
Subject: The death of radio as we knew it
Posted by [Wuzajock](#) on Sun, 27 Mar 2011 01:16:39 GMT
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Does anyone agree that radio, as we knew it since its inception until the last 10 years, is now dead? When I was growing up, radio announcers were true professionals, ALL of them. Complete with FCC license. Cable TV & music videos hurt it, then the internet made its impact, but satellite radio stations pretty much sounded the death knell I think. People have so many other, better quality sources of music & information. It definitely had its day though, I'm glad I got to experience it

Subject: Re: The death of radio as we knew it
Posted by [Adveser](#) on Sun, 27 Mar 2011 15:54:55 GMT
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I agree. I don't see any reason to use old expensive pipelines of the past for any sort of information. It is much cheaper now just to use broadband. If only we Americans knew the joys of Europe's ridiculous speeds. Unfortunately they gotta keep it slowed down over here for no reason I can think of. The number of HD video channels fiber can handle is so huge there is no reason radio can not take advantage and broadcast studio quality sources. One day it will all come together where you pay for access to all the vaults per month and listen on demand. It gives them a steady cash flow and control over their product and everyone access to everything. In a way I see radio taking over from owning your own copies. You can bet piracy will continue on the fringes, but for the most part I don't see people eager to go to the hassle of downloading 300-600mb flacs to even compete when streaming 24-bit, 96Khz studio files are being broadcast for a small fee per month. It would probably be far cheaper than cable and competitive with satellite.

Satellite is terrible too. Switch over next time you are parked in the car from the AUX port to the CD player and notice all the fidelity and clarity of pure digital compared to however they are destroying the audio. I wouldn't be surprised if they were using lossy compression by now.

Subject: Re: The death of radio as we knew it
Posted by [iDummy](#) on Mon, 04 Apr 2011 03:23:53 GMT
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I agree that the quality of the programming and announcers is not what they used to be. I gave up satellite and regular radio a couple of years ago, and completely about 6 months. I don't even care if the car I have has a radio. I rather listen to books on tapes of my iPod.

Subject: Re: The death of radio as we knew it

Posted by [GoodVibrations](#) on Mon, 04 Apr 2011 14:18:25 GMT

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Yes, as all things change, radio definately has. And because of the choices we have today that we didn't have then, the audience gets smaller. I think it will continue to evolve though, and will experience a come-back when the marketers figure out what is wanted in broadcast. When you're traveling alone in the middle of the night, it's still nice to hear a voice on the radio talking to you.

Subject: Re: The death of radio as we knew it

Posted by [Wuzajock](#) on Tue, 05 Apr 2011 18:26:26 GMT

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I agree GoodVibrations, it IS nice to hear a real voice especially when traveling alone. That means you can even call them to chat. hahaha. I think radio still has a small niche market there and also in the news sector. Having lived in Florida for 26 years, I've often slapped batteries in my little portable radio so I could get hurricane updates when the power was out.
