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Overview

This guide provides instructions and guidelines on publishing information about KKFI program episodes. Program Episodes are an important part of the new KKFI website, which allows programmers to promote their weekly radio show.

What is a Program Episode? An episode is one of the shows in your program series; it's a unique show. Consider an episode as a web-based promotion of one of your upcoming shows -- kind of like a 30-second radio promo, only written for the web.

The website committee developed the Program Episode concept to allow each individual programmer or producer to promote his or her weekly shows.

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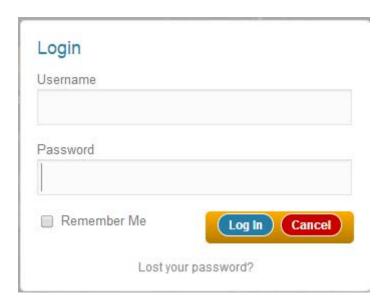
STEP 1. Gather information on the Program Episode (plan out your episode info)

Before publishing an episode you will need to write a succinct title and description for the episode. Here is a full list of episode components you will need to develop for each Program Episode:

- **TITLE** of the program episode
- **DESCRIPTION** of the episode (length of 150-250 words, preferably)
- BROADCAST DATE for the episode
- **IMAGE FILE** to associate with the Episode. The size of the image should be a maximum of 550 pixels wide and a minimum of 320 pixels in height. Formats: JPEG, PNG, others
- PROGRAM NAME on the schedule. Example: Law and Disorder.
- AUDIO ARCHIVE FILE (optional)
 - An audio archive file must begin and end with the show, which may require editing.
 - Audio Format. The file should be saved in one of the following audio formats -- 3gp, m4a, mp3, mp4a, mp4v, ogg, ra, wav, wma.
 - Audio Encoding. Ensure audio encoding specifications are consistent. The specifications depend on the type of audio you are publishing. A 60-minute radio (audio-only) talk show using MP3 format with Layer 3, ACM, 22050 Hz frequency, 24 kbps bit rate, stereo outbput settings would take about 10 mb of disk space. (Note: Changing the bit rate to 128 kbps and changing the format to 44 KHz will increase the file from 10 MB down to 50 MB.
 - File naming convention. When you save the MP3 file use a convention without spaces, e.g., hlf-2013-08-29-ed-asner.mp3. This shortens the URL and makes it easier to read, as well as makes it easier to distinguish from the archive file library.
- Optional: Determine if you would like this episode classified as a "featured" episode. Featured episodes are prominently displayed on the home page.
- Optional: Guest biography (length of 50-100 words, preferably)
- Optional: Image of guest. Size: minimum 550 pixels wide; prefer portrait closeup with ratio of 4x3 (4 units high and 3 units wide.) Formats: JPEG, PNG, others.
- Optional: Web links as a resource to the show topic and guests

STEP 2. Login to the KKFI Website -- http://www.kkfi.org/

- Go to http://www.kkfi.org/
- Click LOGIN in the upper-right of the page to open the Login window.
- Enter your userid and password as shown below and click "Log In"

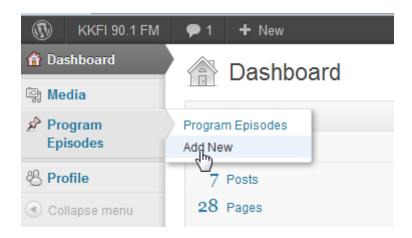


STEP 3. Post a Program Episode

• Select Dashboard (see image below)



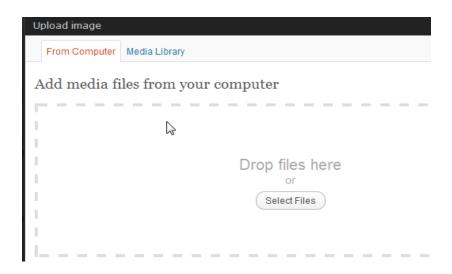
• Select Program Episodes / Add New (see image below)



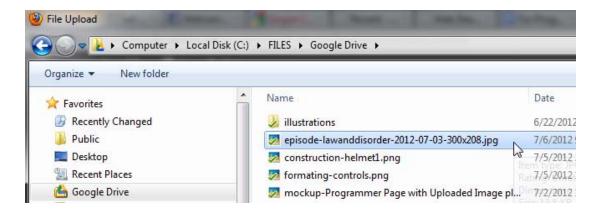
- Enter Title, Description and the Episode Start Date/Time and Episode End Date/Time (see example below).
 - Are you adding web links in the episode description? If you use a web link in the body
 of the episode and the link directs the web visitor off the KKFI website, then please
 select the "Open link in a new window/tab" option.
 - The Episode Start Date/Time (MM/DD/YYYY) and HH:MM (using a 24-hour clock in hours and minutes). The date/time is when the episode starts, for example, an episode of Democracy Now starts at 7/3/2013 at 08:00 (8:00 am).
 - The Episode End Date/Time (MM/DD/YYYY) and HH:MM (using a 24-hour clock in hours and minutes). The date is typically the same as the Start Date. The time is when the program ends, for example, Democracy Now ends at 09:00 (9:00 am) one hour after it starts.



