PRIVATE PODCAST PLAYER FOR APPLE PLATFORMS

MuteCast Handbook

Understand detection, choose what to skip, and teach MuteCast

Listen to podcasts, not interruptions.

MuteCast combines subscriptions, offline playback, transcripts and on-device analysis. You decide for every podcast which detected passages may be skipped automatically.

What this handbook explains

- ✓ How Basic Analysis and Audio Verification work
- ✓ What the colours on the timeline mean
- ✓ How to teach recurring ads and self-promotion
- ✓ How iPhone, iPad, Mac, Apple Watch and CarPlay work together

No MuteCast account, no tracking SDK and no server-side episode analysis.

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A useful route for first-time users

Start with How MuteCast thinks, then follow Quick start, Podcast Learning and Teach MuteCast while listening.

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How MuteCast thinks

A visible segment is not automatically a learned pattern or an automatic skip. MuteCast separates five steps so that you remain in control.

1. Timed transcript

Publisher-provided, stored or locally generated text connects spoken words with the playback position.

2. Detected segment

Chapters, transcript wording, structure, known inserts, corrections and-when local audio exists-audio evidence create a candidate range.

3. Marked or corrected

Mark intros, outros, ads and self-promos with four buttons or from the transcript.

4. Learned evidence

Later episodes of the same podcast can reuse matching text. Position-based habits require several compatible corrections; nothing is learned globally.

5. Auto-Skip decision

Only enabled segment types that pass the playback policy are skipped. Visible, uncertain or weak candidates can remain on the timeline without a jump.

Four words that matter

Detected

MuteCast found a possible segment and shows it.

Marked

Mark intros, outros, ads and self-promos with four buttons or from the transcript.

Learned

Podcast-specific evidence may be reused in later episodes.

Auto-skipped

Playback actually moved after every safety check passed.

MuteCast

Audio Verification only runs when local audio is available. Uncertain segments are never automatically skipped.

04 Get ready in three minutes

A new episode becomes most useful after it has been downloaded, transcribed and analysed. MuteCast can prepare this automatically; the queue shows the exact state.

1. Add a podcast

Search for a show or add its RSS feed. Subscribe so new episodes can be found automatically.

2. Set the rules

First-launch defaults enable Apple Intelligence where available, pause while navigating and Auto-Skip for new subscriptions; existing Off choices stay unchanged.

3. Prepare an episode

Stream immediately or download for offline playback. A local file allows complete transcription and audio verification.

4. Check the queue

Transcription is followed by Basic Analysis and then Audio Verification. Progress and pauses are shown separately.

5. Start listening

The coloured timeline shows detected passages. MuteCast only skips types that you enabled and that pass its safety checks.

Good default

Begin with ads and self-promotion. Review a few episodes before enabling additional segment types.

What MuteCast knows and what to do next

MuteCast learns each podcast separately. Prepare one episode, mark a block when the app needs help, and enable Auto-Skip when the results look right.

Podcast Learning

The Podcast Learning card shows whether detection and Auto-Skip are active, whether the current episode is ready, and how many recurring patterns MuteCast already knows.

Your Marking

The player confirms the actual duration that was marked and skipped.

Why was this skipped?

After a manual mark or automatic skip, choose Why? in the player. MuteCast shows the source, confidence, time range, and any limitations of that decision.

Undo

If Auto-Skip removes real content, choose Undo in the player feedback. Playback returns to the point before the skip and MuteCast records the segment as content for future learning.

A skip is recorded as successful only after the player confirms the target position. History includes time, original range, label, confidence, source and explanation. A percentage or coloured marker alone does not prove a jump.

06 How local detection works

MuteCast does not rely on one keyword. It combines several kinds of evidence and stores the result with the episode.

Transcript and structure | Initial Analysis | Audio Verification | Playback policy

Transcript and structure

Timestamps, show notes, chapters and language cues locate likely boundaries and commercial wording.

Initial Analysis

Text patterns, episode structure and your podcast-specific corrections produce candidate segments.

Audio Verification

Local audio learning can recognise repeated outro music in later episodes of the same podcast; it needs a downloaded episode and a marked range of at least 10 seconds. Automatic intro/outro skips keep their boundary safeguards.

Playback policy

A visible result is checked again against confidence, evidence and your settings before Auto-Skip is allowed.

Detection is assistance, not a guarantee

Podcasts change their wording and dynamically inserted ads may differ between downloads. Review important results and correct mistakes; your corrections improve later episodes of the same podcast.

