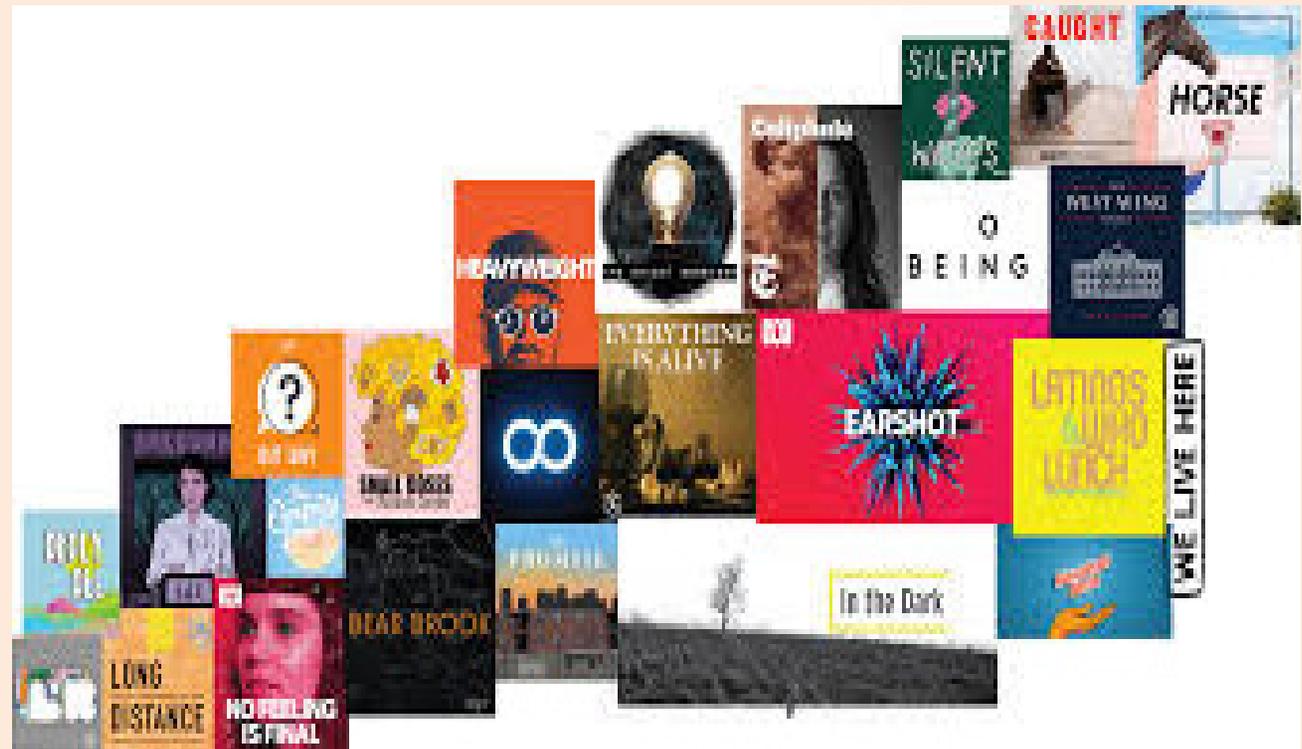
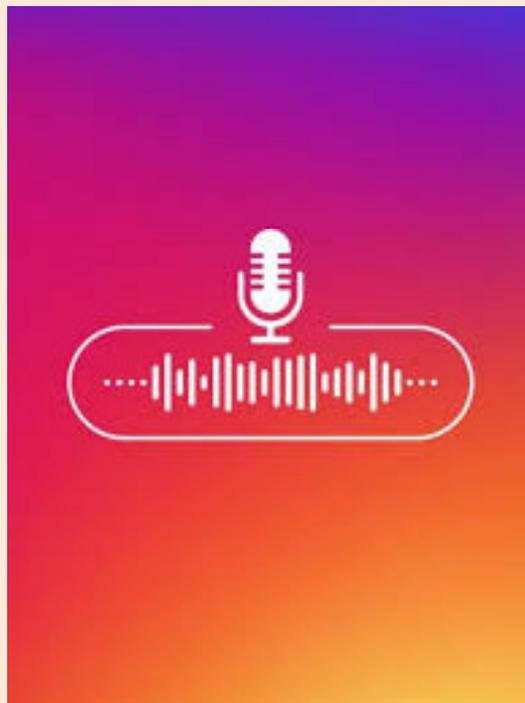


The Nitty Gritty on Podcasts



Carol Freedman September 4, 2020

So What are Podcasts?



A **podcast** is essentially a radio show that **you can** get on **the** internet, so **you can listen any** time **you** want. ... Or, **you can** download a **podcast**, which means **you're** saving it on your phone, or tablet, or computer, and **you can listen** to it anytime, even without an internet connection.

Podcasts have become some of most beloved of entertainment and education mediums the world over. These on-demand, specialized interest shows have plenty of material that might not have made it on a traditional radio broadcast, and that's what makes them great. Whether it's news, talk formats, how-to presentations, or even serialized fiction, there's something for everyone in the podcast world.

The main reason **why podcasts are so popular** is that they allow their audience to save time. At Edison Research, they explored the **podcast** listening locations and found out that most often people listen to audio blogs at home, in a car, while walking around or working out. May 7, 2020

Growth of Podcasts

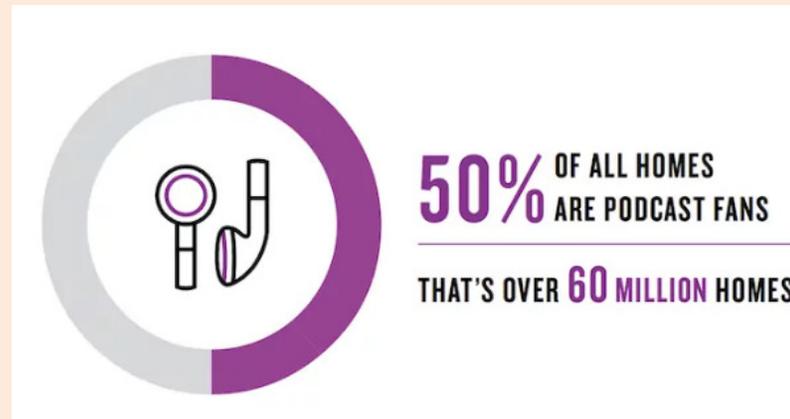


U.S. Podcasting Industry - Statistics & Facts

Published by [Amy Watson](#), Jun 8, 2020

Back in 2006, only 22 percent of the adult population in the United States was aware of podcasting. By 2020, this figure had risen to 75 percent. Podcasting is an increasingly popular pastime in the U.S. and there were an estimated 88 million podcast listeners in the country in 2019. Forecasts suggest that the the number of podcast listeners will surpass 160 million in 2023 after increases of around 20 million each year.