- Add Episode Image. Notes: (1) Add only a single image; do not load multiple images for an episode. (2) Ensure the photo has a 550 pixels width maximum before uploading. The best size is 550 pixels wide by 320 pixels high.
 - Click on **UPLOAD IMAGE** and click the "Select Files" button (see image below)



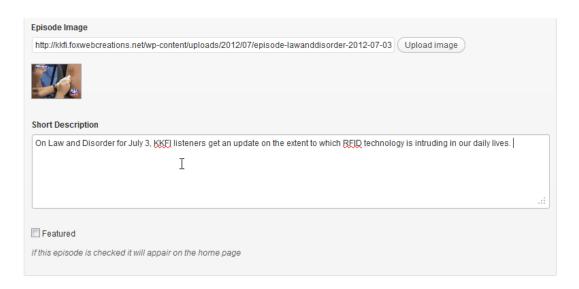
Locate an image on your computer and click the "Open" button"



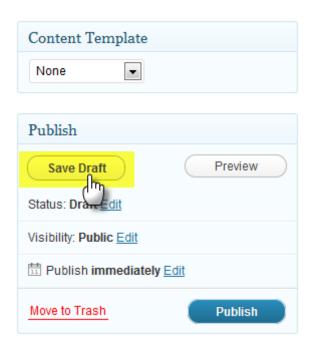
 Ensure "Full Size" is selected in the Size section and click the "Use as field value" button.



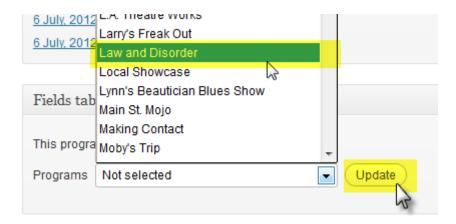
- Close the Image window by clicking on the "X" in the upper-right corner (see image)
- Enter a Short Description and select "Featured" if you would like to have the episode displayed on the KKFI home page.



• Select "None" for Content Template and click the Save Draft button in the Publish section.



• IMPORTANT: Select the program for the episode. After clicking Publish, you must select the program for the episode from the Fields, then **click UPDATE** (see image below).



• Finally, click the **PUBLISH button** in the Publish section (see image below).



• Go to next page in the guide to view the episode.

 Your PROGRAM EPISODE is published and ready for viewing. Go to the Program Page to view the episode. Note: The episode displays under "Recent episodes" section when the broadcast date goes into the past.

Law and Disorder

Tuesday at 9:00 am



Law and Disorder is a weekly, independent radio program airing on several stations across the United States. Law and Disorder gives listeners access to rare legal perspectives on issues concerning civil liberties, privacy, right to dissent and the horrendous practices of torture exercised by the US government.

This program examines the political forces and legislation that are moving the United States into a police state. Four of the top progressive attorneys and activists host the program and bring an amazing, diverse line up of guests from grassroots activists to politically mindful authors. Most importantly, Law and Disorder brings access to attorneys who give insights to some of the most controversial cases. Law and Disorder will sometimes be the generator of news within the radio echo-chamber throughout the country.

Upcoming episodes

No Episode found

Recent episodes



RFID: Microchips and US Soldiers / Search Engine Privacy

July 3, 2012

On Law and Disorder for July 3, KKFI listeners get an update on the extent to which RFID technology is intruding in our daily lives. Read More

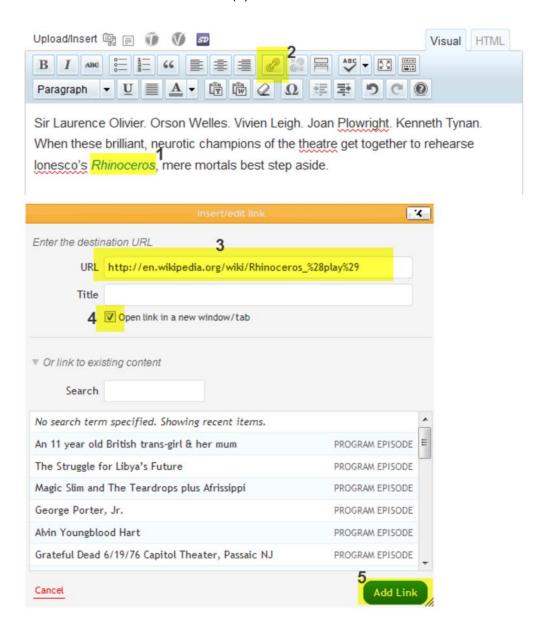
Other Functions for Program Episodes and Audio Archives

Below are instructions for other website operations to maintain your program episodes.