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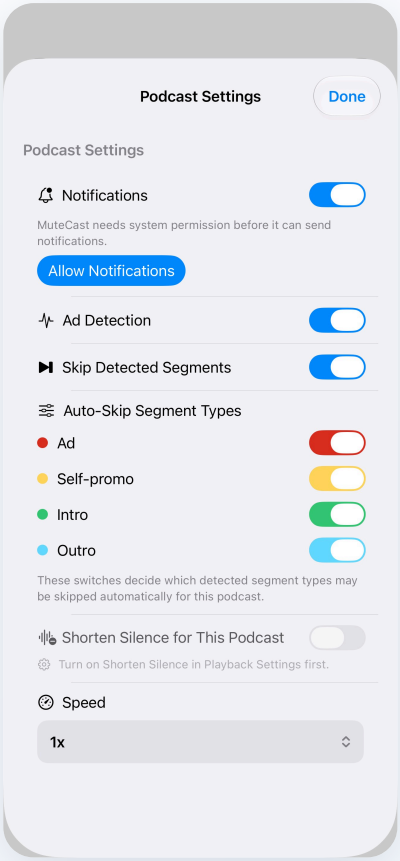
Settings for each podcast

Different shows need different rules. MuteCast therefore keeps detection, Auto-Skip, segment selection and playback speed with the individual subscription.



Ad detection

Allows automatic preparation and displays recognised segments.

Skip detected segments

Enables Auto-Skip for the selected types. Turn it off when you only want visual markers.

Segment types

The four marking buttons for ads, self-promotion, intros and outros respect the podcast's Auto-Skip types and are disabled without a readable timed transcript. Donation appeals count as self-promotion; the Uncertain switch is removed.

Playback speed

Choose a comfortable default for this podcast; the player can still change it temporarily.

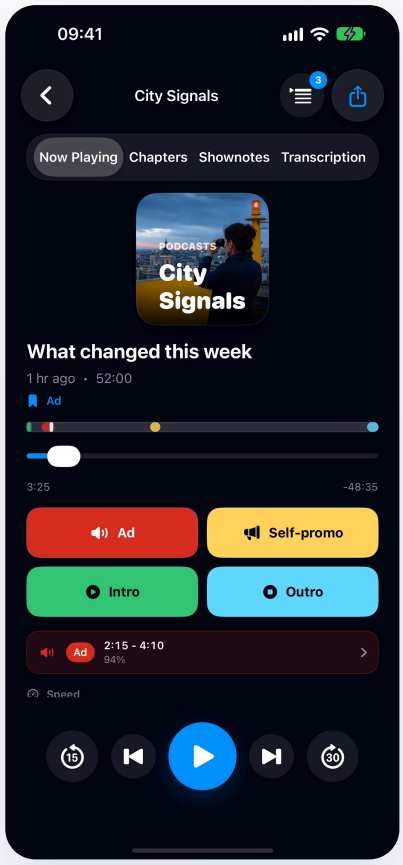
Timeline colours

Ad	Third-party commercial message
Self-promotion	Promotion of the show or publisher
Introduction	Opening before the main content
Outro	Closing after the main content

Open Settings > Appearance and choose Follow System, Light or Dark. On iPhone and iPad, Appearance is the first settings entry. In landscape, compact screens use side navigation and more compact controls. Rotate without leaving the current section; the player reserves its own space.

Player, timeline and Auto-Skip

The thin coloured line is a map of the whole episode. The white marker is your position; coloured sections are detected segments.



Tap a segment

Coloured transcript labels are easier to read and the reading position stays steady while paused or marking.

Visible does not always mean automatic

A coloured marker is a detection result, not proof of an automatic jump. Check the selected category, evidence and skip history.

You stay in control

Use chapters, the scrubber, 15 seconds back or 30 seconds forward at any time. Auto-Skip seeks past a segment; it never deletes audio. Podcast chapters can show their own pictures and diagrams in the player without cropping.

Across devices

Browse your Apple Music library with artwork, an album queue, shuffle and repeat. Music and podcasts retain separate listening positions. Title and timeline are updated together, including when returning to the app. iCloud shows the last shared title and listening position on iPhone, iPad and Mac; another device takes over audio only after you press Play. Music must be available in both libraries. Access depends on Apple permissions; some content requires an Apple Music subscription.

A coloured segment was not skipped?