Where we listen



Where do people listen to podcasts

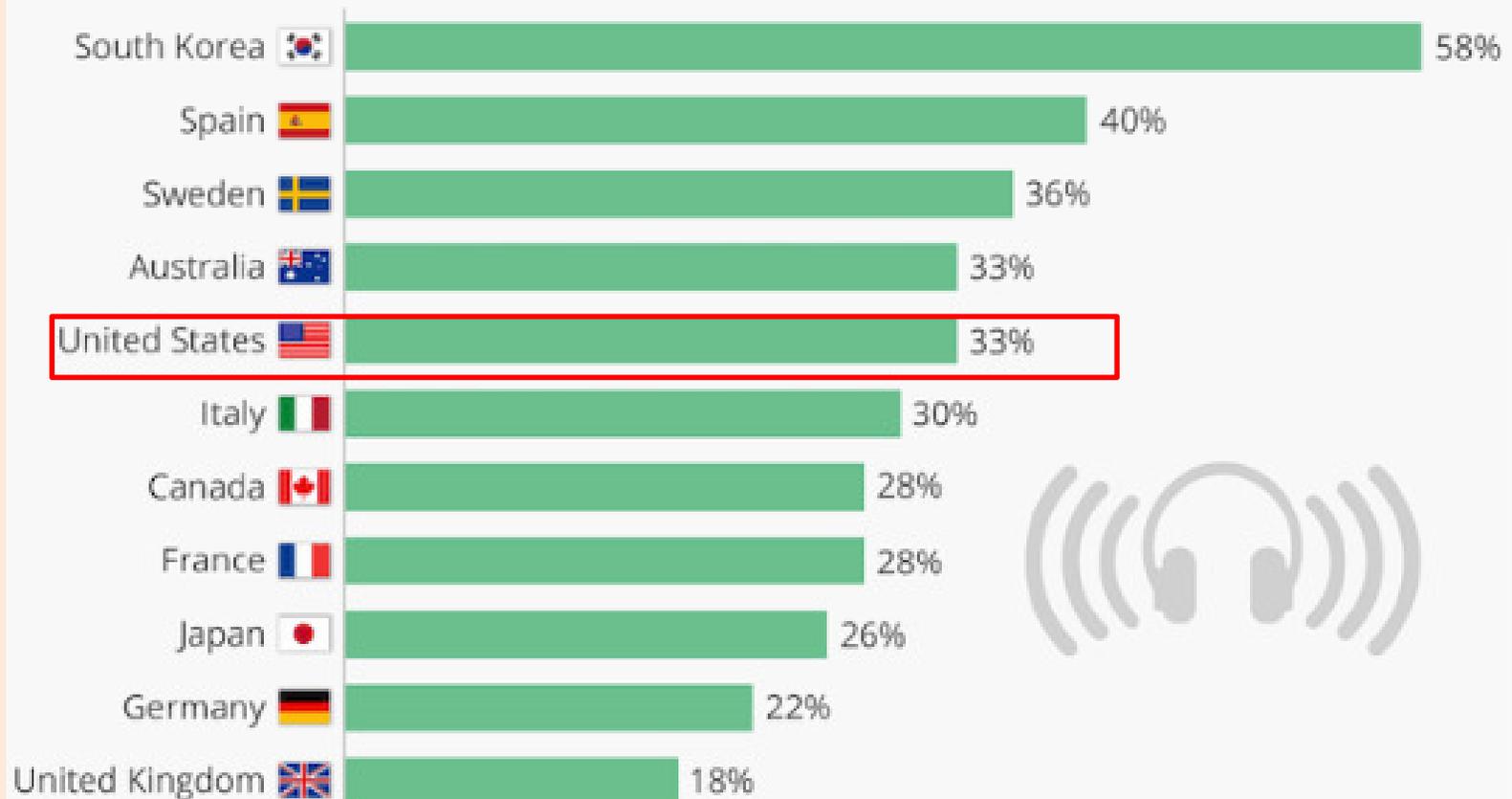
- Home (82%), in the car/truck (58%), and walking around/on foot (41%) **were** reported as the **most** popular **podcast** listening areas. (Edison Research, 2018)
- Commuting (78.5%), doing housework (65.4%), and free time (55.2%) **were** the **most** reported activities when **people listen to podcasts**. (



Podcasts around the world

The State of Podcasting

% of respondents in selected countries who listened to any podcast in the past month



Latest Stats



75% of the US population is familiar with the term “podcasting”
16 million people in the US are “avid podcast fans”

50% of all US **homes** are podcast fans

55% (155 million) of the US population has listened to a podcast

37% (104 million) listened to a podcast in the last month

24% (68 million) listen to podcasts weekly

Demographics:

51% of podcast listeners are male ; 63% of podcast listeners are **white**

45% of **monthly** podcast listeners have household income **over \$75K** – vs 35% for the total population

27% of US podcast listeners have a 4-year college degree – vs 19% for US pop

Age of monthly podcast listeners versus US population

12-34: 48% (vs 37%)

35-54: 32% (vs 40%)

55+: 20% (vs 23%)

