

Making a Podcast in GarageBand3 (iLife 06)

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These were created in GarageBand and published in iWeb.

What is a podcast?

A Podcast can be like a radio show with audio content or it can be audio and visual content to make a video podcast. You can post podcasts on the Internet so that your audience can download them for any time enjoyment. When you see a subscribe button on a page, click to download the podcast into your iTunes library. From there you can listen to it or transfer it to your iPod or Mp3 player.

Before you produce the podcast think about the content.

A sample outline might be:

1. Introductory music jingle
2. Music fades out. Introductory monologue (who you are, what you're going to talk about).
3. Brief music excerpt fades back in. Then fades out to begin body of podcast.
4. Speakers narrate their content – interview, report, etc.
5. Music fades in at partial volume and speaker thanks audience for joining the podcast.
6. Music full volume and then fades out.

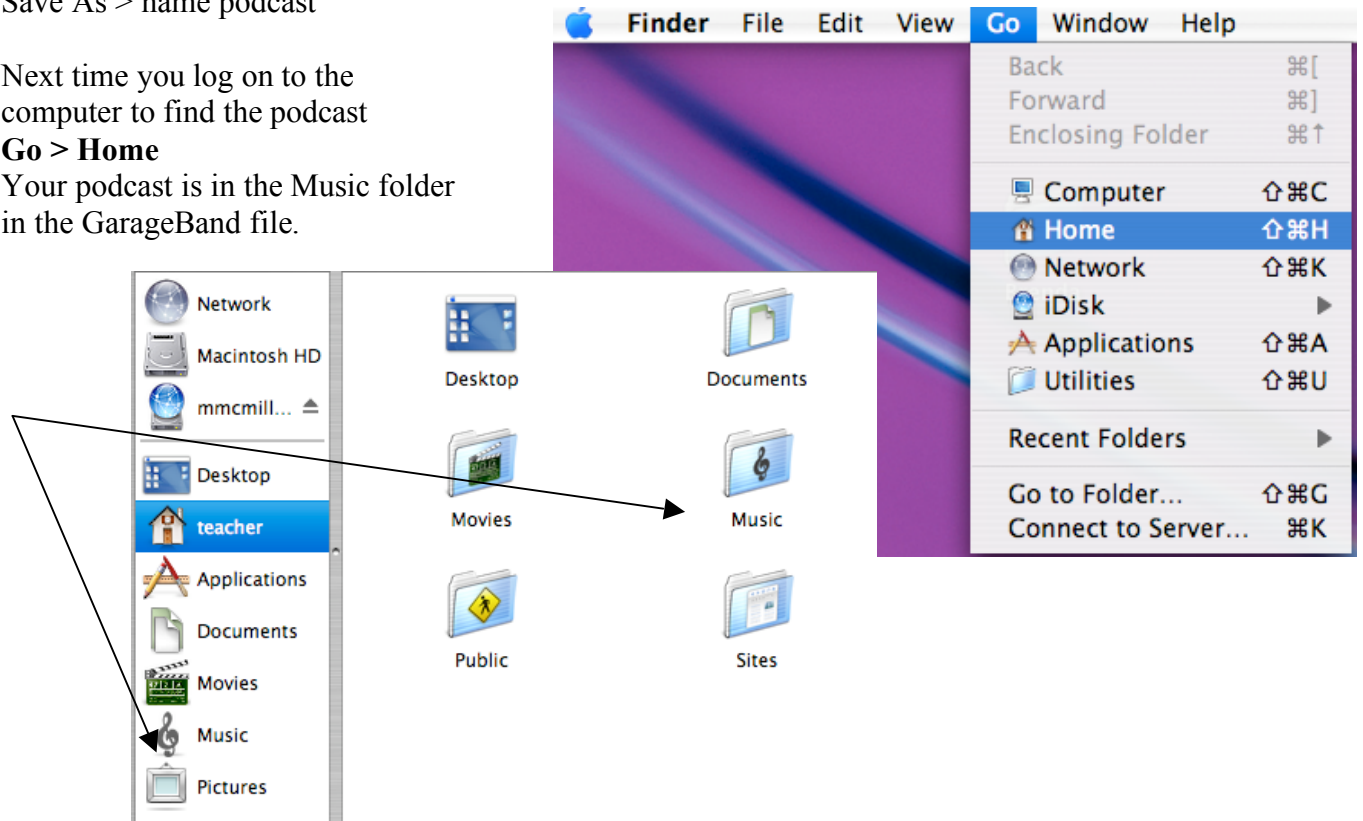
1. Start up GarageBand. Choose New Podcast Episode.

Save As > name podcast

Next time you log on to the computer to find the podcast

Go > Home

Your podcast is in the Music folder in the GarageBand file.



2. When the podcast project opens, you will notice several tracks ready for use.

Click the **Loop Browser** button (the button with the open eye).

While you can always create original music using music loops, it is fast and easy to use the ready-made arrangements in the jingles collection.



