

N3wz 4 N3rdz: Internet Media

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Most people have never heard of Podcasts, IPTV (Internet Protocol Television), Vidcasts, Netcasts, or any of a number of names internet media has come to be known by. For the purposes of discussion I will refer to audio content as Podcasts and video content as Vidcasts, but be aware that depending on the provider or creator of the content, they may use a different name but are in fact describing the same type of content.

Internet media has been around since the conception of the internet, but in recent years, because of advancements in many different areas, it has become more feasible for mainstream consumption by consumers. Products like Apple's iPod and iTunes have helped immensely in bringing Podcasts to the mainstream.

Many people would describe a podcast like a portable radio show, and some of them are, but that is a description of only one use of podcasting

technology. Any audio content from lectures to music to comedy can be distributed in podcast form.

Many new companies have sprung up on the internet that provide quality content, my favorites being Revision3 and TWiT.tv.

TWiT.tv provides both podcasts and vidcasts, but has recently started referring to them as netcasts. The TWiT.tv Netcast Network all started with one show, "this WEEK in TECH" or TWiT.

The hosts first met working for the now defunct TechTV network. The TWiT panel changes weekly but regular hosts include: Leo Laporte, John C. Dvorak, Patrick Norton and Will Harris. Many other former TechTV hosts/employees join the panel for any given week. Most hosts worked on or hosted at some point the semi-popular television show "The Screen Savers." Now they have round table discussions about current events in technology.

With the success of TWiT,

Laporte started launching new podcasts covering many different technology topics.

Laporte was recently recognized as "Person of the Year in Podcasting" by the Podcast & Portable Media Expo committee. TWiT was recognized last year by podcastawards.com in both the Technology category as well as overall People's Choice. This year Diggation, a vidcast by Revision3, won in the Technology People's choice also from podcastawards.com. For more information about TWiT.tv or to check out any of their podcasts/vidcasts you can visit www.twit.tv

Revision3 is the first media company that gets the "Internet, on-demand generation." Revision3 is like any other TV network, except on the web, creating and producing its own original content. Founded by Jay Adelson (Chairman, CEO of Digg, founder of Equinix), Kevin Rose (Founder and Chief Architect of Digg, TechTV, G4), David Prager (TechTV, G4), Dan

Huard and Ron Gorodetzky, Revision3 has been practicing out of a garage until fall, 2006. Even so, with over 1.5 million downloads a month, Revision3 is on its way to becoming a media company of the future. For more information on Revision3 and their shows, including downloads, you can visit www.revision3.com.

Last but not least is DL.tv, or Digital Life dot tv. Their slogan, "for tech fans, by tech fans," is a spot on description of the show. It features some of the most recent and honest views about what is going on in the tech industry. The hosts are Patrick Norton and Robert Heron. Both have been mentioned before and regularly appear on the TWiT panel. DL.tv streams live every Tuesday and Thursday at 4 p.m. It is also available for download from the iTunes store or from their website at www.dl.tv.

That covers some of my favorite free content, but I am a little bit biased toward technology content, and don't

mind watching it on my computer. Most people just aren't willing to do that. Which brings me to the recent Apple announcement, a product to be released Q1 2007 that will stream all of your iTunes media from your computer to your television. This is big for people doing vidcasts; it means breaking into the mass market that doesn't want to watch television on their computers.

People interested in completely disconnecting from the standard cable TV will be able to get most of their favorite network shows from the iTunes Store which has quite the library of television these days. So, this new model is something that many consumers might prefer. It would enable complete control of all entertainment content, no more waiting for primetime for your favorite show to come on, or worrying about whether or not your favorite shows will share a time slot. People want to control their content, at least, I know I do.

Wii shapes up to be biggest release of year

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Nov. 19... The fateful day when THE system of the year shall be released. The Nintendo Wii, will be the only true innovation in the "next generation" lineup. Instead of the traditional gaming controller, the Wii will have a remote wand and nunchuk attachment which enables virtual reality style of play. Not only are the controllers wireless, but they are also motion sensitive. This ushers in true first-

aiming control; Red Steel lets gamers chose between guns and swords as their weapon of choice.

Madden 07 adapts the classic game to the Wii by allowing players to use separate components of the nunchuk controller to punch and stiff-arm opponents.

Yet, the most anticipated game is the classic recreation. Zelda is going to revolutionize the way games are played. Originally set to release Nov. 2004, it was then pushed back repeatedly until



person shooting, and allows players to actually swing their "swords."

Some release games for the Wii are: "Call of Duty 3," "Red Steel," "Wii Sports," "Madden 07," "Trauma Center: Second Opinion," "Excite Truck," and the long awaited "Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess." These games seem to fall into two categories: games designed for the Wii's unique controls and those adapted in innovative ways. Call of Duty 3 will allow players to move their weapon in real space, giving complete

being set as a release title for the Wii.

Along with games, the Wii's wireless internet access gives it the ability to have channels: internet, weather, and Wii Shop, among others. In the Wii Shop, gamers can purchase classic Nintendo games to download to their system. It can also access the same network as Nintendo's DS: Wi-Fi Connection. Worldwide wireless gaming shall be taken to a new level.

Look for in-depth coverage, and reviews in future issues.

Playlist Spotlight: David Frick

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Music plays a huge part in the life of David Frick, social studies teacher. Whether he's listening for his own enjoyment, working out, or using it in his classroom lessons, music always seems to be involved in whatever

he is doing. But Frick doesn't just enjoy listening to music, he also creates his own. Track five of his playlist "that was just something I put together in 'Garageband,'" Frick said of his own song "Run Forrest Run." "I listen to it while jogging; it's very up tempo and gets the blood flowing. But the more I listen to it,

the more I enjoy it and it has actually become one of my favorite songs."

Frick often finds ways to work music into his classroom. "Music is a great way to emphasize the lessons I'm trying to teach, it is also a great example of modern poetry for my Writer's Workshop class" Frick said.



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