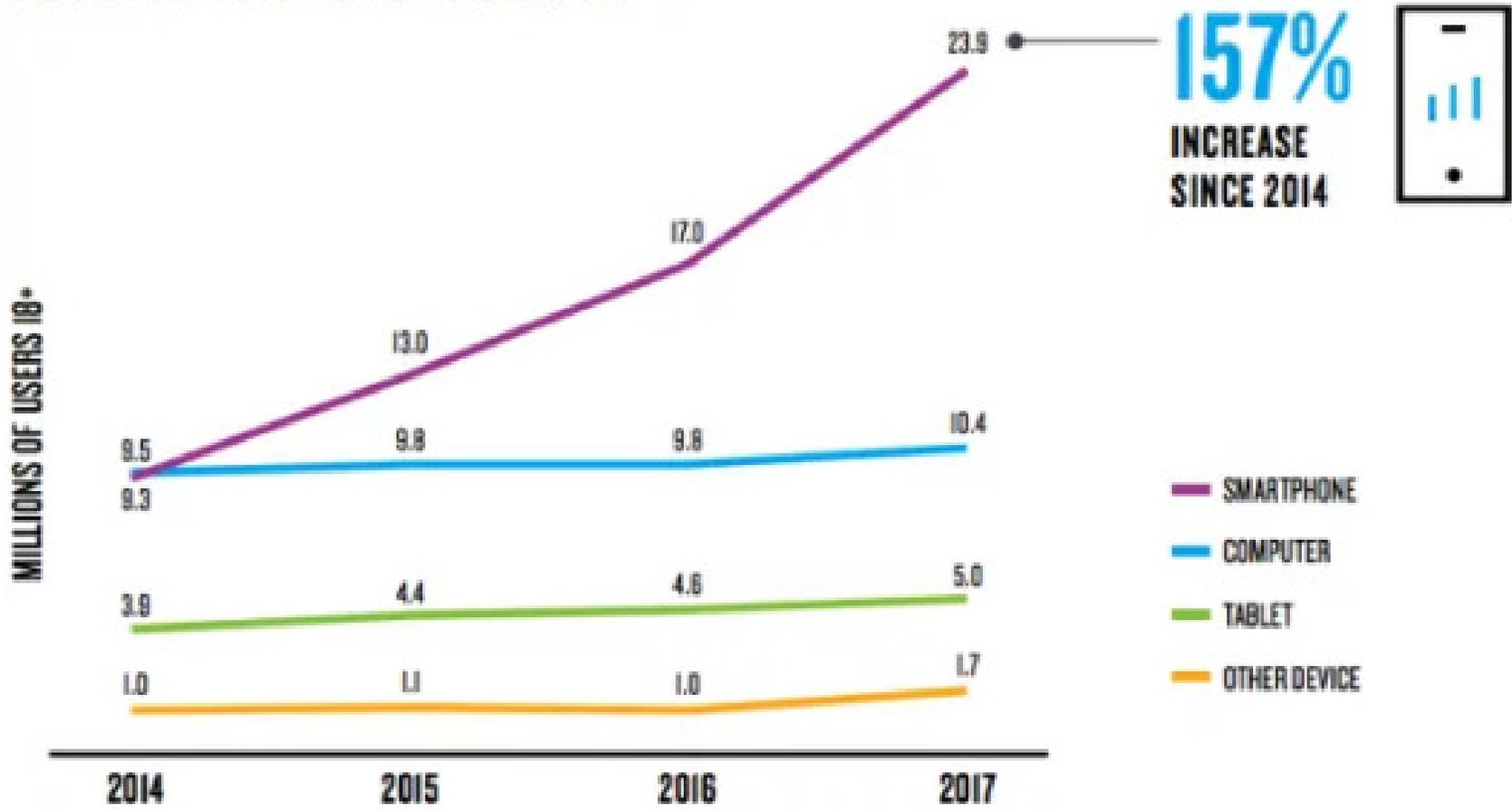
More on listening behavior



- Podcast listeners **subscribe** to an average of **6 shows** in the last week
- Podcast listeners listen to an average of **7 different shows** per week
- 80% listen to **all** or **most of** each episode,
- Podcast listening on a computer went up from 29% to 31% (smartphone listening went from 71% to 69% respectively)
- 19% of listeners increase the speed (listen faster)
- 65% of monthly podcast listeners have been listening for **less than 3 years**
- **Comedy** is the most popular podcasting genre, followed by **education** and **news**

SMARTPHONES DRIVE PODCAST USAGE

IN THE PAST 30 DAYS, WHICH DEVICE HAVE YOU USED TO WATCH, LISTEN OR DOWNLOAD A PODCAST?



Credit: Nielsen Q1 2018 Podcast Insights

What do people listen to?



Most Listened-to Podcast Genres – Q3 2019

Genre	% of Weekly Podcast Consumers Listening to at Least One Podcast in Genre in the Last Week
Comedy	36%
News	23%
Society & Culture	22%
Sports	15%
True Crime	12%
Arts	11%
Business	10%
Religion & Spirituality	8%

Genre	% of Weekly Podcast Consumers Listening to at Least One Podcast in Genre in the Last Week
TV & Film	8%
Science	6%
Health & Fitness	6%
History	5%
Leisure	4%
Music	4%
Education	3%
Technology	3%



Source: The Podcast Consumer Tracker, Q3 2019. Genres derived from the Apple Podcast Directory

How We Access Them



- From their source (website, radio/TV station)
- From a podcast player
- From social media—Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter

How do you find them?



- Google search for them by name
- Search your podcast player by show name or topic
- Browse topics for things of interest
- Browse player suggestions

Top 10 Podcast Players



Player	Unique devices	Unique downloads	Average downloads per device
Apple Podcasts	42.72%	60.74%	7.18
Spotify	19.89%	10.77%	2.73
Other (primarily web browsers)	12.12%	6.76%	2.82
Castbox	5.36%	3.66%	3.45
Google Podcasts	3.44%	1.35%	1.98
PodcastAddict	2.55%	2.83%	5.6
Stitcher	2.15%	2.85%	6.7
iHeartRadio	1.96%	1.23%	3.17
Overcast	1.71%	2.15%	6.37
Pocket Casts	1.55%	1.39%	4.53

Best Podcast listening apps



Best Podcast Listening Apps (For iOS & Android)

- **RadioPublic.**
- ★ • **Pocket Casts.**
- **Castbox.**
- **Podbean.**
- ★ • **Stitcher.**
- **Laughable.**
- **TuneIn Radio.**
- ★ • **Spotify.**

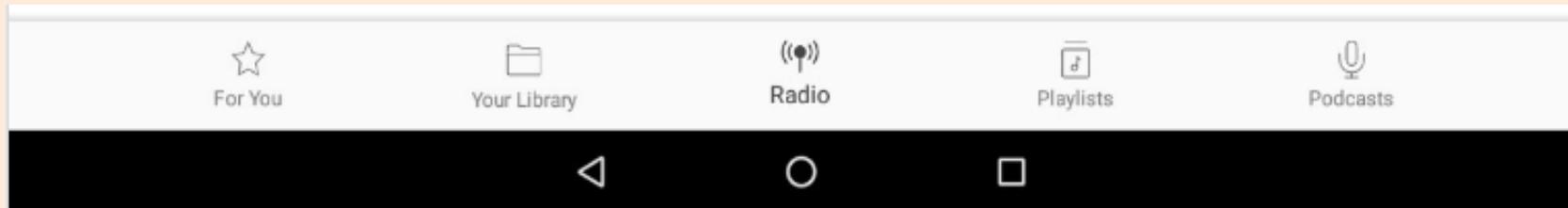
The link between broadcast radio and podcasting, which NPR has also capitalized on through the years, has seen others also connect with AM/FM

Feb 8, 2020

Radio Stations



TuneIn offers more than 100,000 radio stations from around the globe, from local radio, music, and sports to news, podcasts, and talk radio. Subscribing to Premium for \$9.99 a month will also give you access to live sports coverage and commercial-free music.