How to Insert a Web Link into a Program Episode

Do you want to add web links for your program episode that you want to share with website visitors? If so, the best place to put links is in the description (narrative) of the program episode. You can create links for any word or phrase in the description. Here are the steps (see example below) to insert a link for a word:

- 1. Highlight the text in the description that you want to create a link for (1)
- 2. Click the Link button (2)
- 3. Paste the URL to a website or web page (3)
- 4. Select "Open link in a new window tab (4)
- 5. Click the Add Link button (5)



How to Upload an Audio Archive File to a Program Episode

Do you want to upload an audio archive file for your broadcast show? Ensure the audio file adheres to the guidelines below before archiving to the KKFI website.

Audio Archive File Guidelines -

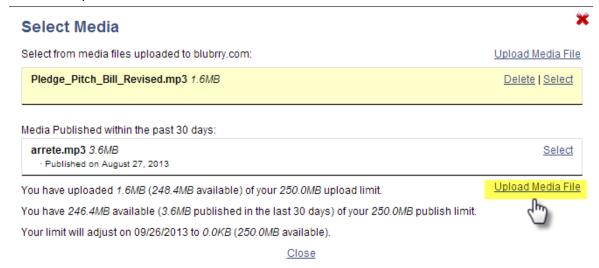
- An audio archive file must begin and end with the show, which may require editing.
- Audio Format. The file should be saved in one of the following audio formats -- 3gp, m4a, mp3, mp4a, mp4v, ogg, ra, wav, wma.
- Audio Encoding. Ensure audio encoding specifications are consistent. The specifications depend on the type of audio you are publishing. A 60-minute radio (audio-only) talk show using MP3 format with Layer 3, ACM, 22050 Hz frequency, 24 kbps bit rate, stereo output settings would take about 10 mb of disk space. (Note: Changing the bit rate to 128 kbps and changing the format to 44 KHz will increase the file from 10 MB down to 50 MB.
- File naming convention. When you save the MP3 file use a convention without spaces, e.g., hlf-2013-08-29-ed-asner.mp3. This shortens the URL and makes it easier to read, as well as makes it easier to distinguish from the archive file library.

Here are the steps to archive an audio file:

1. Browse to the "Podcast Episode" section of your PROGRAM EPISODE and click the folder icon (1) and make sure the "Feature Episode" option is off (see the example below).



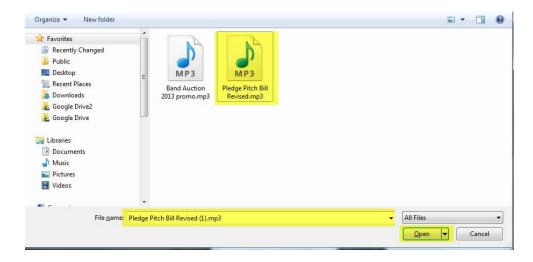
2. Click the "Upload Media File" link



3. Click the "Select File" button



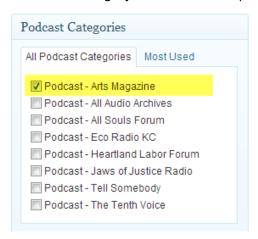
4. Browse to the location of the audio archive file on your computer and select Open.



5. The audio file shows up after uploading.



6. Select the Category for the Podcast (select "podcast" and the show name)



7. Change the Publish Date to match the original broadcast date and click UPDATE. See image below for steps - (A) Change date (B) click OK and (C) click Update.



8. The audio controls show up within the episode.

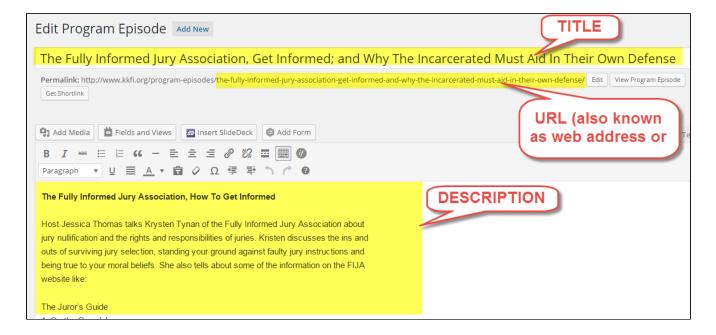


How to Improve Google Searches for Your Program Episode

In December 2015 a Yoast Search Engine Optimization (SEO) plugin module was added to the KKFI website. This module allows programmers to insert a keyword or keyphrase to describe the program episode, which in turn allows the episode to appear higher in the results returned by Google Search (and other search engines). The Yoast SEO module provides tips to improve the searchability of your program episode, such as reducing the length of your program episode title or suggesting that

Why Is Improving Your Program Episode Important?

