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> Nope; I just didn't understand what a podcast really was. So "podcast"
> is different from streaming audio but not from mp3s? I like how Apple
> is using the new name.
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> Anyway, I'm glad that they are using mp3s for this. All of the music I
> bought with iTunes is in the m4p format, which I've never encountered
> outside of iTunes.

Apple had to add DRM (Digital Rights Management, better known as Digital Restrictions Method) to standard MP3's, because otherwise the 4 major music companies would not let them sell their stuff.

Luckily you can remove this unnecessary DRM by making a CD and importing it back to MP3. The easiest way to do this is using a CD-RW, so you need to buy only one disc. It might even be possible to use a "virtual" CD, but I have no experience with that.

Streams were invented to prevent users permanent and off line access to the music, which of course did not work, because if you can hear it, you can record it.

Podcasts are simply a system where one or more MP3 files can be downloaded for later use. Descriptions, chapter titles, and even pictures can be added to such a "program".

The difference is that streams force long connection and load times on the web server, while podcasts generate a short burst, freeing the server quickly for other users and avoiding more load for repeated hearing.

<http://www.muzie.co.jp/> is a japanese website with free and legal music.

If you know about other similar sites, please let us know here, or add them to the 1 Million Free & Legal Tracks Wiki at <http://www.enorgis.com/pmwiki/pmwiki.php>.

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