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Since the launch of the GC On-Demand, we have seen some excellent community conversations, some product announcements, and much more!

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Happy 20th Episode GC On-Demand!

I'm very happy to have been able to have Ken Hui on as my guest for the 20th episode. We have covered the bases on content, from automation to company culture, from containers to communities, and more.

We just finished up the OpenStack Summit recently, so it was perfect to be able to keep the topical content as I spoke with Rob Hirschfeld ([Episode 19](#)) and Ken Hui ([Episode 20](#)) as we wound down the summit in Austin.

For the pre-Summit chat, make sure to listen to my conversation with Stephen Gordon about what is new with OpenStack Mitaka ([Episode 15](#)).

Thank you to everyone for listening and the great feedback and support. It continues to be a fun way to bring content and community together for the podcast.



[DiscoPosse is Podcasting now with @gcOnDemand](#)

In order to bring some of the real rock stars in the community into a new venue to share

information, I've started up a new podcast. In conjunction with the Green Circle Community that I contribute to with Turbonomic, I'm very proud to bring an exiting new open community podcast with GC On-Demand.

Community Focus - All things tech!



We will be covering everything in technology and community, across every layer of the stack. At the point of publishing this, I have already had some community rock stars on automation and more, a leading CEO of an open source company sharing a wealth of great knowledge and some launch news, a fellow technology evangelist, and have some very exciting sessions recorded and ready to go in the coming weeks.

The goal is to bring out the people side of technology ecosystems, and give you more access to learning resources. I have been very lucky because of the level of access that has been afforded to me in the open community that we have in technology. This is my chance to share these friendships, stories, and the best of some amazing technologists to the broader community.

For the full show listing and all the details of guests so far, you can visit the home page at <http://gcondemand.io> which has the individual show notes posted there as each episode becomes available.

You can hear for yourself, and I absolutely encourage and welcome feedback and comments. You can subscribe to the podcast in iTunes as well as in Stitcher using these easy links.



Podcasting for Cancer - Community Collaboration at it's Finest!

If you've been following my Twitter stream ([@DiscoPosse](#)) in the last few days, you will hopefully have been a witness to the true power of community. In IT, many people feel that we are simply hammering down the road with our particular set of tasks and that collaboration is something that doesn't really feature in what we do necessarily.

Collaboration is Key

I use Twitter for my single source of news and information for the most part. A side effect of watching this information flow, is that I am lucky to be involved in conversations (albeit 140 characters at a time) with a wide array of people who are important to me and to the IT industry. The same comes from the cyclists and musicians that I follow in their respective communities.

With Twitter and blogging and conferences, we have developed this incredible camaraderie and built some strong relationships despite distances and time zones that separate us every day. The day to day collaboration that takes place has provided invaluable information to me which has absolutely helped me personally and professionally.

And then something even more incredible happened...

Podcasting for Cancer

Last week, Gabriel Chapman (known to many as [@Bacon_is_King](#)) shared with us about a tragic situation that is happening with his family:

The results were immediate from our community with heartfelt responses and words of support. Then something amazing happened which was that Trevor Pott ([@cakeis_not_alie](#)) kicked off a community effort along with Jon Harris ([@ThevCACGuy](#)) to start up a Podcast series to raise money for Cancer research. That started here: <http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/podcasting-for-cancer/> and I am proud to see that in only a few days that the original goal has already been exceeded, and it is still going!

Please read up on the story, and donate if you can. Every little bit helps, and you get to share in something incredible which is the selfless sharing of knowledge for the benefit of others. Both for learning and for giving, this cause is significant.

I had written this on my Ride to Conquer Cancer bio, and I know that it hits home with many:

Simply stated, cancer touches us all. I don't need to tell you the statistics because the people who've faced cancer, survived cancer and tragically those who lost their battle are real and closer to us than we would ever think.

Only a few years ago I lost my mother to a difficult and long battle with cancer. Every day I hope that nobody has to experience what that feeling is like. I am one of the lucky ones to be able to turn the pedals every day and do anything I can to raise awareness.

