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Podcasting

Recently I discovered a new phenomenon that is taking the Internet by storm, namely podcasting. I've mentioned the practice of blogging in previous columns and podcasting is really an extension of this. Podcasting allows you to download web content on to your iPod, computer or any digital media device. Typically the content you download are audio blogs that are distributed in mp3 format. With the proliferation of broadband as well as digital media devices the practice of Podcasting is likely to become far more popular. Depending on your tastes you can listen to a variety of different topics – a good site to look at is www.podcastalley.com where a number of IT related podcasts can be found.

Another related development is the increased use of Voice Over IP to make telephone calls. One provider of such services that seems to be doing particularly well is Skype. Skypecasting is a practice that I am coming across more often these days. It is essentially recording your Skype conversations into an mp3 format. In many instances these recordings are later distributed as podcasts. An excellent example of this is a podcast I listen to entitled For Immediate Release, see www.forimmediaterelease.biz This podcast is a show produced by two Public Relations experts, namely Neville Hobson and Shel Holtz. It's an interesting show because it discusses many aspects of blogging and IT. However, the most interesting thing about the show is that it is produced by recording a Skype conversation between Neville who's in Amsterdam and Shel in California. The recording is subsequently posted to the For Immediate Release site so that it can be downloaded by listeners. This is a very clever use of emerging technologies and provides and effective mechanism for industry experts to transmit their knowledge to an audience – hopefully we will see an Oracle Podcast being produced shortly!!

e-delivery

Metalink has recently announced the Electronic Product Delivery (EPD) System for Oracle Products and Updates. In the past, orders for Oracle Software and Updates had to be made by requesting a media shipment using a TAR or the phone. Now software can be downloaded on demand at edelivery.oracle.com – no more waiting for those CD's to arrive in the post!!

The Electronic Product Delivery (EPD) system can be accessed by clicking on the Patches & Updates button (formerly just a patches button) on Metalink. After clicking on the Patches and Updates button you need to click on the e-delivery link and proceed to download the software.

Via e-delivery you can download the following product packs for a variety of platforms:

- E-Business Suite
- Financial Services Applications
- iLearning Applications
- JD Edwards EnterpriseOne
- JD Edwards World
- On Demand
- Oracle Application Server Products
- Oracle Collaboration Suite
- Oracle Database
- Oracle Development Tools
- Oracle RDB
- Pharmaceutical Applications
- Peoplesoft Enterprise

I was pleased to see that the JD Edwards and Peoplesoft product packs have bee added!!

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