If you want to stream radio—not music, necessarily, but actual radio stations—on your Amazon Fire, iHeartRadio lets you listen to your favorite channels and hosts, no matter if they're talk radio shows, comedy, podcasts, or sports broadcasts.



Apple Podcasts

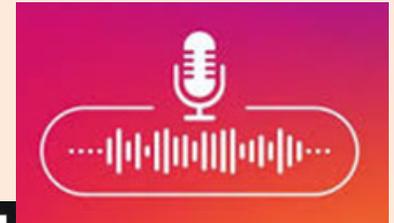


Apple Podcasts

Apple Podcasts is the biggest podcast directory in the world. It's been a major player since it launched in 2005. It used to be part of **iTunes**, but **Apple** rebranded it as a standalone product, **Apple Podcasts**, due to its popularity.

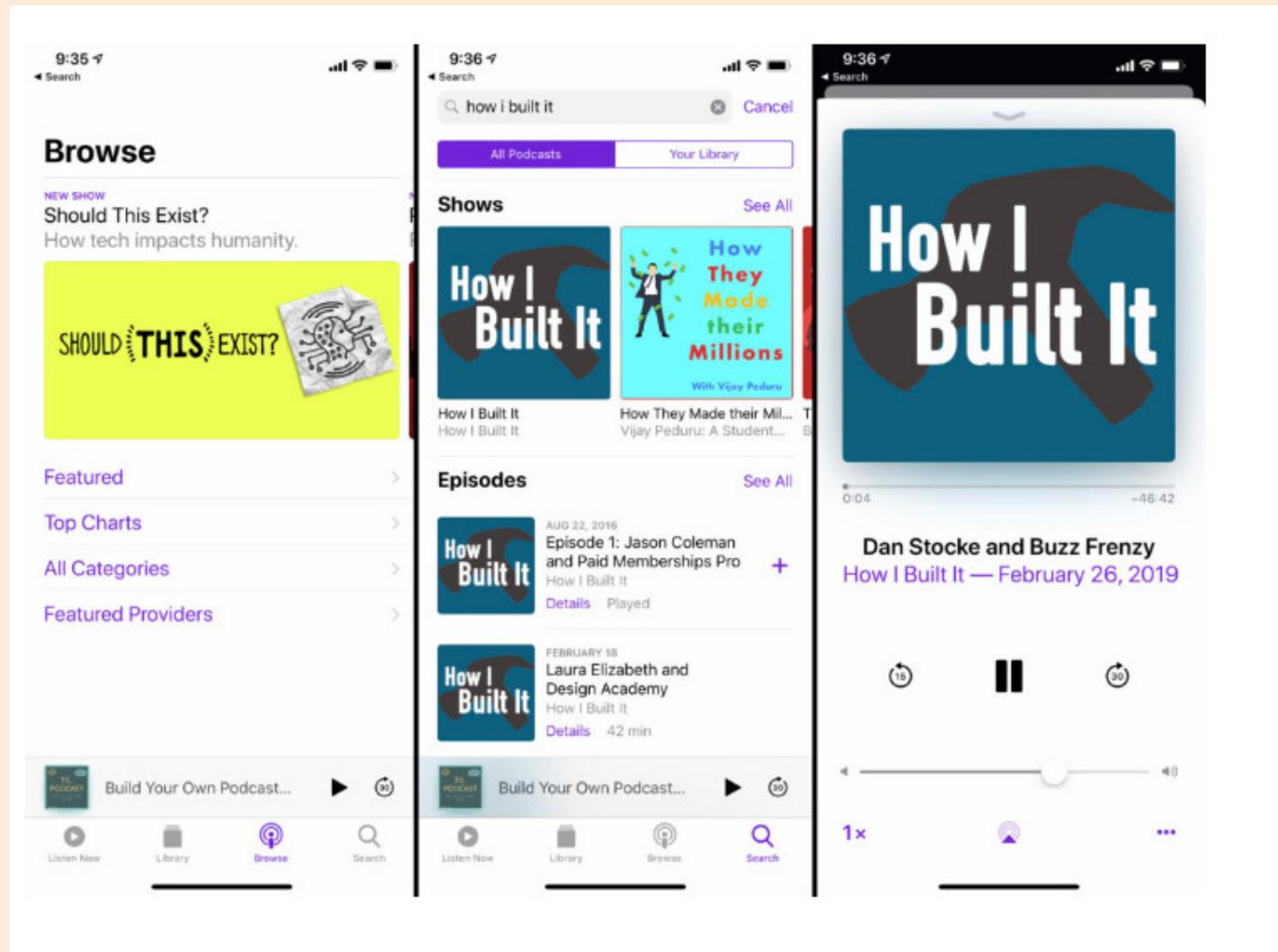


Apple Podcasts App





Apple Podcast Player





Apple on Itunes



Music

Movies

TV Shows

App Store

Podcasts

Books

Music Videos

Audiobooks

Can synch from PC or Mac to other devices

Arts

- Books
- Design
- Fashion & Beauty
- Food
- Performing Arts
- Visual Arts

Business

- Careers
- Entrepreneurship
- Investing
- Management
- Marketing
- Non-Profit

Comedy

- Comedy Interviews
- Improv
- Stand-Up

Education

- Courses
- How To

Leisure

- Animation & Manga
- Automotive
- Aviation
- Crafts
- Games
- Hobbies
- Home & Garden
- Video Games

Music

- Music Commentary
- Music History
- Music Interviews

News

- Business News
- Daily News
- Entertainment News
- News Commentary
- Politics
- Sports News
- Tech News