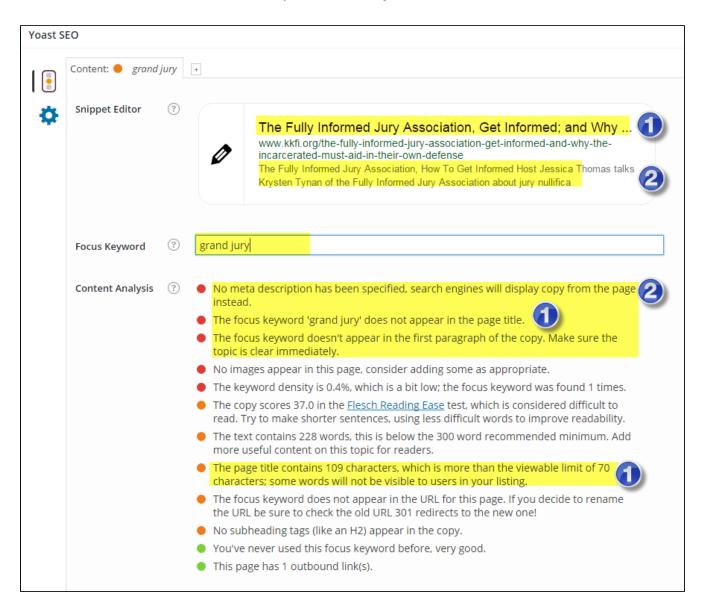
- Improving the title, description, and URL of your program episode will place the episode higher in the Google Search results, thus garnering your show more followers and listeners.
- See the example Program Episode below.



How Can I Improve My Program Episode?

The Yoast SEO section of your episode provides tips on improving the title, description and URL (web address link). See the example SEO Content Analysis below. Spend, at most, five minutes on this section.

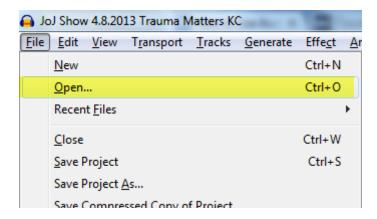
- 1. Enter a keyword or keyphrase, e.g., enter "grand jury" (without the quotes).
- 2. After you enter a keyword/keyphrase, then Yoast SEO performs content analysis on your full program episodes
- 3. The content analysis shows several suggestions: the keyword does not appear in the title (1). Suggestion: adding the keyword/keyphrase to your title.
- 4. The analysis indicates your Title is too long for Google (1), suggesting that you reduce the title length to between 40 and 70 characters.
- 5. The analysis also shows no meta description has been specified. Copy the text from your Excerpt into the meta description field by clicking on the pencil icon.
- 6. Click the UPDATE button to save your SEO changes.



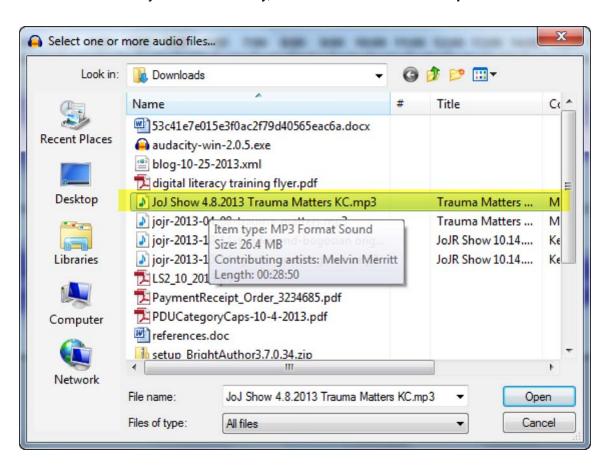
How to Use Audacity to Reduce the Size of an MP3 Audio File

This procedure shows how to reduce the size of an MP3 audio file used to upload to the KKFI website. This should reduce a 60-minute MP3 audio file from 50 megabytes (MB) to 10 MB. These settings should be used for public affairs shows only (i.e., talk or news shows) that do not require a higher quality audio format like music shows. (Questions: Matt Quinn, 10/30/2013)

