# How we’ve developed from the original concept

## The original concept

* News articles are narrated, and uploaded to the system.
* These articles are tagged and delivered to the audience (the users of the system).
* A community driven points and reputation system manages the user base and the curation of articles.
* The voting system enables the rewarding of interesting articles, good narrators or otherwise favourable narrations.

## Our area of focus for the prototype

We have decided to focus on the article delivery portion of the system, as we find it to be more interesting. Recording and uploading of media tracks into a database is not relevant to news or journalism, nor is it an unknown area. We will assume the media is already in an appropriate database and able to be accessed.

We have set the scope of our prototype to the curation of articles presented to the user, the user experience surrounding consumption and the voting functionality.

## Our progression from this idea

Narrowing down to the user delivery aspect of the system, we implemented the concept as a responsive website (as opposed to an app). We believe this provides better scalability and gives a better experience to the user.

In our proposal, we chose to use Android Developer Studio for the project development. We decided later that building a web app using web technologies (such as HTML and javascript) would provide a better experience across multiple devices.

Rather than have a constant stream of delivered articles, we have presented all articles to the user on the main page. They can then select the article they would like to play. Auto-play functionality to enable hands-free continuous listening would provide a constant stream to the user.

# How our project fits within the social/mobile news/journalism domain

## The definition of news/journalism

“Journalism is the activity of gathering, assessing, creating, and presenting news and information. It is also the product of these activities.” (<https://www.americanpressinstitute.org/journalism-essentials/what-is-journalism/>).

News is information about current events.

## Comparisons

By presenting news articles in a new media format to the users, we are making news more accessible to the masses.