Society & Culture

- Documentary
- Personal Journals
- Philosophy
- Places & Travel
- Relationships

Sports

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Fantasy Sports
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Rugby
- Running
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Wilderness
- Wrestling



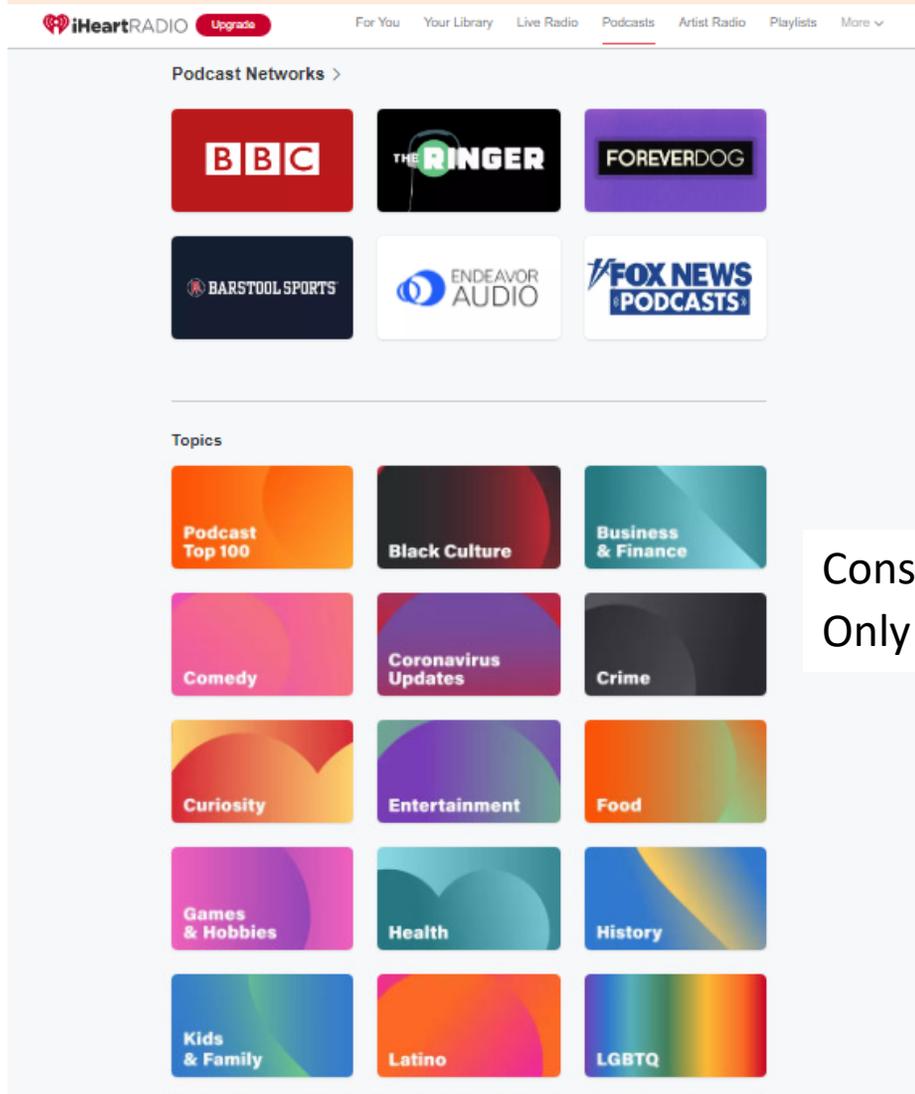
Podcast Player Criteria



- Price
- Signup ease
- Search ease
- Carries your programs, interest-areas
- Change speed
- Listen on computer aswell as phones/tablet
- Sync and pick up between devices
- Ad-free
- Plays music also
- Few drops or stalls
- Bandwidth use
- Notified for new episodes
- Curated content
- Exclusive content
- Able to share



IHeartRadio



Pros:

Listen to music you love. Stream unlimited music, thousands of radio stations and **podcasts** all in one app. **iHeartRadio** is easy to use and best of all, it's still **FREE**.

Cons:

Only listen **offline** on ios

Currently, iHeartRadio AI Access is available for the following devices:

Web (www.iHeart.com)
iOS and Android **devices**.
Apple TV (v1. 2.0)*
Xbox One*
Android TV*
Samsung TV*
Vizio TV*
LG TV*



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IHeartRadio



The **Offline** feature is only available in the iOS and **Android** versions of the **iHeartRadio app**. With **iHeartRadio All Access** you can take your playlists from online to **offline** with a quick toggle. While connected to cellular data or Wi-Fi, select the playlist you wish to make available **offline**.

Any **podcasts** you follow **can** be found under "Your **Podcasts**". and select **Download** Episode. A blue arrow **will** appear once the episode is available to play offline. All of your **downloaded** episodes are conveniently located under "Your **Podcasts**" on the **Podcasts** tab where you **can** listen without needing a data connection.

IHeartRadio Functions



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Albums



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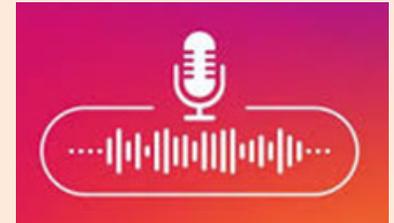
Need help finding something new?

[Browse Stations For You](#)

Feedback



iHeartRadio Options



	Plus*	All Access
Play any song	•	• \$9.99/mo
Unlimited skips	•	•
Save songs from radio to your playlist	•	•
Instantly replay songs from the radio	•	•
Listen offline		•
	\$4.99/mo	
Unlimited access to millions of songs		•
Create unlimited playlists		•

*iHeartRadio Plus available only in the iOS and Android apps

no additional charges to listen to your favorite Live Stations or all-music Artist Radio Stations featuring songs from the artist you select and similar music.



Overcast

\$0 - \$9.99/year

Overcast is a simple podcast app that makes it easy to recommend, discover, and enjoy your favorite shows.