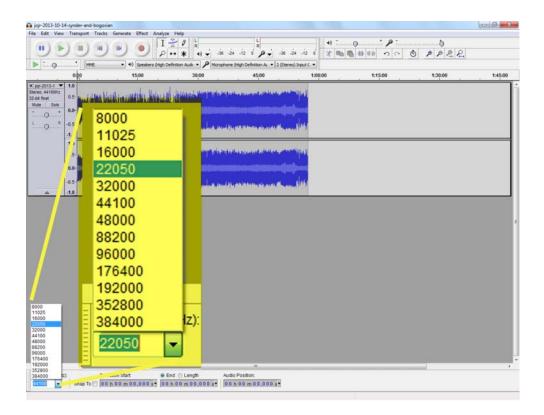
- 1. Start Audacity (version 2.0.5 as of 10/30/2013)
- 2. Open the original MP3 file by selecting the **File** menu and choose the **Open...** option



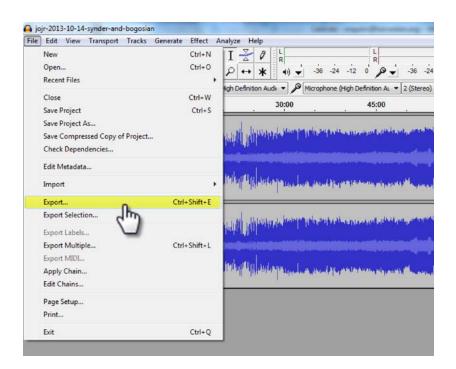
3. Browse to the file you want to modify, select the file and click the **Open** button.



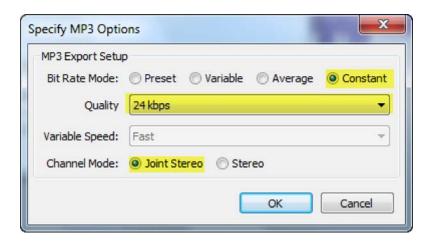
4. Change "Project Rate" to 22 KHz (22050 Hz)



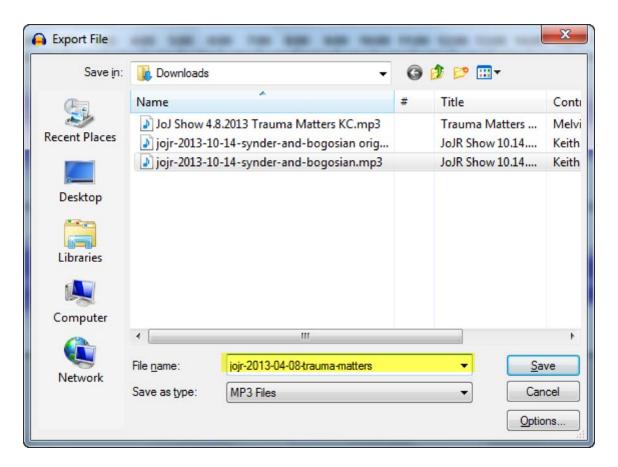
5. Export File as MP3



6. Change the settings by clicking the **Options** button - Change Bit Rate Mode to "Constant"; Quality to 24 kbps, and Channel Mode to "Joint Stereo"



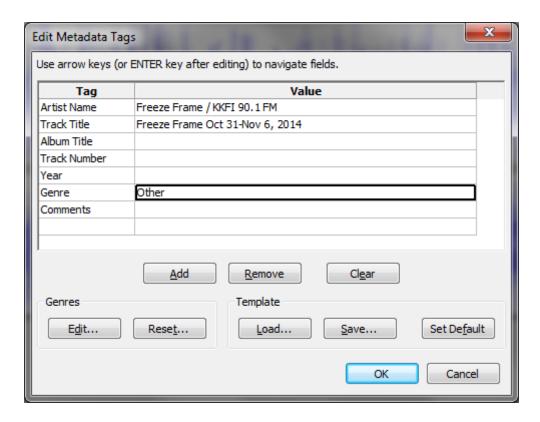
7. Select a name that adheres to the naming convention - example. jojr-2013-04-08-trauma-matters.mp3



How to Use Audacity to Edit ID3 Metadata Tags in an MP3 Audio File

ID3 tags are the standard method for software and hardware vendors to share information about an audio file. To properly code the title, artist, album, track number, genre, and cover art you need to how to add or edit ID3 metadata tags. This places pertinent information for your audio file that will appear whenever someone downloads and listens to your audio.

To add Track Title, Artist Name, and Genre, use Audacity software and select the File menu and "Edit Metadata" option before saving the file for final production. Use a different software package like EasyTag if you want to add a cover art image (size: 1400 pixels wide by 1400 pixels high).



How to Logout

- Click the "Howdy, xxxx" link in the upper-right of the page
- Select "Log Out" from the menu.



How to Change Your Website Password

Select User menu in the upper-right corner



Select "Edit My Profile," select a new password and click the Update Profile button

New Password		If you would like to change the password typ. Type your new password again.		
	Strength i	ndicator	Hint: The password should letters, numbers and sym	
Update Profile				

Terms of Use, Style Guide, Definitions

Definitions and Terms of Use for Programmers

The website committee developed the Program Episode concept to allow each individual programmer or producer to promote his or her weekly show. An episode is one of the shows in your program series; it is a unique show.