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Teach MuteCast while listening

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Ad

Self-promotion

Introduction

Outro

Ad
Third-party commercial message

Self-promotion
Promotion of the show or publisher

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Opening before the main content

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Closing after the main content

Where to find the actions

iPhone and iPad: directly below the timeline

Mac: in the episode player and permanent mini player

Apple Watch: Ad / Self-promotion / Introduction / Outro

CarPlay: Open More > Mark Text Patterns

Playback pauses for surrounding-context analysis, shows progress and continues after marking and a confirmed skip. If analysis finds no boundaries, the current transcript bubble and bubbles starting in the next 30 seconds are marked and skipped. The deep search uses current timed text around the tap, including preceding context. If search or preparation fails, the last selected bubble may end beyond 30 seconds. Review the result; exact automatic boundaries are not guaranteed. Long-press a transcript bubble to save that passage as an ad, self-promotion, intro, or outro pattern. Review, edit, import, and export your patterns in Settings.

10 Long ad breaks: extend instead of guessing

Some breaks last much longer than 30 seconds. MuteCast turns repeated user skips into one growing, podcast-specific pattern.

1. Mark the current block

Tap the red or yellow action. This creates the beginning of the learned commercial range.

2. Skip forward again within 10 seconds

Press +30 once more if commercial content continues. MuteCast extends the same correction instead of creating a second pattern.

3. Repeat when necessary

Every additional +30 within the rolling 10-second window can extend the same block, including breaks lasting several minutes.

4. Let MuteCast stop earlier when safe

If the transcript contains a reliable return-to-content cue before the full 30 seconds, MuteCast may land there instead.

What is learned

The stored correction covers the complete confirmed range. Representative wording from the beginning, middle and end becomes reusable evidence, while the return to editorial content stays outside the pattern.

A backward jump, scrubbing, a chapter change, another episode or an expired 10-second window ends the chain. Automatic skips never extend it. Intro/outro audio can be learnt from local audio even when the recognised lyrics are wrong. The extra 30-second extension applies to ads and self-promos; intro/outro marks use the confirmed range.

11 Correct mistakes and control learning

Corrections are part of the learning loop. Choose the route that matches where you noticed the mistake.

Undo an Auto-Skip

Choose Undo in the player feedback. Playback returns to the segment start, the skip success is revoked and the passage is stored as content.

Correct Episode Analysis on iPhone or iPad

Use As Ad or As Content on a detected row, or Add Correction for another type and a custom time range.

Undo a learned text pattern

Press the matching transcript text and choose Undo. MuteCast removes that learned text pattern or variant and its confirmation for the current episode.

Manage Known Inserts

In Settings → Known Inserts you can edit, disable, import, export or delete text patterns. Deleting one does not erase older episode corrections.

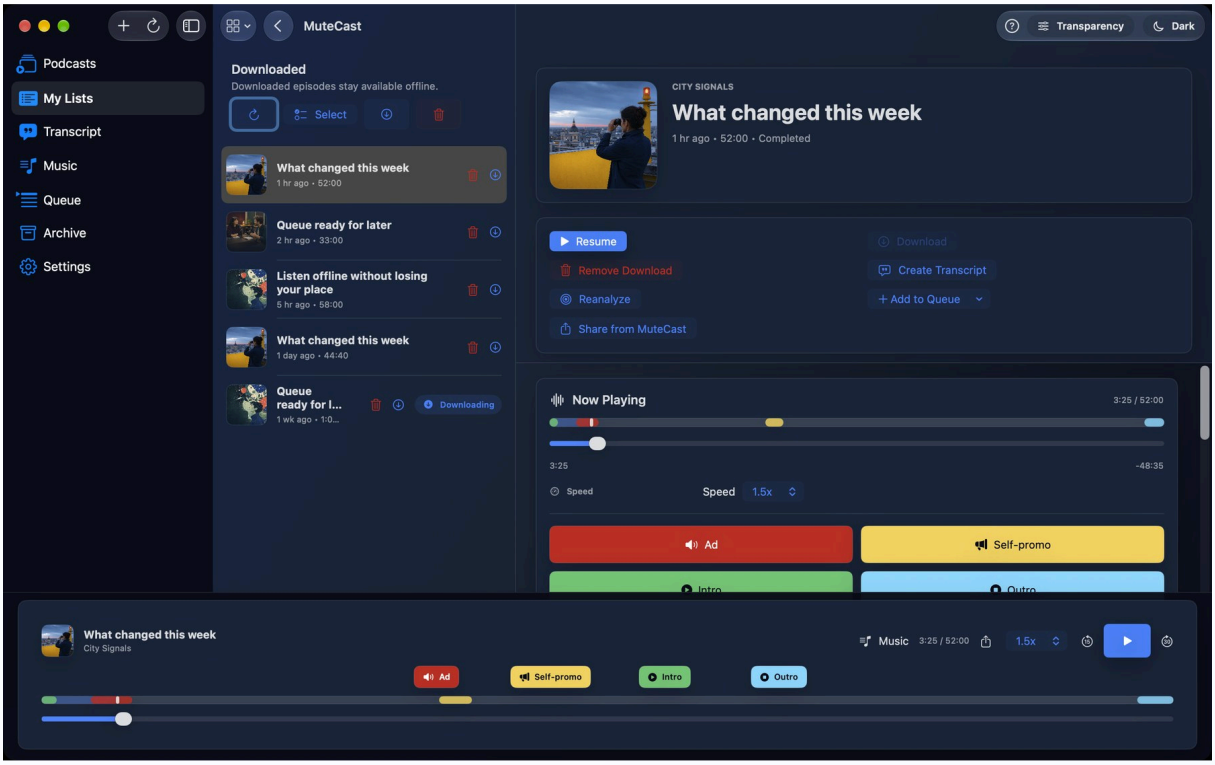
Stop learned behaviour without deleting history

