BillCon: sure

JosephTa: I am here

JosephTa: for that

JohnMoh: yes

KarenConna: okay

ShaunH: yep

AnnMN: Thank you so much - I just joined ISTE and SIGTC and saw the posting for this. This has been GREAT!

LoriBu: need to play a little and then hear more about it I think

KarenConna: I think a good plan would be to make sure that everyone joins the SIGTC room

DavidW: How do you get there?

BillCon: Welcome to ISTE Ann

KarenConna: would one month be good?

JulieLi: yes

LoriBu: sure

ShaunH: yep

JosephTa: ok by me

KarenConna: thanks Bj

JanetSA: yep

KarenConna: Anyone who need help getting to the SIGTC room should hang around and BJ will help you

BJB2 Nods

DavidW: Ya'll listen to my podcast at <http://DavidWarlick.com/podcasts/>

JulieLi: Thank you Karen, and Joseph too for an informative session

JanetSA: Thank you everyone!

JanetSA: Applause. Applause

KarenConna: Once you joint that room, be sure to subscribe to the discussion group

CatherinBP: I really had no idea what podcasting was. This has been enlightening. Thanks so much to everyone, especially Karen and Joseph.

JosephTa: oh thanks for listening

KarenConna: I'll post a session time there

LoriBu: thanks so much

ShaunH: thanks

KarenConna: if you're subscribed you'll receive an email with that information

JosephTa: if anyone has further questions u can email me

LoriBu: It's beginning to make more sense to me now

BJB2 . o O (when you join a group you are automatically subscribed to the discussion)

JosephTa: b166er@gmail.com

BJB2: Directions for joining the SIGTC group:

DavidW: Yes?

BJB2: attach your chat window if it is detached

KarenConna: I have to run to another meeting here on Tapped In

SusanR looking forward to exploring and playing with podcasting, Karen and Joseph

KarenConna: you were a great audience

KarenConna: thanks for your time

JosephTa: bye bye Karen

KarenConna: Thanks Joe and BJ

LoriBu: bye Karen thanks

JosephTa: welcome

JanetSA: bye everyone

CatherinBP: bye! Thanks again.

BJB2: click on the subtab GROUPS

BJB2 waves bye

LoriBu: thanks Joe

KarenConna waves bye

ShaunH: bye thanks

KarenConna: stop by SIGTC and check out the resources

JosephTa: ok I'm out... had fun