



Feature List:

1. Audio Podcasting

Any "Podworks Basic" user (free account) can upload audio and create a podcast. Each track is also paired with an image that is displayed on the listener iPod screen as the audio plays out. Anyone on the internet can subscribe to your audio podcast and listen to your audio through other media players while they are connected to the internet. They can do this by clicking the Stream iTunes, Stream Winamp, or Stream VLC links. I also believe this is a good way for groups of people to share works in the public domain. You can check out this podcast as an example. <http://www.mypodworks.com/open-source-theatre-podcast> I hope that podcast begins to grow. It is a perfect way for people to get more familiar with theatre. Please submit your own recordings and I will add them to my podcast. You will need to copy the "Subscribe iTunes" link into your clipboard and then paste into iTunes under the Advanced menu/ Subscribe to Podcast.

2. Multiple User Types

There are multiple types of user accounts available. The "Podworks Basic" membership is free and lets you manage 200 megs of space on the site. The "Podworks Producer" account and "Podworks Producer Pro" accounts are given more features to use on the website and more web space to manage. Podworks Producers are given 500 Megs to manage and Podworks Producer Pro accounts are given 1000 Megs to manage. Other differences between the two will be described when other website features are detailed.

3. Personalization

You can upload a picture of your self and it will be posted with any thing you post to the website as well as any comment.

4. User Groups for Networking

We are also offering a way for groups to communicate. Podworks Producers and Pro accounts have the permissions to create groups on the website. These will be used to further personalize the website and you can decide to join them at any time if they are not private. When someone posts to a group, each posting will be emailed to your email account that is associated with your MyPodworks ID. You can certainly turn this feature off and on from the My Account page. These groups can be used to keep in touch with broad groups and also down to small private groups of users. This will be used in case your posts need to be hidden from the public.

5. Rating system

Each posting to the website can be rated by anyone who comes to the site. User can also comment on your work if you give them access to do so. I believe this will be a great way for anyone to critique your work and get an idea of how it is accepted by the public. (Not just your friends)

6. Private messaging

Any user can send private messages to each other and keep your contacts list organized by relationships like "friends" or "co-workers". These relationships also show up as pictures in the My Network portion of the main page. If more relationships are needed please let me know. You can choose in your "My Account" page if you would like to receive daily email reminders if you have a private message waiting in "My Inbox". You will only get these messages through the website and

we protect your email address from being spammed or misused by other users. Only your MyPodworks ID is shown to users.

7. Personal Blogs

All users can create a blog page. Some uses of this would be to alert other users of what is going on in your life. You could create a blog to keep track of all the productions, jobs, and "works" you have or currently are in. It is easy to add pictures to your blog posts by clicking the "Tree" icon. This allows you to insert or edit images.

8. Advanced Search

All of the content is search able and can be accessed via RSS feeds or Podcast feeds. You can also search the site for keywords or any text. There is also a useful Google search tool at the bottom of the main page.

9. Video files

Any Podworks Producer can link to videos off other video sites like Google Video and YouTube and post to your portfolio or MyPodworks Page.

10. MyPodworks Page

Any user of the site can create a MyPodworks Page. They can use the page to organize their content and media or to track other users postings. You can also add news feeds. This feature allows any user to customize their page for a prospective employer. It can be customized very easily by selecting options on menus. No coding required.

11. Biography

Any user can create a biography to post to their MyPodworks page or be viewable on the site by anyone. You can also attach a resume to this entry in DOC and PDF format.

12. HTML text editor

In many places on the website when you are writing text or posting information you will be presented with a text box with word processor like controls. You can center lines, and bold text as well as other options. The main point of this feature is the picture icon of the "Tree". This allows you to upload and resize photos. These photos are put in your personal folder and then can be added to the text area.

13. Forums

There are forums for any user that wants to post there. Any user has the permissions to add forum topics as well. Please post any questions to the forums if you have any about the website.

Please feel free to create a free account and give it a whirl. If you have any students that you think would use it, please let them know. When you sign up please be sure to look in your spam folder or bulk mail for your login information and temporary password. Some online email applications are not letting the emails through to user's inboxes.

If you have any questions please email mross@mypodworks.com or look in the forums. If you have problems or need extra help feel free to call me. My phone number can be found here. <http://www.mypodworks.com/matthew-rosss-business-card-image>

Regards,

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