Subscribing to podcasts

By subscribing to a podcast you can receive new 'episodes' automatically. Subscriptions work by RSS, or Really Simple Syndication, a format for distributing media over the web.

You subscribe by linking to the RSS feed, a file containing information about the items available. The standard RSS feed icon is shown on the right. It might also be a button labelled XML, RSS, POD, 'podcast' or even 'subscribe'.

Subscribing in iTunes

Use iTunes to subscribe to podcasts you find in the iTunes Store or anywhere else on the web.

Podcasts found in the iTunes Store

- Open iTunes and click on **iTunes Store** in the left-hand menu.
- Click on **Podcasts** in the iTunes Store menu and browse for the podcast you want or search the store for podcasts by title or subject, for example 'science podcast'.
- To subscribe to a podcast, click on the **Subscribe** button and confirm the subscription in the next dialogue box.

Podcasts found elsewhere on the internet

Some sites provide links to automatically create iTunes subscriptions to their podcasts.
If this is not provided, do the following.

- In your web browser, copy the link from the RSS feed. Do this by right-clicking on the feed icon (for example,) and choosing **Copy Shortcut**.
- In iTunes, select **Subscribe to Podcast…** on the **Advanced** menu.
- Paste the link into the dialogue box and click OK.

Managing your podcasts in iTunes	
To access your podcasts	click on **Podcasts** in the left menu (they display in one of three views); double click an episode to play it; you may need to click 'get' to download an episode first
To change podcast settings	click the **Settings** button at the bottom of the window, respond to the options in the dialogue box then click OK to save any new settings
To unsubscribe a podcast	select the podcast and click **Unsubscribe** at the bottom of the window or right click on the item and choose **Unsubscribe** from the menu

For more about podcasts in iTunes go to **iTunes Help** on the **Help** menu or go to http://www.apple.com/itunes/podcasts/.

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