What good technology podcasts are out there?

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Yes, Podcasts, those nice little Audiobooks I can listen to on the way to work. With the current amount of Podcasts, it's like searching a needle in a haystack, except that the haystack happens to be the Internet and is filled with too many of these "Hot new Gadgets" stuff :(

Now, even though **I** am mainly a .NET developer nowadays, maybe anyone knows some good Podcasts from people regarding the whole software lifecycle? Unit Testing, Continous Integration, Documentation, Deployment...

So - what are you guys and gals listening to?

Please note that the categorizations are somewhat subjective and may not be 100% accurate as many

podcasts cover several areas. Categorization is made against what is considered the "main" area.

General Software Engineering / Productivity

- [Stack Overflow] [1](inactive, but still a good listen)

- [TekPub (Requires Paid Subscription)](#)

- [Software Engineering Radio](#)

- [43 Folders](#)

- [Perspectives](#)

- [Dr. Dobb's](#) (now a video feed)

- [The Pragmatic Podcast](#) (Inactive)

- [IT Matters](#)

- [Agile Toolkit Podcast](#)

- [The Stack Trace](#) (Inactive)

- [Parleys](#)

- [Techzing](#)

- [The Startup Success Podcast](#)

- [Berkeley CS class lectures](#)

- [FLOSS Weekly](#)

- [This Developer's Life](#)

.NET / Visual Studio / Microsoft

- [Herding Code](#)

- [Hanselminutes](#)

- [.NET Rocks!](#)

- [Deep Fried Bytes](#)

- [Alt.Net Podcast](#) (inactive)

- [Polymorphic Podcast](#) (inconsistent)

- [Sparkling Client (The Silverlight Podcast)](#)

- [dnrTV!](#)

- [Spaghetti Code](#)

- [ASP.NET Podcast](#)

- [Channel 9](#)

- [Radio TFS](#)

- [PowerScripting Podcast](#)

- [The Thirsty Developer](#)

- [Elegant Code](#) (inactive)

- [ConnectedShow](#)

- [Crafty Coders](#)

- [Coding QA](#)

jQuery

- [yayQuery](#)
- [The official jQuery podcast](#)

Java / Groovy

- [The Java Posse](#)
- [Grails Podcast](#)
- [Java Technology Insider](#)
- [Basement Coders](#)

Ruby / Rails

- [Railscasts](#)
- [Rails Envy](#)
- [The Ruby on Rails Podcast](#)
- [Rubiverse](#)
- [Ruby5](#)

Web Design / JavaScript / Ajax

- [WebDevRadio](#)

- [Boagworld](#)

- [The Rissington podcast](#)

- [Ajaxian](#)

- [YUI Theater](#)

Unix / Linux / Mac / iPhone

- [Mac Developer Network](#)

- [Hacker Public Radio](#)

- [Linux Outlaws](#)

- [Mac OS Ken](#)

- [LugRadio Linux radio show](#) (Inactive)

- [The Linux Action Show!](#)

- [Linux Kernel Mailing List (LKML) Summary Podcast](#)

- [Stanford's iPhone programming class](#)

- [Advanced iPhone Development Course - Madison Area Technical College](#)

- [WWDC 2010 Session Videos (requires Apple Developer registration)](#)

System Administration, Security or Infrastructure

- [RunAs Radio](#)

- [Security Now!](#)

- [Crypto-Gram Security Podcast](#)

- [Hak5](#)

- [VMWare VMTN](#)

- [Windows Weekly](#)

- [PaulDotCom Security](#)

- [The Register - Semi-Coherent Computing](#)

- [FeatherCast](#)

General Tech / Business

- [Tekzilla](#)

- [This Week in Tech](#)

- [The Guardian Tech Weekly](#)

- [PCMag Radio Podcast](#) (Inactive)

- [Entrepreneurship Corner](#)

- [Manager Tools](#)

Other / Misc. / Podcast Networks

- [IT Conversations](#)

- [Retrobits Podcast](#)

- [No Agenda Netcast](#)

- [Cranky Geeks](#)

- [The Command Line](#)

- [Freelance Radio](#)

- [IBM developerWorks](#)

- [The Register - Open Season](#)

- [Drunk and Retired](#)

- [Technometria](#)

- [Sod This](#)

- [Radio4Nerds](#)