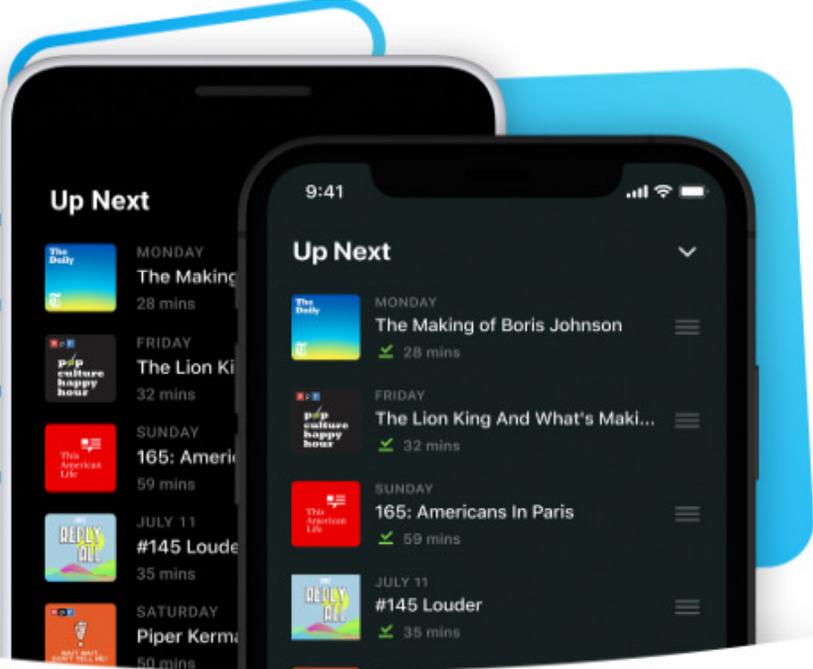


Features

- Smart speed –custom forward/back
- voice boost
- Smart resume
- Smart Playlists
- Sync to Watch
- Share links, clips



PocketCasts



The image shows two smartphones displaying the 'Up Next' playlist feature. The background phone shows a list of episodes with their respective show logos and durations. The foreground phone shows a similar list with a play button icon next to each episode, indicating it's ready to play.

Day	Show	Episode	Duration
MONDAY	The Daily	The Making of Boris Johnson	28 mins
FRIDAY	pop culture happy hour	The Lion King And What's Maki...	32 mins
SUNDAY	The American Life	165: Americans In Paris	59 mins
JULY 11	DEEPLY	#145 Louder	35 mins
SATURDAY	portable	Piper Kerman	50 mins

Up Next

Automatically build a playback queue from your favorite shows. Sign in and have that Up Next queue sync to all your devices.

All devices, plus Sonos, Chromecast and Car Play



PocketCasts



Cross Device Sync

Listen without limits. We'll sync your podcasts and their playback location across all your devices so you're always ready to go.



Android Auto and CarPlay

Podcasts in your car done right. Play through your Up Next. Find that one perfect episode to match your driving mood.



Chapter Support

Jump straight to the topic you're most interested in and revel in the custom chapter artwork to match.



Play Without Subscribing

Commitment and responsibility are so adult, so boring. Podcasts should be fun and commitment-free. Mash that play button with no regrets!



Discovery

There are so many great podcasts out there, but how do you find them? Let our machine enhanced human curators do the work for you.



Trim Silence

Time is money. Why are you wasting it waiting for someone to answer that question? Trim that silence and burn through your podcasts.



Apple Watch

Quickly change volume, skip ahead or find something else to listen to straight from your Apple Watch.



Smart Storage Management

Managing downloads should be someone else's job; you've got better things to do. Say hello to Auto Archiving, your new best friend.



Episode Search

Looking for that one guest in a podcast you don't normally listen to? Interested in just one topic? Episode Search to the rescue.



Airplay and Chromecast

Set your podcasts free. Into your living room, office, kitchen and more. A world without wires awaits.



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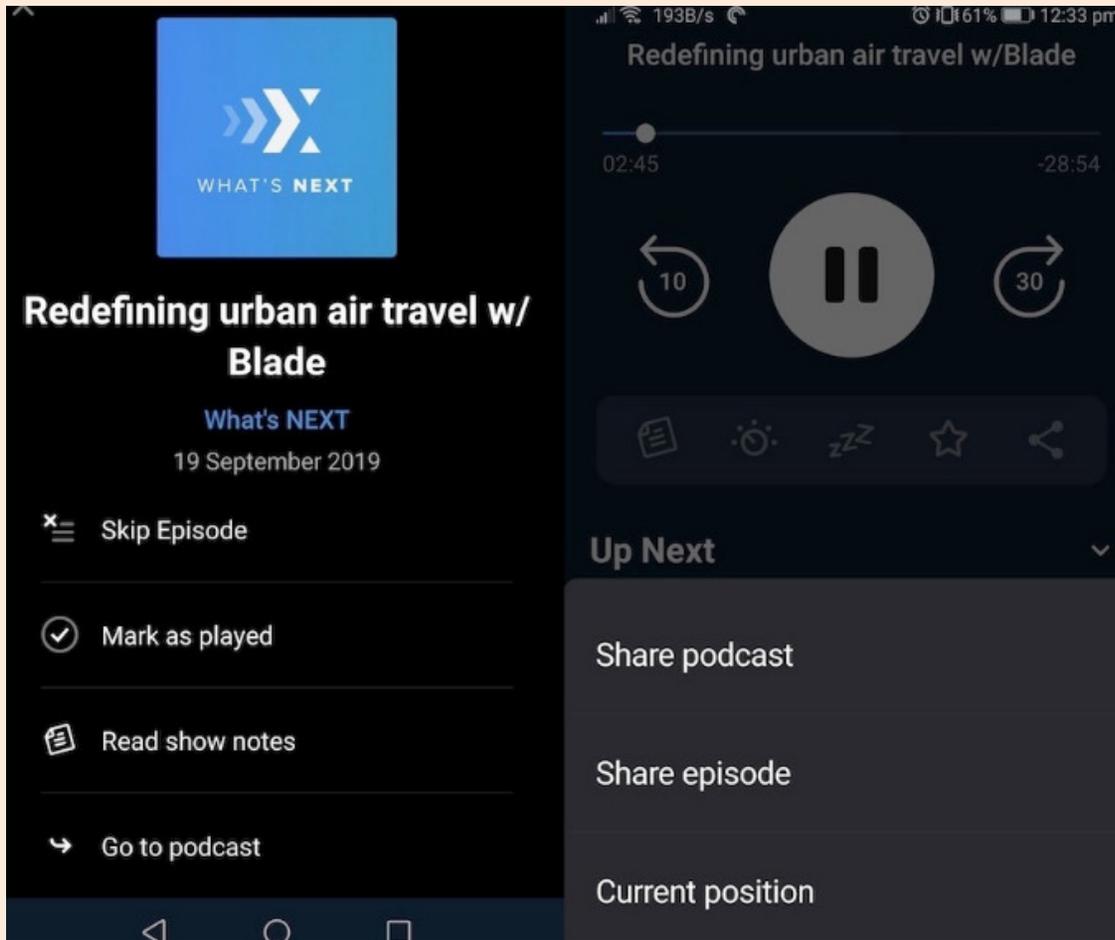
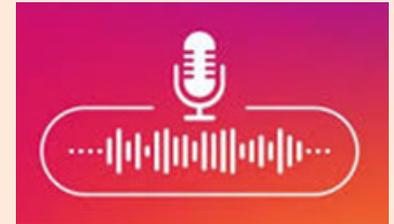