I ride for those who cannot. And for those who fight this fight, I ride harder. Please join me in my cause and thank you for being a part of my journey to raise awareness and help to fight what needs to be a winnable fight.

I am proud to be a part of this community in IT, and in my cycling community and musicians community. Each has its own area of concentration but ultimately we all stand together when something needs attention. This is one of those things. I can't do much for it, but I can share this story and I will do all that I can to lend my knowledge and time to help this noble and wonderful cause.

Thank you to all who have donated so far, and to all who give their effort and time. We are given a gift to be a part of this.

[Tech Talk Two - the DiscoPosse quick summary PodCast](#)



As part of my effort to stretch my knowledge and add more value to those who come to DiscoPosse.com for information, I've added a new feature.

It's called Tech Talk Two. A two minute brief summary of the news that I'm tracking in technology. I know that folks are busy, so I hope that the quick format will work well to peak the interest of listeners, and if you have any ideas for things to talk about just Tweet me [@DiscoPosse](#) with your thoughts.

The Tech Talk Two can be found by subscribing to my iTunes

PodCast: <http://itunes.apple.com/ca/podcast/discoposse-the-podcast/id498795229>

Thanks for listening!

[Recipe for the DiscoPosse PodCast](#)



A few people have asked about what goes into the DiscoPosse PodCast so I want to break down the 4th wall and bring you all inside.

I've been doing recording and musical performing off and on for many years and I can honestly say that the technology today could have reduced what was often days of work on recording and production, and turn out an equal or better product within hours.

There are some hardware and software products involved in the creation of the PodCast which I will explain as we walk through it together.

Let's start with the hardware:

Microphone 1 - Eric's Mic - AudioTechnica AT2020 XLR



While this is not a typical microphone used for personal recording, I use this for a number of situations and I find that it is a versatile and excellent sounding mic. It can be used for larger ambient recording, or with a lower gain as a great near-field mic. What you may have noticed is that it can be overly sensitive when it's not placed right, which it wasn't during the first episode. There are a few pops and bass woofs which I've fixed by better placement for other recordings.

Microphone 2 - Alex's Mic - Shure SM58 XLR



The Shure SM58 is a great all around microphone and it's economical choice for anyone getting started. For the first two episodes you can hear a nice even tone which also helps because Alex has a very consistent voice. This mic definitely a directional mic, so it's important that you stay close to it and as with any microphone, placement is the key.

Mixing board - Behringer Xenyx 802



The Behringer Xenyx line of mixing consoles are great little units. The 802 and 1002 are the models that have been used for the DiscoPosse PodCast and they provide more than enough for some great multi-channel recording. This mixer works for our situation beautifully because it is a small form factor, and with 2 microphones, one mono input (guitar amp), one stereo input (Line6 TonePort) it still has room to grow if we want to add another channel as well as another RCA input if needed.

Guitar 1 - Alex's Guitar

For the Footprints Music PodCasts, Alex and I have guitars plugged in. We will be making much more use of the guitars as part of future episodes.

Amp 1 - Alex's Amp

In order to get Alex's guitar, we have plugged him into his normal amplifier and then taken the line out from it and plugged it into the mixer as a single channel. It would be ideal to properly mic the amplifier, but because it requires a recording and a control room and additional mic inputs we've opted to just input directly to the board.

Guitar 2 - Eric's Guitar

My guitar is plugged into the Line6 unit. We haven't done too much with both guitars active so it may even be difficult to tell we have both on during the first episodes. Again, this is definitely going to be used more in the future.

Line6 TonePort UX2 - Eric's Amp simulator



I've been a huge fan of the Line6 product line and the TonePort UX2 amp modelling system is my go to device I've used for the quite a few years. When I play live I often just use the house amps, but I've used the TonePort many times for live gigs and it's does a great job. For recordings that require an additional mic we will use the XLR inputs on the TonePort to add up to 2 additional vocal channels.

Next up is the software:

Line6 GearBox



This is what gives me the amp modelling for my guitar sound. It can also do vocal effects although for the DiscoPosse PodCast we use the British equalizers that are available for the two XLR input channels.