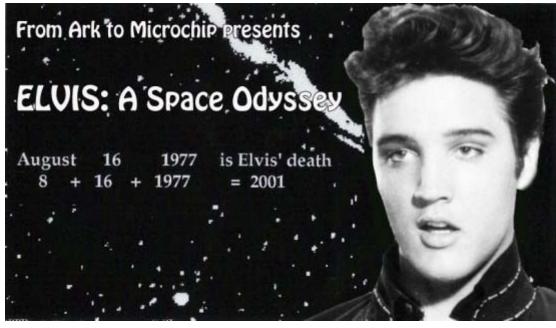
At present, only website administrators are able to add and update Program pages. Notify Matt Quinn or other website administrators when you want to change the description of your Program.

More information on Definitions of website components will be available in future versions of the "Program Episodes Instruction." The following terms will be defined in a future version: Program, Programmer, Program Episode, Featured Episode, Post, News Item, Event, Page, User, Menu, Program Category, Currently Playing widget, Playlists, Slider or Slidedeck

Style Guide

More information on style and terms of use for the Program Episodes will be available in future versions of the "Program Episodes Instruction," however, here are common style guidelines that the website committee suggests that you follow.

- Use proper capitalization in both the Title and Description of your Episode. Do not use all lower case. Do not use all upper case. This capitalization style makes it easier for website visitors to read your episode content.
- The best orientation and size for episode images is landscape and 550 pixels wide by 320 pixels high (see the "Elvis" example below)



Here are "Do's" and "Don'ts" for creating Program Episodes on the KKFI website. See the attached image for an good example of a program episode title, description, and photo.

- Do keep the Episode Title short at 5-6 words or 20-50 characters.
- Do use compelling titles, and preferably don't add the name of the guest to the title unless the person is well known.
- Don't include the name of your program in the title.
- Don't repeat the title in the first sentence of the Episode Description.
- Don't lead the Episode Description with time-based items, such as "Tune in today" because it may be read on a day different than when show airs.
- Don't add the name of your program to the first sentence of the description.
- Don't just list the names of bands or guests in the description, but provide an enthusiastic biography of the guest or a write-up on the guest's organization.
- Do add a summary of your program and mention KKFI at the conclusion of your Episode Description; do mention the music genre in the description.
- Do make sure the image for the episode is at least 250
 pixels wide by 100 pixels high, otherwise the image
 does not display properly in the "Featured Episode" section on the home page.

Featured Episodes



Election Aftermath: The Honduran Presidential Elections

JANUARY 2, 2014 | 12:00 PM ON SPROUTS

On Sunday, November 24th, the people of Honduras cast their ballots in what was widely considered to be the country's first chance at a democratic election since the military coup in 2009 that deposed populist reformer Manuel Zelaya.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is a Program Episode?

Answer: An episode is one of the shows in your program series; it's a unique show. The website committee developed the Program Episode concept to allow each individual programmer or producer to promote his or her weekly shows.

- All Upcoming and Recent (Past) Episodes appear on a Program page for a particular show.
- All Upcoming Episodes for all shows appear under the ON-AIR GUIDE menu on the website http://www.kkfi.org/on-air-quide/upcoming-episodes/
- Three Featured Episodes appear on the home page in order of their broadcast date and time.

Question: Who determines whether an episode is selected as a Featured Episode?

Answer: Currently there is not a committee or person responsible for determining which episodes are featured. Any programmer can create a program episode and mark it as a "featured" episode. A featured episode would appear on the home page close to the broadcast date and time for the show.

Question: What are the qualities of an episode that would determine its selection as a Featured Episode?

Answer: Currently there is not a committee or person responsible for determining which episodes are featured; each programmer can choose to select an episode as "featured." However, if a committee starts reviewing episodes, then here are some qualities of an episode that would determine it selection as a Featured Episode are:

1. A succinct and compelling title. A generic title or a title that merely repeats the program name

- would not be selected.
- 2. A description of the program with a length of between 150 and 250 words, though longer descriptions are acceptable.
- 3. A short description (see the "short description" field when adding an episode) that is between 25 and 100 words.
- 4. Proper use of spelling, grammar, punctuation, spelling and capitalization. Many news organizations use written style guides, such as the Associated Press Stylebook, for the details of writing for a website. See National Geographic Style Manual for a free, online guide.
- 5. A properly cropped, sized and compressed image that has a compelling composition and subject. The size of the featured image for the episode should be a maximum of 550 pixels wide using a JPEG, PNG or other format.
- 6. Inclusion of a guest biography (length of 50-100 words, preferably). Using a brief biography of a program guest helps the website viewer learn about the program and program topic.
- 7. Image of guest. Size: minimum 550 pixels wide; prefer portrait closeup with ratio of 4x3 (4 units high and 3 units wide.) Formats: JPEG, PNG, others.
- 8. Web links as a resource to the show topic and guests.
- 9. Audio file including an audio promotion would help website viewers follow the episode. Note: including an audio file is not recommended as of July 26, 2012 until a podcasting feature is added to the website.