- [Hacker Medley](#)

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5   I suggest that everybody writes exactly one podcast per answer (post several answers if needed), such that the voting tells how the other people think about this one podcast. And

how about a one sentence description?
– Dr. Hans-Peter Störr Oct 2, 2008 at 15:19

4   Has SO been reduced to building collections of links? This looks my univeristy webpage in 1993. And like my 1993 webpage, it's out of date the moment it's written. – skaffman Jul 15, 2009 at 14:13

40   Except unlike a web site this is a wiki - you can fix changed links, remove dead site,s and vote up/down new and old entries. It's more like the music charts! – Martin Beckett Jul 15, 2009 at 14:27

3   @Martin Except that 1. People aren't going to browse 4 pages of results and to vote 2. Especially now that the results are consolidated in the question 3. This question doesn't get as much traction today as when it was created (so votes don't reflect anything). – Pascal Thivent Sep 15, 2010 at 8:58 ✎

6   While I appreciate this podcast list, I think skaffman makes a valid point. Such lists may be more appropriate on a site such as Delicious whose purpose is to collect links. Even Wikipedia may be more appropriate since each page does not have a list of answers. As Pascal points out, answer votes don't matter much as the list changes or becomes out of date.
– Derek Mahar Sep 15, 2010 at 16:51

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2   I took all of the podcasts from the answers scoring 5 or
votes   better (and those in the original question) and added them
🔖   to an aggregated page on Cullect.com:

http://www.cullect.com/StackOverflow-Recommended-Podcasts

It provides a handy way to get a glimpse of these podcasts as well as a way to preview them if you're in a hurry or don't want to wade through all of the duplicates in the answers. I'm currently set up as the only curator of the "cullection", but if someone else wants to help keep it adjusted as the answers change, let me know.

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I'll add [Crypto-Gram Security Podcast](#). Basically, Dan Henage reading [Bruce Schneier](#) newsletter Crypto-Gram.

Most of the other podcasts I listen to have been mentioned (TwiT, Security Now!, Cranky Geeks).

my 2c

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Cranky Geeks

answered Jan 6, 2009 at 18:16

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Kevin Fairchild

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The MDN Show for General Macintosh business topics. cocoaFusion and coreInt for in-depth Cocoa topics.

answered Jul 15, 2009 at 19:47

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I am pretty much hooked to:

- The Java Posse

- Software Engineering Radio

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I recently stumbled across a new podcast named Hacker Medley. It's a short (~15 min) podcast with Nat Friedman and Alex Gravely. I found the first 3 episodes quite entertaining!

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Here is my list:

- The Java Posse - a must for Java programmers

- FLOSS Weekly - On open source projects, usually very geekish, but Leo Laporte is very funny

- Stack Overflow - I believe most of the readers know what I'm talking about...

- [Software Engineering Radio](#) - Very interesting interviews on various aspects

- [FeatherCast](#) - Seldom updated, interviews on Apache projects

- [Parleys.com](#) - Lectures served as podcast, highly biased to the Spring project

Not strictly technical, but highly recommended

- [Entrepreneurial Thought Leaders](#) - Lectures who built companies or other endeavours. Very interesting.

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David Rabinowitz

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The Stack Overflow podcast is the reason I'm now here. Jeff, unfortunately, is a poor project manager in terms of managing expectations and setting timelines -- yet the beta has arrived, and it's pretty decent! The .NET world is alien to me, so I've enjoyed the Stack Overflow podcast.

This Week in Tech is another podcast I listen to regularly. Unfortunately, I feel that none of the panelists other than Leo Laporte does any homework prior to the show, so many of the opinions (especially John C. Dvorak's) are uninformed.

I recently started listening to IT Conversations podcasts, and I got enough good information that I donated. The selection is mixed, but I really like talks from various conferences that I was unable to attend.

Thanks to other people who responded with links to other podcasts I haven't heard of. I'm a newbie, so I can't bump up scores yet.

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answered Aug 6, 2008 at 10:41

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Not a technology podcast, but I really have to mention FreelanceRadio. A really great and sometimes hilarious resource. I'm listening to them in the morning, on the way to work. And sometimes feel really stupid just giggling by myself :P

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answered Aug 9, 2008 at 10:34

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I listen to The Guardian's TechWeekly, it's very informed for being done by journalists for a mainstream newspaper. Well

produced and up to date. Has a focus on Britain and Europe.