Disable Auto-Skip or Detection for that podcast. Position-based recurring patterns currently have no separate delete list; Known Inserts manages text patterns only.

Mac provides Auto-Skip feedback with Undo and Known Inserts management, but not the same Episode Analysis correction sheet as iPhone and iPad.

12 What is special on Mac

MuteCast uses each Apple device for what it does best. The same podcast knowledge can follow you, while large media files remain under your control on each device.



- The native, resizable desktop app combines a sidebar, library, transcript and analysis with a persistent mini player.
- Mark intros, outros, ads and self-promos with four buttons or from the transcript. Control-click a transcript block to save its text as an ad, self-promotion, intro, or outro pattern. Review and edit your patterns in Settings.
- Mac also offers OPML subscription import and export, JSON backup for known inserts, System/Light/Dark appearance and adjustable transparency.
- Shortcuts: ⌘N add podcast, ⌘R refresh feeds, ⇧⌘A mark ad and ⇧⌘S mark self-promotion.
- Music > Recently Added opens full albums with available covers. Select an episode and start it from its details. Podcast and music buttons switch players and preserve both positions; opening a player starts no audio.

Exactly what iCloud synchronises

Enable Settings → Sync → iCloud Sync separately on every device signed into the same Apple Account. Synchronisation uses CloudKit and may need a little time.

Can synchronise

- Subscriptions, queue, current episode and saved playback position
- Podcast detection, Auto-Skip and selected segment-type settings
- Known Inserts, corrections, detected segments and learned patterns
- Stored analysis results and other small library state - The balance separates verified skips, shortened silence and speed savings. This edition counts new savings only; earlier device totals are not imported. Undo deducts the associated skip saving.

Does not move automatically

- Audio downloads and other large local media files
- Full transcripts that were generated only on one device
- Prepared choices inside the Messages extension
- A new position into a device that is currently playing

- Use the same Apple Account, enable Settings → Sync → iCloud Sync separately on every device, and restart MuteCast after changing the switch.
- Give CloudKit time to exchange data and use Check Sync to confirm a successful import or export. An incoming position never interrupts a device that is already playing.