Apple iTunes



For the occasions where we inject some music during the recording, I simply run iTunes and we cue up clips as we need them. For the initial couple of episodes we've only used a couple of tracks on the fly. The rest of the bumpers and clips are added during editing in post.

Apple GarageBand

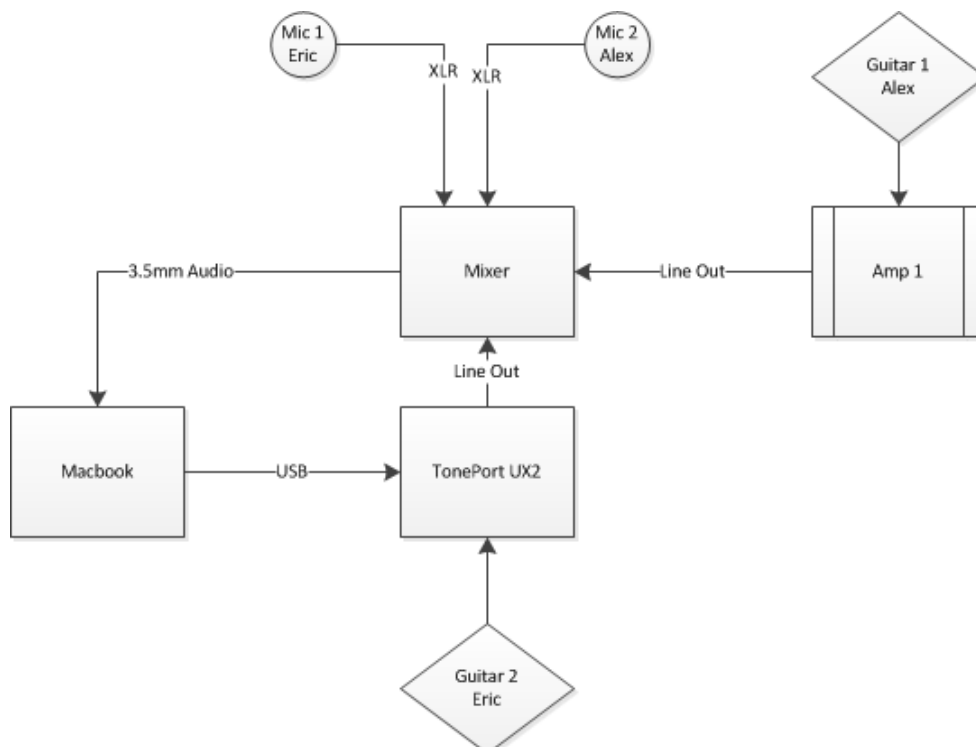


The final recording is done using Garage Band which is the native iLife product that ships with any Apple laptop or desktop. I've used ProTools and some other Windows based products in the past but I've found that GarageBand is a nice, simple interface and is more than enough for something like a PodCast.

How it all comes together

The interesting thing about our configuration is the flow of sound through the different devices. Because I want to add music tracks to the live recording, I need to either use software to push the iTunes output to the input for direct recording, or the better choice for my situation is to set the audio output for the laptop to go to the mixer.

For this configuration to work I set the system output to be the TonePort UX2 and the input to be the Line-in directly in to the laptop. The TonePort output carries the iTunes content along with the guitar modelling output and then I run the stereo main output from the Xenyx 802 to a 3.5mm cable for the microphone/line-in port on my Macbook.



The most important ingredient is good people. Ultimately the content is the key in many forms of

media and this is absolutely true with PodCasting. I hope that you find some good content and spread the word. There will be much more coming!

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DiscoPosse - The Podcast!



Look who decided to get into the Podcasting game. I decided to dip my toes into the Podcasting arena as a way to bring the most exciting part of technology to you, which is the conversation. While the focus of my site is primarily technology, the Podcast will delve into technology, music, media, sport technology and anything along that way that seems like it's interesting.

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I'm opening up requests for upcoming topics. Feel free to drop me a line if you have some ideas and want to join the conversation.

Enjoy!

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