Question: What is the Home Page Slider on the KKFI website?

Answer: The Home Page Slider is the section (see image below) that appears under the top navigation bar (ON AIR GUIDE / MUSIC / etc). The slider is a common element of websites today and is used to get the attention of website visitors. KKFI developed the slider to highlight the most important events, activities, and programming of the station. Typically, a slider image is developed for each Pledge Drive, Band Auction, Holiday Online Auction, special event like the Amy Goodman/Denis Monihan talk, and special radio programming like the Democracy Now election coverage. A slider image is typically 719 pixels wide by 249 pixels high, has a link to a KKFI website page, and has a caption. In the example below the Iris DeMent slider has an image, link

(http://www.kkfi.org/program-episodes/wednesday-midday-medleys-birthday-tribute-to-iris-dement/), and a caption "Celebrating the Music (and Birthday) of Iris DeMent."



Question: Who determines whether an episode is highlighted with an image in the Home Page Slider rotation? And what are the guidelines for selecting an episode to be highlighted?

Answer: Bill Clause, Warren Maus and Matt Quinn all have the ability to add an image to the rotation. Anyone who would like an episode highlighted as a slider can do so by notifying Matt. The guidelines for which episode is highlighted are:

- A radio show with a noteworthy guest, topic, or musical theme.
- An image that is at least 719 pixels wide
- A well-written, published episode that references the topic, guest, or musical theme in about 150-250 words.
- Submitted at least 5 days prior to airing of the show.

Question: How do I edit a Program Episode after I initially create an episode?

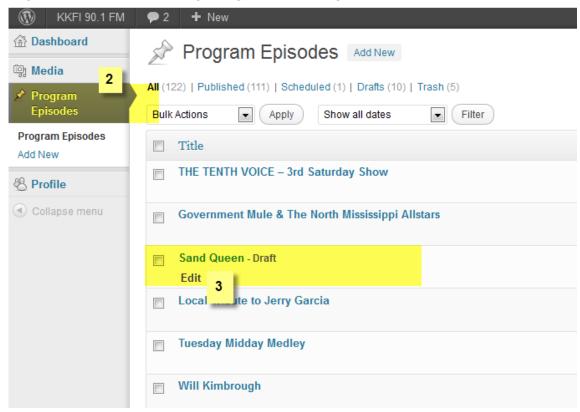
Answer: Some programmers have had difficulty finding their episode after it's created. If you created an episode but were unable to finish updating the description or photo, then follow these instructions to edit an episode that is in "Draft" or "Published" mode. If you still are unable to publish a Program Episode and would like assistance, then contact Matt Quinn at 816-237-0651 or jmq0004@msn.com.

Instructions to Edit a Program Episode in Published or Draft Mode

Step 1. Go to http://kkfi.org/ and select "Dashboard in upper-left corner"



Step 2. Select Program Episodes menu and Step 3. Click on "Edit" under the episode you want to modify



Question: What is a Programmer?

Answer: A Programmer is a person with regular and ongoing responsibility for presentation of a radio show aired on KKFI 90.1 FM and who contributes on a regular basis (or fill-in basis) to the content of a radio show, including but not limited to producers, engineers, announcers, disc jockeys and writers. Any person who wishes to become a Programmer must agree to contribute regular and reliable volunteer work to the station, and have read and agree to support our Mission and Philosophy Statements. Regular service is defined as performing a minimum number of volunteer hours each month for a minimum of six months, as recommended by the Programming Committee and approved

by the Board of Directors.

Question: What are the dimensions of an image that best fits on a program episode?

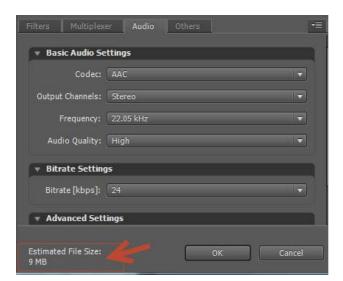
Answer: Ensure the image does not exceed 550 pixels width maximum before uploading. The best size is 550 pixels wide by 320 pixels high. Best image formats: PNG, JPEG, others

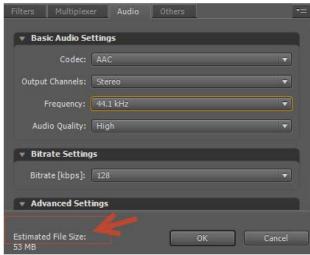
Question: Podcast/Audio Archives. What do I type as the URL for the podcast/audio archive? I have a Dropbox site, but it did not like that.

