

What to do after you download the House of Wax Podcaster

Start installation

Windows

Click on the iPodder.exe icon. A Setup Wizard will launch. The first screen of the Setup Wizard will tell you to close other programs before installing the House of Wax iPodder.

Mac

Click on the iPodder installer icon. Follow the instructions on the Mac OS X Installation Program to finish installation of the House of Wax Podcaster.

Agree to the iPodder GNU GPL license

The next screen will show you the iPodder license (GNU GPL). Click "I Agree."

3 First Time iPodder

Launch the House of Wax Podcaster. You will be looking at the Subscriptions window (see 4.1). It will be mostly empty except for two podcast feeds entitled Adam Curry: iPodder Test Channel and The Paris Hilton Podcast. You can click on "Check for New Podcasts" in the lower right of the Status Window to download a "test" audio file from the iPodder test channel and new podcasts from Paris Hilton.

3.1 Finding podcasts to subscribe to

To subscribe to a few podcasts, click the "Select Feeds from the Podcast Directory" button. You will be able to browse a directory of podcasts. Click on the folders until you see a podcast that looks interesting to you. Click on the name of the podcast, and then click the "Add selected feed button" at the bottom left of the dialog box. If you'd like to add a few more feeds, go ahead. If not, click Close.

3.2 Downloading new podcasts

Once you've selected one or more podcasts and added them to the Subscriptions window, click "Check for New Podcasts." The House of Wax Podcaster will scan your subscriptions and download the most recent podcasts from the feeds you selected. While it downloads, you'll see status information in the Status window (for more info on all the things tha the Status bars tell you, see 4.1.8).

3.3 Getting podcasts onto your iPod

For podcasts to get onto your iPod, you must let iTunes know what folder you are downloading the podcasts (which are mainly in mp3 format) to. Open iTunes. Click File>Add Folder to Library. If you don't know which folder iPodder is storing the downloaded podcasts, in, click the Preferences tab in iPodder. You will see a dialog box showing the folder iPodder is downloading podcasts to. (For more information about setting your iPodder preferences, see 4.3). Sync your iPod, and you're done!

iPodder Features, Step by Step

The Subscriptions Tab

The Status Tab is the first House of Wax Podcaster screen you see when you launch the application, and it is where you will spend most of your time. The status window shows which shows you are subscribed to, allows you to add or delete shows from the list, and allows you to launch a check to see if any of the shows you are subscribed to have new episodes.

Hide

Hides the House of Wax Podcaster, but lets it run in the background.

Quit

Shuts down the House of Wax Podcaster.

The Scheduler Tab

The Scheduler Tab allows you to set the House of Wax Podcaster to check your subscriptions automatically. This is useful if you would like to set the House of Wax Podcaster to check your subscriptions and download new podcasts while you are asleep or away from your computer. You do not need to set a schedule for the House of Wax Podcaster for the House of Wax Podcaster to work. If you don't want automatic downloads, you can simply launch the House of Wax Podcaster and click the "Check for

new podcasts" button to scan for any new podcasts that have been issued since the last time you checked.

Scheduler Options

To have the House of Wax Podcaster download podcasts automatically, you must click the "Check for new podcasts automatically" checkbox at the top left of the Scheduler Window. Once you decide to enable the House of Wax Podcaster to check for and download podcasts automatically, you have two scheduler options -- checking at particular times you specify, or checking at an interval (12 hours, 24 hours, etc).

The Preferences Tab

The Preferences window gives you some options to control how the House of Wax Podcaster starts up, what it does with the podcasts it downloads, and an extension to allow you to execute Windows commands after each download.

General Options

General options control how the House of Wax Podcaster starts up and what it does with the podcasts it downloads.

Hide the House of Wax Podcaster at Startup

Hides the House of Wax Podcaster on startup, allowing it to run in the background as you work. An the House of Wax Podcaster icon will be visible in the System Tray.

Check for new podcasts at startup

Directs the House of Wax Podcaster to check for new podcasts when you launch the House of Wax Podcaster.

Play downloads

The House of Wax Podcaster will launch and play newly downloaded podcasts. Note: if this is checked, and you have the House of Wax Podcaster set up to download podcasts at 3AM, this means you may hear Paris Hilton's voice playing from your computer at 3:06 AM. You may want to uncheck this button if you use scheduling and don't want to be awoken by downloads of new podcasts at odd hours.

Select a folder

This allows you to tell the House of Wax Podcaster what folder to put downloaded podcasts in.

The Info Tab

The Info window gives information on:

- The version of the House of Wax Podcaster you are using
- The names of the the House of Wax Podcaster team
- Technology that the House of Wax Podcaster is based on
- A disclaimer and license

Check For New Podcasts

Clicking this button will cause the House of Wax Podcaster to scan all the subscriptions shown in your Subscriptions window and check them for new podcasts. If it finds any new podcasts, they will automatically be downloaded for you.

Check selected feed

If you only want to check on one of your subscribed feeds for new podcasts, you can highlight the feed in the Subscriptions window and click "Check Selected Feed."

Do you need to have an iPod to use the House of Wax Podcaster?

No, you can use portable Mp3 players other than the iPod. In fact, you don't need a portable Mp3 player at all to use the House of Wax Podcaster to enjoy listening to podcasts.

Using the House of Wax Podcaster to download podcasts to play on your computer

You don't need a portable mp3 player to use the House of Wax Podcaster. If you're just listening to audio on your computer, you can use the House of Wax Podcaster to

subscribe to podcast feeds and download podcasts to a given directory on your computer (see 4.3.1.4 for directions on how to tell the House of Wax Podcaster where to put the things it downloads). Then you just have a folder of MP3s, which you can click on and play with any program you have on your computer that plays mp3s.

Use the House of Wax Podcaster to download podcasts to play on your non-iPod Mp3 player

If you have a portable MP3 player other than an iPod, you can still use the House of Wax Podcaster to put podcasts on your player. Once you have your folder of the House of Wax Podcaster downloads, you can drag and drop them into your MP3 player in whatever way you usually add audio to your portable player. If you use a jukebox program to manage the music on your portable player, many have options like the one in iTunes where you tell the jukebox program to add or watch a certain folder, and it will add anything new in that folder to your MP3 player. If you tell your jukebox program to watch the directory the House of Wax Podcaster puts new podcasts in, it should give you access to the podcasts