Variable Speed Playback

Time is a precious commodity and yet it always just ticks, ticks, ticks along. Break out and power up your podcast listening.



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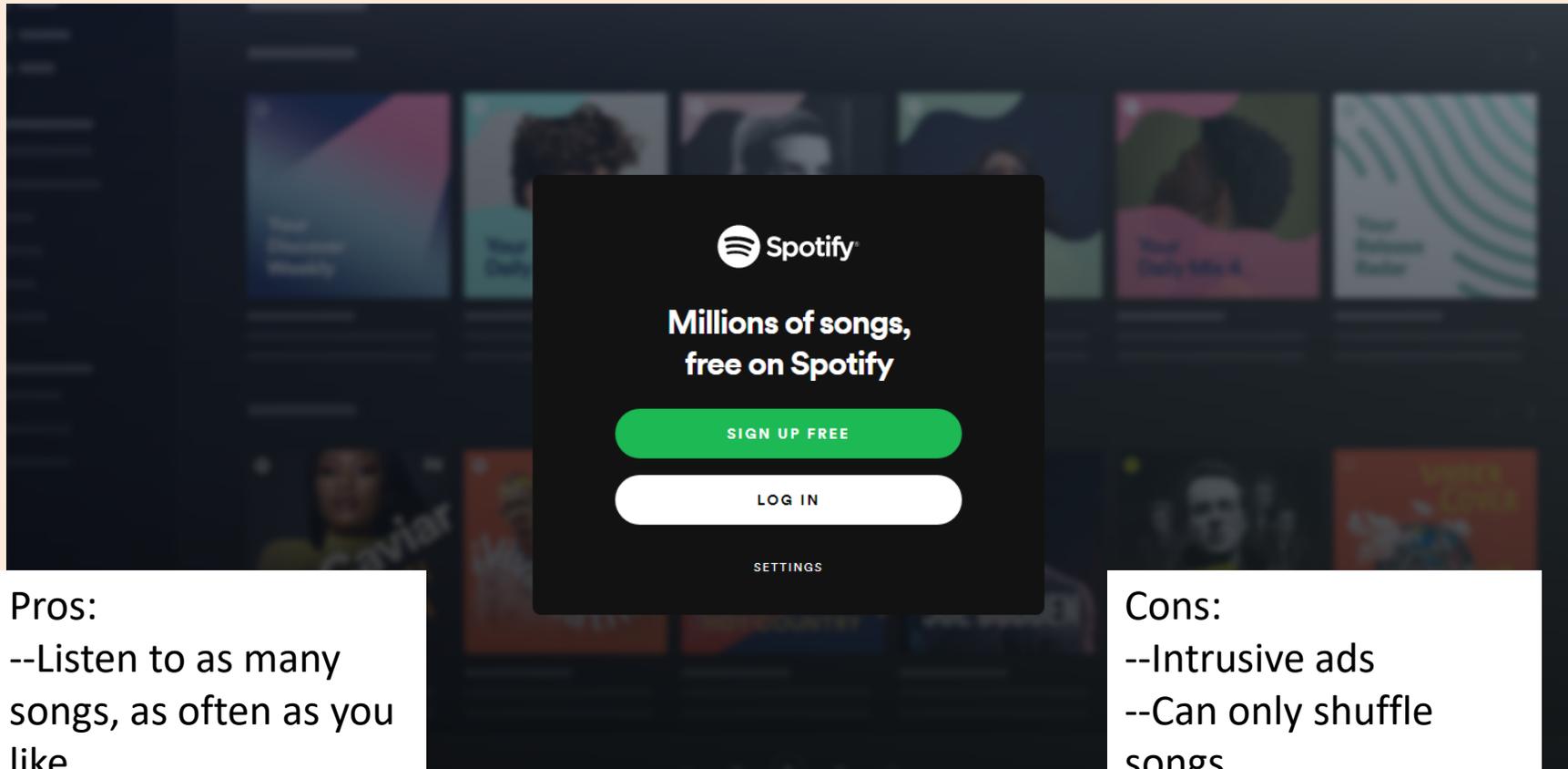
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Pros:

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- Easy playlists or search for tracks
- 50mil songs

Cons:

- Intrusive ads
- Can only shuffle songs
- Lower sound quality
- Can't download songs

Spotify





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- Create Playlist
- Liked Songs

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All Episodes



They Do: Talking Marriage with Conan O'Brien

Conan O'Brien video chats with Michelle to discuss the challenges and joys of marriage. Find the episode transcript here: http://spoti.fi/TMOP_transcripts

 Sep 2 · 42 min



The Gift of Girlfriends with Denielle, Sharon, and Kelly

Michelle Obama sits down with three of her dearest friends—Denielle Pemberton-Heard, Dr. Sharon Malone, and Kelly Dibble—to talk about women's friendship and navigating the Whi...

 Aug 26 · 45 min



Growing Up Robinson with Craig and Michelle

Michelle chats with her beloved older brother about their childhood and growing up together on the South Side of Chicago. Find the episode transcript...

