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Podcasting Basics

Podcasting is a means of distributing audio content (usually files in MP3 format) over the Internet. This bibliography was prepared for the October 18-21, 2006, professional development seminar of the Legislative Research Librarians Staff Section, National Conference of State Legislatures.

“A Beginner’s Guide to Podcasting” / Greg Schwartz, SirsiDynix Institute. This 2-part series of podcasts, each 60 minutes in length, is available on the Institute’s Web Seminar Archive. Supplemental material in .pdf format is available for both listening sessions. www.sirsidynixinstitute.com/archive.php

- Part 1: “A Consumer’s Guide,” May 17, 2006.
- Part 2: “A Creator’s Guide,” May 24, 2006.

“Links to State Legislators’ Blogs and Legislatures With Podcasts and RSS Feeds” / National Conference of State Legislatures, Updated September 25, 2006.

www.ncsl.org/programs/lis/nalit/blogs.htm

“LRB Podcasts” / Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau. The LRB has been producing podcasts since March 2005. The podcasts appearing on this Web page are arranged under six broad subjects.

www.legis.state.wi.us/lrb/podcasts/index.htm

“Podcast User Magazine” — www.podcastusermagazine.com/ The “... premiere online magazine for anyone interested in listening [to] or creating podcasts.”

“Podcasting @ University of Wisconsin – Madison” / University of Wisconsin – Madison, Division of Information Technology, 2005. This is a helpful site for information on podcasting including: what it is, teaching and learning with podcasting, examples of podcasts, how to create and deliver podcasts, and additional resources on podcasting. <http://engage.doit.wisc.edu/podcasting/>

Podcasting Legal Guide: Rules for the Revolution / Creative Commons, 2006. “The purpose of this Guide is to provide ... a general roadmap of some of the legal issues specific to podcasting [and] ... covers only U.S.-based legal questions.” (page vii) http://wiki.creativecommons.org/Podcasting_Legal_Guide

“Podcasting News” — www.podcastingnews.com/ This site includes directories, news, articles, gear and equipment reviews, top rated podcasts, newest podcasts, most recent podcasts, and much more.

“Podcast.net: the Podcast Directory” / Podcast Networks, 2006. Use this site to locate podcasts which are sorted under 18 subjects; site includes a search engine and browse options. www.podcast.net/

“Podcasts from the U.S. Government” / U.S. Office of Citizen Services and Communications. Arranged under eight broad subjects, this site presents “official information and services from the U.S. government.” www.firstgov.gov/Topics/Reference_Shelf/Libraries/Podcasts.shtml

“Producing a Punchy Podcast” / William Wyatt. *State Legislatures*, v. 32, no. 8, September 2006. p. 22–23. “Podcasting can be a creative, convenient way to get your message out.”

“XML Explained: Questions and Answers About XML” / Jennifer Kyryn, *About.com*.

RSS files, also known as newsfeeds, are a standard way of publishing meta information about content. RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is an XML (Extensible Markup Language) format. This article provides an introduction to how XML works. <http://webdesign.about.com/library/weekly/aa050498.htm>