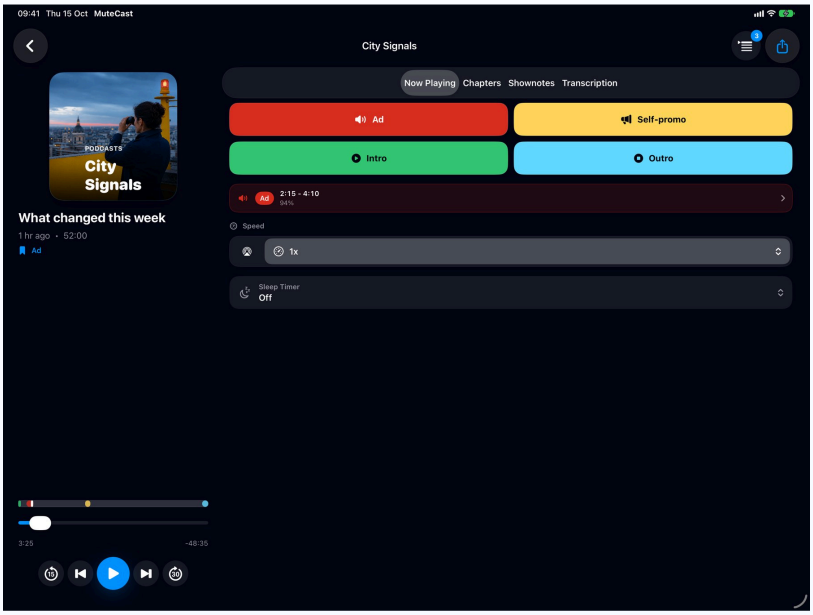
iCloud delivery can be delayed. Receiving a title starts no audio. Play matches the local recording and resumes the last confirmed position. Missing or ambiguous music shows a notice; MuteCast does not transfer music libraries or audio files.

14 One MuteCast, five surfaces

iPhone, iPad and Mac do the full work. Apple Watch and CarPlay control the iPhone experience; Messages shares only a deliberately selected item.

Function	iPhone / iPad	Mac	Watch	CarPlay	Messages
Library and playback	**Full**	**Full**	**Via iPhone**	**Via iPhone**	**Share only**
Transcript	**Full**	**Full**	Not available	Not available	**Share only**
Analysis and segment status	**Full**	**Full**	**Status only**	**Status only**	Not available
Ad / Self-promotion / Introduction / Outro	**Full**	**Full**	**Via iPhone**	**Via iPhone**	Not available
Auto-Skip during playback	**Full**	**Full**	**Via iPhone**	**Via iPhone**	Not available
Manage Known Inserts	**Full**	**Full**	Not available	Not available	Not available
Share an episode or current position	**Full**	**Full**	Not available	Not available	**Share only**
iPhone connection required	**Runs here**	**No**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Runs here**

Watch marking needs a reachable paired iPhone. CarPlay runs through the connected iPhone. On Mac, sharing sends an episode link with the current playback position. The Messages extension is available on iPhone and iPad, not on Mac.



The complication is a glanceable status display. Marking controls stay inside the Watch app, updates are not second-exact, and watchOS may adapt colours on tinted or monochrome faces.

- The Watch app is an iPhone companion, not a standalone podcast player. Start an episode on the paired iPhone, then open MuteCast on Apple Watch.
- If Waiting for iPhone appears, open MuteCast on iPhone and check the connection. The Watch shows episode, chapter, time, speed and the coloured segment timeline.
- Watch shows current track or episode artwork and available chapter images. Music uses previous/next track; podcasts use -15/+30 seconds. The four marking controls follow the phone's settings.
- The four marking buttons for ads, self-promotion, intros and outros respect the podcast's Auto-Skip types and are disabled without a readable timed transcript.

Ad | **Self-promotion**

Introduction | **Outro**

Watch-face complication families: Circular shows playback and timeline; Rectangular adds title and remaining time; Inline shows title or segment type; Corner uses a timeline gauge.

Watch-face complications

The complication is a glanceable status display. Marking controls stay inside the Watch app, updates are not second-exact, and watchOS may adapt colours on tinted or monochrome faces.

Circular

Playback symbol, coloured episode segments and the current position in one ring.

Rectangular

Episode title, podcast, remaining time and a coloured timeline.

Inline

Episode title or the active segment type in a single line.

Corner

Playback symbol with the episode timeline around the watch-face corner.

watchOS decides the refresh rhythm and can adapt colours on tinted or monochrome faces. A complication is therefore not second-exact and may look different from the full-colour examples. On compatible watch faces, watchOS draws the Corner timeline only after you place the complication on the face.

17 Mark passages safely in CarPlay

CarPlay is a focused remote surface for MuteCast on the connected iPhone. Detection, transcript and learning remain on the phone.

1. Open More

On Now Playing, choose Apple's More button. It replaces a crowded row of extra controls.

2. Mark Text Patterns

Ad / Self-promotion / Introduction / Outro

3. Back to Player

CarPlay offers intro/outro marking and a direct return from playback actions to the player.

4. Continue driving

The iPhone stores the correction and pattern. Eligible upcoming Auto-Skips can be announced about 20 seconds before the jump.

