

COSC 1010H  
Course Journal Part II

You must complete both journal topics listed below. Each should be submitted as a **separate** Journal Entry post on Blackboard **in the Course Journal Part II journal area**.

Each journal entry should be between 500-1000 words.

**Submission:** Although you are welcome to initially work on your journals offline in a program like Microsoft Word, journals **MUST** be submitted by putting the journal contents into the journal entry's Message text area.

Journals attached as Word/pdf documents **will be given 0**.

Pasting from a text editor into the entry box will strip formatting like paragraphs, so please read it over in the box, and reintroduce any missing formatting (500 words all in one paragraph is very difficult to read!)

**References:** These submissions are meant to be reflective journal entries where you express your opinion and talk about your experiences. It is possible to complete the journals without requiring any references.

However, factual information gained from an outside source **MUST** be referenced. Failure to do so is considered **academic dishonesty, and will result in a 0** on the journal, and may lead to other significant academic penalties.

The format of your references, if necessary, is entirely up to you. Something as simple as a web link in brackets after the content would be sufficient.

### **Journal Topic #3 – Podcasting**

The task for this journal entry is to learn about podcasting

- Start off by doing a little Internet research to determine what podcasting/webcasting is.
- Next you're going to listen to some podcasts.

Both Apple and Android devices offer several options for podcasting applications. These allow you to find/download/stream podcasts from within the app. All podcasts are free.

You can use iTunes on a computer as well. Podcasts are available from the iTunes store, and are all free content.

Some podcasts also stream from their websites, so you can watch them in a browser as well.

- Listen to at least one episode from each of the following podcasts (or types of podcast):
  - Any episode of The Daily (By the New York Times)
  - An episode of any podcast produced by TWiT (This week in Tech)
  - An episode of a podcast intended for learning another language
  - Any other two podcasts of your choice (one should be video, the other should be audio only)
- In your journal entry, be sure to identify and evaluate the podcast episodes you watched/listened to.
  - Reflect on your experience with podcasting, and consider how this technology fits and/or contrasts with other methods for presenting, and gathering information we've looked at so far.
  - What types of information is it most suited for?
  - Consider the difference between audio and video podcasts
    - Although students generally seem to prefer video podcasts, identify some situations where audio only podcasts might be useful.
    - Why types of information might each type convey best
  - How is podcasting different/similar to a YouTube channel?

## **Journal Topic #4 – Another Social Information Share**

Prior to the World Wide Web, most of the “content” we viewed was produced (and acquired) commercially (Newspapers, magazine, television, radio). Since the advent of “Web 2.0” we have very quickly moved into an age where much of the content we consume is produced (or at least shared) by other end users.

The first three journal topics you’ve completed had you look at some popular alternative forms of sharing content.

For your fourth topic, you can choose a form of social information sharing to investigate and experience. We would prefer you chose one you don’t use frequently already, and it can’t be Facebook or SnapChat. Some suggestions include services such as:

- Periscope
- Pintrest
- Instagram
- Reddit
- Tik Tok
- Tumblr
- LinkedIn

Once you’ve chosen your topic, investigate it, use it, and write a journal about your experiences with it. Consider similar questions to what you’ve examined in the first three entries.