Answer: There's no need to type anything in the URL field -- you should be able to click the FOLDER ICON in the "Podcast Episode" section and upload your audio file. After you upload the audio file, then the URL field will be populated automatically.

Question: What audio format should I use to create an audio file for a show?

Answer: Ensure audio encoding specifications are consistent. The specifications depend on the type of audio you are publishing. A 60-minute radio (audio-only) talk show using MP3 format with Layer 3, ACM, 22050 Hz, 24 kbps, stereo settings would take about 10 megabytes of disk space. (Note: Changing the bit rate to 128 kbps and changing the format to 44 KHz will increase the file from 10 MB down to 50 MB. (see screenshots below)





Question: What file naming convention should I use to save an audio file for archiving on the website?

Answer: When you save the MP3 file use a convention without spaces, e.g.,

hlf-2013-08-29-ed-asner.mp3. This shortens the URL and makes it easier to read, as well as makes it easier to distinguish from the archive file library. You can tell which shows are which in this list.

File Name	Date	Size	Removed from Qu
EcoRadio_2013-10-07-1800.mp3	10/08/2013	10 MB	on 11/07/2013 9:50 am
LOG-2013-10-07-1200.mp3	10/07/2013	9.8 MB	on 11/06/2013 5:02 pm
JoJRShow9_30_2013BrownWilliams.mp3	10/07/2013	51.7 MB	on 11/06/2013 4:48 pm
LOG-2013-09-07-1300L.mp3	10/07/2013	19.2 MB	on 11/06/2013 4:43 pm
LOG-2013-09-14-1300L.mp3	10/07/2013	19.6 MB	on 11/06/2013 4:42 pm
LOG-2013-10-05-1300.mp3	10/07/2013	20.6 MB	on 11/06/2013 4:11 pm
all_souls_20131002.mp3	10/03/2013	10 MB	on 11/02/2013 2:27 pm

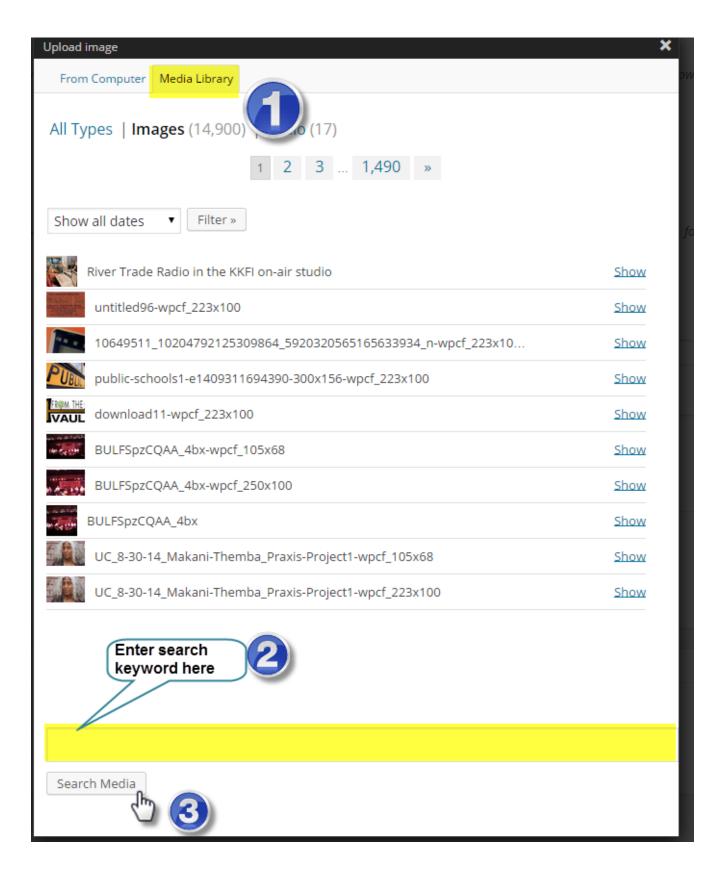
Question: How do I locate and re-use an image already stored in the Media Library?

Answer: You may can re-use files that are already stored in the KKFI site Media Library. Here are instructions for using existing images from the Media Library for a Program Episode.

- Edit the episode
- Click "Select Image" button next to for Episode Image section

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- Choose "Media Library" tab (instead of "From Computer")
- Scroll down to "Search Media" section, enter a search keyword (example: enter "tasty" to search for images containing the word tasty) and click Search Media



- Next to the file that reads "Tasty-Brew" click "Show"
- Update your episode

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