A timed transcript and the connected iPhone state are required. CarPlay does not offer the correction sheet, Known Inserts management or analysis settings.

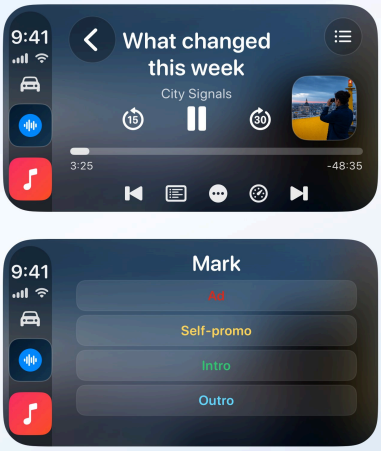


Illustration of MuteCast's CarPlay controls; not a screenshot of the CarPlay system interface.

The Messages extension prepares a card; it never sends automatically. Send an episode, a precise moment, a quote, or a podcast recommendation.

1. Choose

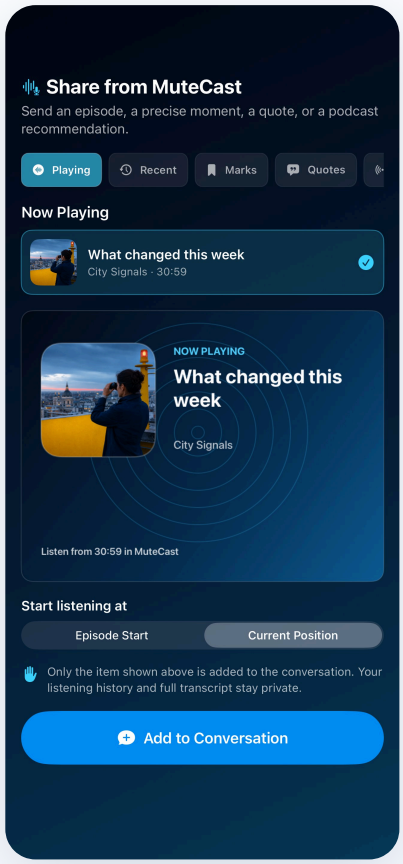
Select Now Playing, a recent episode, a bookmark, a quote or a podcast.

2. Review

Check the preview and choose episode start or the saved/current position where offered.

3. Add

Add the draft to the conversation, review it once more and tap Send yourself.



Shared Messages interface captured inside the MuteCast app; not an Apple Messages conversation screenshot.

What you can share

Now Playing · Recently Played · Current Position · Episode Start · Chapters & Bookmarks · Quotes · Recommend Podcast

Open MuteCast to play an episode, add a bookmark, select a transcript excerpt, or choose a podcast to recommend.

The Messages app is not available on Mac. Prepared choices stay on the same iPhone or iPad and do not sync through iCloud. Only the selected item is shared; history and the full transcript remain private. A deliberately selected quote is limited to 500 characters.

Private by design

Only the item shown above is added to the conversation. Your listening history and full transcript stay private.

Feeds, downloads and your order

Downloaded episodes are now in My Lists > Downloaded, with artwork. There is no separate Downloads tab. Use the visible + beside an episode or in the queue to add episodes as Next or At End. This does not start a download; the music queue remains separate.

Add a podcast

In Podcasts, use the visible + / Add feed action to search or enter an RSS feed. Subscribe, then refresh the feed to discover new episodes.

Automatic downloads: seven days

Subscriptions participate automatically; there is no separate auto-download switch. After refresh, eligible unplayed, unarchived episodes from the last seven days are queued, including previously discovered episodes. Reopening MuteCast checks for pending feed updates, downloads, transcription and analysis. Background execution is limited by the system; overnight completion is not guaranteed.

Network and deliberate deletion

Settings > Downloads separates mobile-data rules for feeds, streaming and downloads. Check the queue for progress or waiting reasons, and check the download limit and available storage. Allowed network and processing conditions still apply. Older episodes can be downloaded manually. Deliberately deleted downloads are not endlessly downloaded again; a manual download can request them again.

Reorder downloaded episodes

On iPhone/iPad, open My Lists > Downloaded > Edit and drag the handles; at least two episodes are needed. On Mac, move episodes outside multiple-selection mode. The order is saved; the playback queue is managed separately.

20 Shorten silence and check saved time

This optional podcast feature shortens longer speech pauses. It does not affect music.

Enable the global switch

Open Settings > Playback > Shorten Silence. It is off by default. Listen to a familiar episode after enabling it.

