



# InTAcT Newsletter

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Mini Lesson: Podcasting

For more InTAcT information visit the InTAcT webpage: <http://www.whitesboroisd.org/MP.cfm?P=4986&>

## What is a podcast?



Wikipedia defines a **podcast** as a series of digital media files, usually either digital audio or video, that is made available for download via web syndication. To view Wikipedia's full definition, click on the following link: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Podcast>

## 10 easy steps to podcasting

1. Step 1. Get a microphone.
2. Step 2. Get audio software.
  - Audacity: <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>
  - Windows Sound Recorder
3. Step 3. Prepare your podcast content.
4. Step 4. Record your podcast.
5. Step 5. Upload your podcast file to your online host.
  - Examples: [PodcastMachine](#), [Podbean](#), [Podhoster](#)
6. Step 6. Get the **URL** of your uploaded podcast file.
7. Step 7. Create a new blog post.
8. Step 8. Paste the URL for your podcast file into your new blog post.
9. Step 9. Publish your new blog post.
10. Step 10. Test your podcast link.



For more detailed instructions, visit the Instructional Technology Blog: <http://www.whitesboroisd.org/Blog.cfm?K=Podcast&StaffID=5199>

# Cool Web 2.0 Podcasting Tools

<http://vocaroo.com/> - Simple audio recorder, no uploading required. Can embed into any webpage

<http://qclipmedia.com/> - Make a message using just your voice and browser with QlipBoard Online

<http://vozme.com/index.php?lang=en> - is a free service that converts any text into an MP3 file. Just type or paste in some text and create a downloadable MP3 file. The site works in English, Spanish, Italian, Hindi, Portuguese, and Catalan. You can also choose to hear a male or female voice

<http://www.jamglue.com/> - Mix and edit your audio clips with this online tool and when you're done, share the finished product with other online visitors in a YouTube like format.

## Don't forget about the Parent Portals

Remind your student's parents they can check on their students grades by visiting the Parent Portal links on the WISD Website. The inside link is to be used when you are on the WISD network. The outside link is to be used outside the

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

### Upcoming Trainings

10/20/2009—Tech Tuesday  
10/21/2009—Gaggle  
10/27/2009—Tech Tuesday  
10/28/2009—Goggle Tools  
11/03/2009—Tech Tuesday

\*To visit the WISD Staff Development page and access the enrollment form, please click on the following link:

<http://www.whitesboroisd.org/MP.cfm?>