



Pirate Radio!

Podcasts in an Introductory
Technical Writing Course

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Are You....

- Tired of poorly executed group presentations?
- Tired of students who claim to fear public speaking?
- Sick of the same old topics?
- Thinking more and more about retirement?

Try the Podcast

- Find a staff colleague to help train your students over the use of podcast software
- Give them a 10-minute time limit
- Find a local (campus or city-wide) problem and solution
- Call for equal on-air participation (e.g., if 4 participants, 2 minutes air time each)
- Mandate no more than 5 seconds “dead air” at any one instance

Presentation of the Podcast

- Two presentations
- In-class
- As a take-home assignment for class
- Assign class to write about the two experiences and how they understood the information in each

How Do Podcasts Compare to Presentations?

- More collaborative
- More editing experience that focuses on issues of audience and style
- Experience with a different genre
- Experience in “professional speaking”
- Experience with software other than PowerPoint



That's it! Thanks.