Exclude a podcast

Open the podcast settings and turn off Shorten Silence for This Podcast. This control becomes available after the global switch is enabled. Voice Boost and Auto-Skip can be used at the same time.

Read the time balance

The balance separates verified skips, shortened silence and speed savings. This edition counts new savings only; earlier device totals are not imported. Undo deducts the associated skip saving.

Review and undo automatic skips

The Auto-Skip History remains on this device. It is available globally in Settings and for an episode in its analysis details.

Understand the decision

A skip is recorded as successful only after the player confirms the target position. History includes time, original range, label, confidence, source and explanation. A percentage or coloured marker alone does not prove a jump.

Undo later

Choose Undo in the history to load the episode and return to the original position. The associated saved time is revoked; the audio has not been deleted.

Correct a label

Use Correction to change the classification. Relevant learned evidence is used in the next analysis of the same podcast, not indiscriminately across other shows or all existing episodes.

22 Search transcripts and share quotations

Open Transcript in the main navigation on iPhone, iPad or Mac and enter a search term.

Find spoken words

Search covers available transcript text, not just episode titles. Prepare or analyse an episode first if its transcript is missing. An empty search shows no browse list; a query returns at most 200 results.

Listen at the result

Each result identifies the podcast, episode and timestamp. Use playback to open the episode at that exact passage.

Share text, not an audio clip

The separate Share action sends a text quotation and episode link. Quotes are limited to 500 characters as perceived by the reader. This does not share the full transcript or create an audio clip; transcripts are not newly synchronized by this feature.

Notifications without surprises

Podcast Settings > Notifications controls new episodes, completed downloads and completed full analyses together.

Give permission when ready

The system request can appear after your first successfully saved subscription, not at app launch. You can also choose Allow Notifications in podcast settings; after denial, open system Settings.

Choose each podcast

New subscriptions start with their notification switch on; older migrated subscriptions may be off. Switch off any podcast you do not want to hear from.

Open the episode

Tap a notification to open the related episode. These are local notifications after MuteCast discovers or finishes work, not instant server push. Background and network limits can delay discovery, downloads and notifications.

24 Control music and choose device playlists

Allow music access in Music. An already authorized library is prepared in the background; first access or a refresh can still take time. If music access is denied, use the offered Settings action to allow it. Podcasts and My Lists remain accessible; granting access does not start music automatically.

Open the full player

Tap the current track in Music or the mini-player. Use previous/next, play/pause and the draggable position bar. Inspect Up Next and the queue. Toggle shuffle separately; repeat offers off, one track or the queue. Music player: the current title, artwork and timeline update together when tracks change; saved playback positions belong to the correct track.

Browse and resume

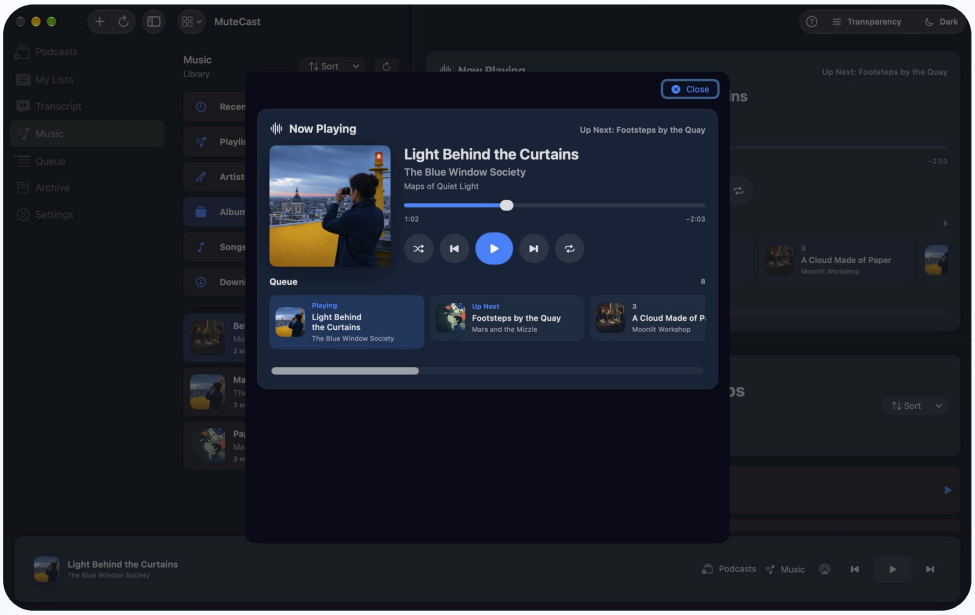
Albums follow disc and track order unless shuffle or repeat is set differently. Browse your Apple Music library with artwork, an album queue, shuffle and repeat. Music and podcasts retain separate listening positions. Title and timeline are updated together, including when returning to the app. iCloud shows the last shared title and listening position on iPhone, iPad and Mac; another device takes over audio only after you press Play. Music must be available in both libraries. Access depends on Apple permissions; some content requires an Apple Music subscription.