 Aug 19 · 55 min



What Your Mother Never Told You About Health with Dr. Sharon Malone

Michelle talks with her friend, Dr. Sharon Malone, an OB-GYN, about women's health, menopause, and aging. Find the episode transcript here: http://spoti.fi/TMOP_transcripts



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Weekly ranking of the most popular shows on Stitcher

Top Shows			Top Movers			Most Shared		
All Shows			From the week of			08/17 - 08/23		
Rank	Show	Change	Rank	Show	Change	Rank	Show	Change
1	 The Joe Rogan Experience <i>Comedy</i>	-						
2	 My Favorite Murder with Karen Kilgari... <i>Comedy</i>	-						
3	 The Daily <i>News & Politics</i>	-						
4	 The Rachel Maddow Show <i>News & Politics</i>	-						
5	 Dateline NBC <i>News & Politics</i>	-						

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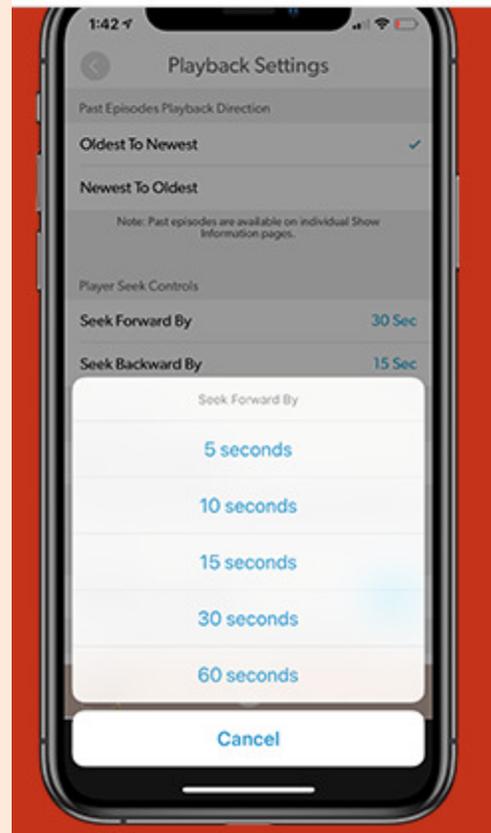
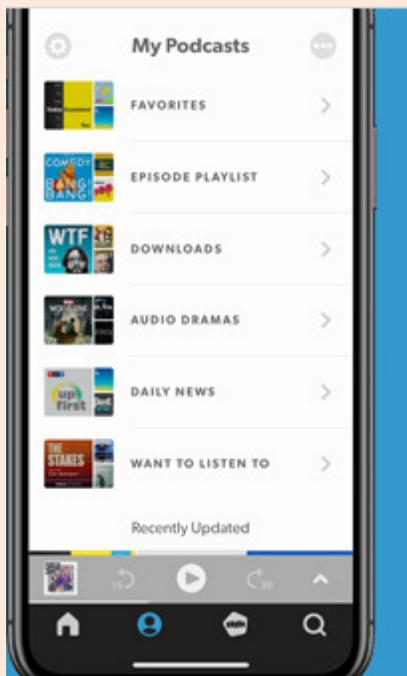
- All Shows
- Comedy
- Business And Industry
- News And Politics
- Society And Culture
- Education
- Entertainment
- Games And Hobbies
- Lifestyle And Health
- Music Commentary
- Parenting, Family And Kids
- Science And Medicine
- Spirituality And Religion
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Stitcher



- Easy search for episodes on iOS or android
- Sort episodes (newest to oldest or reverse)
- Cast to bluetooth speaker (Apple, Google Home, etc.)
- Rewind by specific amount of seconds
- Create playlists
- Swipe to eliminate downloads
- Play in car mode

Downloading vs Streaming



Is it better to stream or download podcasts?



Downloading requires the file be retrieved and stored in entirety before you can enjoy it, while **streaming** allows it to play without the entire file being loaded. So, walking away in the middle of a **streaming** file saves you the amount of data that you don't listen to, while a **downloaded** file does not.

Streaming vs Downloading



Is it cheaper to stream or download?

- So, after all, does streaming use more data than **downloading**? The short answer is that with comparable quality of the file and without compression, *they use more or less the same amount of data.*
- For one-time viewing of a compressed file, or if you are fine with low-res, use streaming to save bandwidth (and time).

Listening in the Car

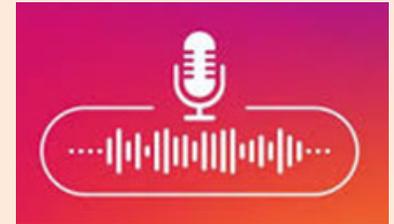


- **Here are a few ways you can listen to audio in your car:**
- Set up CarPlay in a compatible **vehicle**. ...
- If your **car** has Bluetooth, you can pair your iPhone to your **car**.
- If your **car** has a USB port, you can use a Lightning cable to connect your iPhone to **your vehicle**.

Android | Car Bluetooth

- On your **Android** phone, please open Settings -> Device Connection-> **Bluetooth** and set it to On.
- Wait for the screen to update and display your **car** audio system, then select it to pair.
- After pairing, please **play** a **podcast** in the Podbean **Android** app. You will **hear** the **podcast** from your **car** audio.

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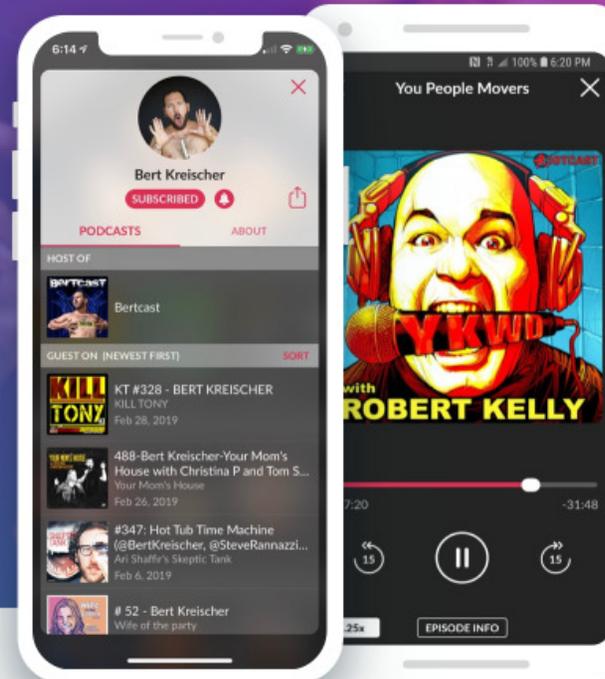
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2. When You're Almost Done, Delete or Skip Ahead. ...
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4. Don't Auto Download More-Than-Daily News Shows. ...
5. Let Go of Episodes With a Short Shelf Life. ...
6. Use Auto Skip.