

# Pushing Information to Others' iPods

Teachers, administrators, and students sometimes need to miss attending a meeting or a class due to illness or a busy schedule. An easy to maintain web journal (known as a “blog”) can be used to capture the content of the class or meeting and can be easily shared for future reading on an iPod. If a blog is maintained for a class or group, an iPod can be set to automatically grab the text (called an RSS/Atom feed) from the blog and place it into the Notes section of the iPod for later viewing.

**Note:** These steps can be done with all iPod models that have a Dock connector. (The iPod shuffle does not have a Dock connector.) For more information, see your iPod user's guide.

To automate this process, a blog with an RSS/Atom feed is needed to send out the information. Several sites will host your blog for you. LiveJournal is used in these steps. The shareware application Pod2Go is needed to receive the feed and push it to the iPod.

## Setting up the blog and RSS/Atom feed

- 1 To create a blog web journal, go to the LiveJournal site at <http://www.livejournal.com>. Follow the directions on the home page to set up your blog.
- 2 Once you have created your blog journal, you can continually update it with more information, such as adding a new journal entry or an article. Each time you add new information (called a “post”) to your blog, it is added to your RSS/Atom feed, which allows the content from your blog to be easily captured by others.

When you create a blog in LiveJournal, the web address (URL) for a feed is:  
<http://www.livejournal.com/users/exampleusername/data/rss>

In this URL, “example username” is replaced with the username you created in LiveJournal. The URL for your feed is used later in these steps.

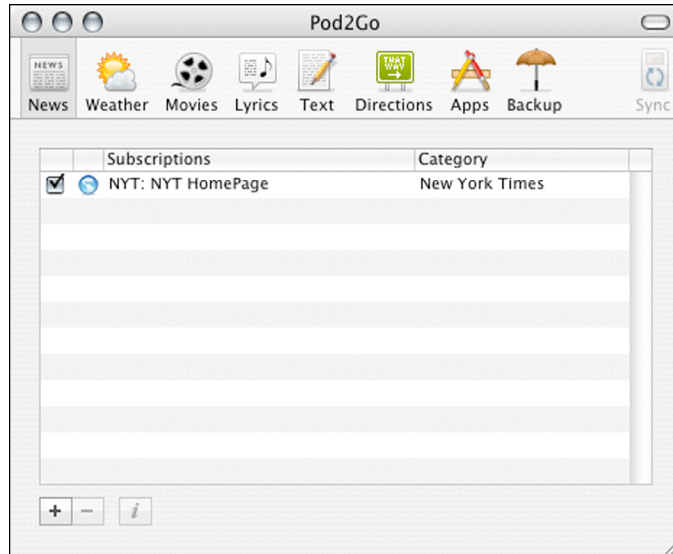
## Sending the blog feed to an iPod

Pod2Go is an inexpensive shareware application that allows you to add new content to the Notes section of your iPod. You can use Pod2Go to add to your iPod the content from a blog or other information such as news, weather, directions, and so on. Once you set up Pod2Go with your selections, each time you connect your iPod to your computer, the information is automatically updated on your iPod.

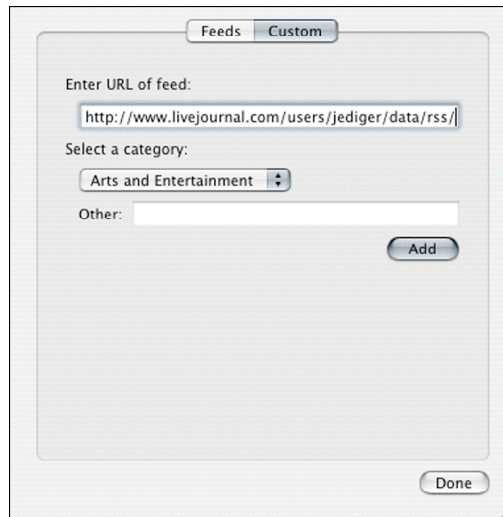
In this case, the people you want to receive the information from your blog will use Pod2Go to add your blog content to their own iPod.

- 1 Download and install Pod2Go (<http://www.kainjow.com/pod2go/>) on your computer.
- 2 Once it is installed, open Pod2Go.

- 3 Click News in the toolbar of Pod2Go.



- 4 To add your blog to the News section, click the "+" in the bottom-left corner, then click the Custom button.
- 5 Enter the URL for your LiveJournal feed in the "Enter URL of feed" text box.



- 6 Click Add, then click Done.
- 7 Connect your iPod to your computer. Pod2Go automatically opens and adds (syncs) your feed to the Notes section of your iPod.
- 8 To view the feed on your iPod, choose Extras from the iPod menu, and then choose Notes. Select Pod2Go from the list that appears, then select News. Select the feed and use the scroll wheel to view the content of the blog.