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answered Aug 12, 2008 at 12:06

Theo

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My list is pretty similar to the rest - TWIT, MBW, .NET Rocks, Hanselminutes, Polymorphic Podcast and specifically for Mac developers the [Mac developer network](#) has some a couple of good podcasts

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answered Aug 14, 2008 at 7:15

JamesSugrue

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I do enjoy all the podcasts from the TWIT network, though FLOSS Weekly and Security Now are my favorite "techie" podcasts. I actually have never heard the Stack Overflow podcast, but will definitely be giving it a try after seeing all the recommendations here.

Also, I believe that Alex Lindsay (of the Pixel Corps, and frequently on Macbreak Weekly on TWIT) will be starting a very technical podcast on Mac development. I'm looking

forward to this, as I've been primary a Java programmer, and am interested in learning Xcode and Obj-C.

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My favourites are:

- Stack Overflow

- TWiT

- Security Now

I like listening to John C. Dvorak on TWiT, though I've never tried his other podcasts. He really knows his stuff and is frequently funny, but sometimes he's just an annoying old grump.

I used to listen to [PaulDotCom Security Weekly](#), but they talk an awful lot about penetration testing and not so much about other aspects of computer security.

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what I always miss at these security podcasts are solutions. They simply find problems. That's easy. But they normally don't suggest fixes that are related to development and could matter to us. – wishi May 2, 2010 at 9:17

1 Stack Overflow This Week in Tech Security Now

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As I learn more about programming I'll add more to my list. Adding 43 folders now.

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answered Aug 30, 2008 at 1:30

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Andy_Small

1 Top on my list are:

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1. Software Engineering Radio

2. Java Posse Sometimes I also listen to: The ASP.NET podcast

I keep an eye on iTunes U as some courses have the perfect price (free) from top-notch Universities around the world. E.g. Computer Language Engineering from MIT.

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answered Sep 8, 2008 at 22:48

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[Java Technology Insider](#) is what I found when I went looking for a Java equivalent of .NET Rocks! The interviewer is an enthusiastic amateur, and the guests are usually good.

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answered Sep 16, 2008 at 5:16

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I've just started listening to the irreverent [Sod This](#) podcast series, hosted by Gary Short and Oliver Sturm of DevExpress. They are fairly entertaining and mildly educational with a guest slot, slightly sweary though.

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My favorites:

1. thirsty developer

2. pixel8d

3. stackoverflow

4. dotnetrocks

5. alt.net podcast

6. codecast

7. hanselminutes

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My top 3:

This Week in Tech (Leo Laporte, et. al)

Security Now (Leo Laporte + Steve Gibson)

Windows Weekly (Leo Laporte + Paul Thurrott)

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answered Jun 5, 2009 at 6:17

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I am the creator of Connected Show ([http://www.ConnectedShow.com](#)) and really want to thank this thread for posting us in the list. We are new and would love to get more listeners and more feedback.

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answered Jul 15, 2009 at 13:47

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Haven't seen the [Security Catalyst](#) for security. I used to prefer this over the one leo laporte does when I acutally had time to listen to such things.

[Boagworld](#) was an ok one for basic web design/dev stuff.

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[The Connected Show](#) covers new Microsoft Technologies and other interesting topics for the developer community.

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It's worth subscribing to the [Google Tech Talk YouTube channel](#). It's a video podcast with a bunch of really interesting, wide-ranging talks given to Google but (usually) outside speakers.

Past presenters include Linus Torvals, Guido van Rossum, Merlin Mann and Larry Wall. The video is usually just the slides so (depending on the speaker) you might not need to watch.

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[Misfit Geek Podcast](#) (formerly JoeOn.NET)

By Joe Stagner.

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This isn't necessarily something you can pop on your iPod and just chill to, but [Diggnation](#) is a hillarious video podcast with Kevin Rose and Alex Albrecht.

They talk about "some of the top stories on the user-submitted news site digg.com". This doesn't really have much in the way of software development (though

sometimes a story pops up with that), but is great for entertainment value.

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Don't forget [The Flex Show](#).

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[37signals now has a podcast](#) with Jason Fried and [David Heinemeier Hansson](#) (creator of Ruby on Rails)

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