Select **loop browser**

Jingles provide complete musical arrangements good for podcasts.

Stingers are short zippy sound effects.

If you want to change back to the music loop view click the musical notes.

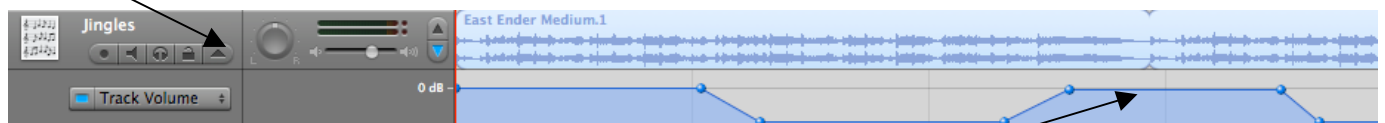
Using Jingles? Drag the chosen loop to the jingle track and drop. Drag it to the position you want it to begin.

Using a Stinger or Sound Effect? Drop it into an empty track and it will build the track for you.

3. Record Voice

You will want to bring the volume of the music down when you speak.

Click on the down arrow of the track.



This reveals the volume editing line (blue or green line)

Click on the line to create a bubble. Click beside that to make a **second bubble**.

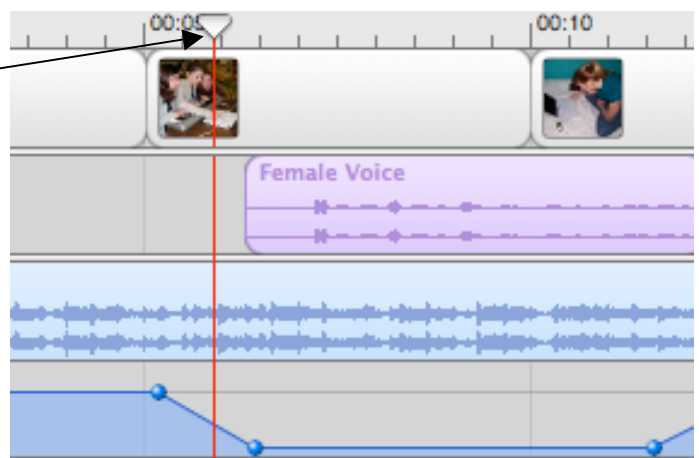
The first bubble is the start of the volume edit and the 2nd line is the final volume of this edit.

You want the volume low so that you can speak.

Drag the “**playhead**” to where the volume is lowered.

This is where you will begin recording your voice.

Select the female or male voice track.
Click the **R** key to record or the red recording button in the control panel in the center.
When finished recording click **R** and hit the space bar or click the red record button.



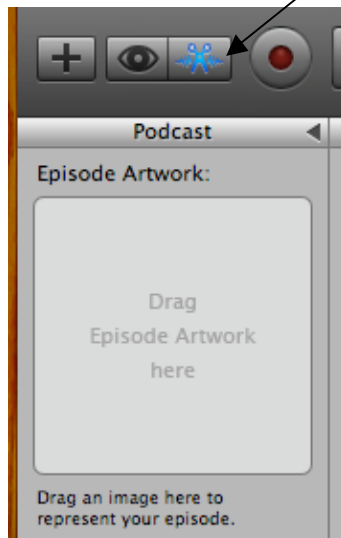
If you record something you do not like, select and delete.

Repeat this process several times so that your podcast has introductory music, introductory speaking, interlude music, content, interlude music or perhaps ending music, closing speaking and final closing music.

4. Adding Artwork to Your Podcast

If you have images in your iPhoto gallery, you can add an image to represent your podcast or add multiple images to give your audience visual cues throughout the podcast.

Select the **Podcast Track**. Then click on the Media Library button. This displays the images in the iPhoto library. Now select the editing button on the left side of the button bar.



Episode Artwork will be the “cover image” for your podcast. Drag other images into the top Podcast track as desired. This is shown in the image at the top of this page. Drag the images to begin exactly where you want using the timeline guide.

If an image needs repositioning, double click on the image to bring up the Artwork Editor window.

5. Exporting

You have two options to publish your podcast.

1.) Share > Send to iTunes

This will place the podcast in your iTunes library. You can drag and drop it out of this library onto the desktop to move it to another location.

You might use this option if you were going to link this podcast to an existing webpage or if you going to put the podcast on an Mp3 player.

2.) Share > Send to iWeb

This allows you to publish the podcast on a ready-made webpage template. When it finished exporting and iWeb opens, you will be asked to choose a template design. Once you select the design you want choose the podcast template page. All text on this template looks like a foreign language. This indicates that the area is editable. Add your text, headings etc. You can add additional podcasts to this same iWeb site. Return to GarageBand and select a different file and follow the same process. iWeb creates a main page that has links to all the podcasts you added to this site. Make sure you edit all the text regions on this page as well. When you are done, Publish the site. There is more information on “How to Put it All Together” at <http://web.rbe.sk.ca/support/ilife/iWeb.html>