Pin playlists on iPhone

In Music > Playlists, choose Show on Watch and in Car. Up to ten playlists can be pinned; remaining slots use listening activity and recent content. Pinning does not download music to the Watch or enable standalone Watch playback.

Use CarPlay safely

The music views provide direct access to Now Playing and the music queue, with previous/next and shuffle. Controls follow the active music or podcast source. Configure playlists while parked; availability depends on the track, connection and vehicle.



Understand and improve ad recognition

A coloured marker is a detection result, not proof of an automatic jump. Check the selected category, evidence and skip history.

Compare spoken and supplied text

Where available, MuteCast compares locally transcribed audio with the publisher's transcript. Extra spoken passages can provide evidence of inserted ads, but transcript differences alone are not a guarantee.

Use sponsor information

Show notes and explicitly linked Linktree sponsor profiles provide additional context. Access needs a network connection. A sponsor name alone is insufficient; the spoken passage needs matching commercial evidence. Your transcript is not sent to these pages.

Review the boundaries

The deep search uses current timed text around the tap, including preceding context. If search or preparation fails, the last selected bubble may end beyond 30 seconds. Review the result; exact automatic boundaries are not guaranteed. Local audio learning can recognise repeated outro music in later episodes of the same podcast; it needs a downloaded episode and a marked range of at least 10 seconds. Automatic intro/outro skips keep their boundary safeguards.

Correct and check again

Correct the label or range in the transcript or segment details. Learned patterns apply to the same podcast. Reanalyse when needed, then inspect the results. Undo a wrong automatic jump in Skip History. If it still fails, report the app build, episode and exact time to support.

The first two actions apply to iPhone and iPad. The learning card and evidence in skip history are also available on Mac. Your existing episodes, downloads and listening positions are kept.

Play Next: clear the list

On iPhone or iPad, open Play Next and choose Clear List. Entries are removed only after you confirm. Episodes and downloads are kept. Choose Cancel to leave the list unchanged.

Go straight to show notes and transcript

On an episode's analysis screen, Shownotes and Transcript jump to the relevant section. The buttons appear only when that content exists. Opening these sections does not change the current playback.

The podcast learning card's recognition balance

The card summarises the last ten analysed episodes: detected ad blocks and minutes, skips on this device, blocks that were marked but not skipped with the most common reason, undone skips and later manual marks. The balance is a display only.

Evidence and Undo in skip history

An entry names its evidence types, such as transcript and repetition, including older entries when evidence is known. Check the displayed time range. Use Undo to return to the skipped section and correct an unwanted skip.

Ad Detection

Open Settings → Transcription & Analysis → Ad Detection. All seven options are on by default on iPhone, iPad and Mac; you can turn them off individually. Your existing choices are kept. These rules decide what MuteCast recognizes and skips as ads. Restart MuteCast after changing them so that every new analysis uses them. To update an episode analysed before, choose Reanalyze.

Precision Rules

Adds rules intended to avoid skipping the episode's actual content. This does not promise error-free detection. Check unwanted skips in skip history and use Undo if content was skipped.

Repetition in Earlier Episodes

Recurring ad copy from earlier episodes of the same podcast can confirm an ad indication. Similar topics alone are not enough. Your corrections and the podcast's Auto-Skip settings still apply.

Ignore Steady Loud Audio

Stops a steadily loud passage alone from being treated as an ad. Loudness is not sufficient advertising evidence. Other clues, such as the transcript or repetition, are still evaluated.

Skip Edges on Speech Pauses

Moves detected ad boundaries to suitable pauses between words in the timed transcript, aiming to avoid cutting through words. Still check the start and end if a marked passage does not match what you hear.

Repeated spots, evidence and new analyses

The following three options complement the four rules on the previous page. An ad indication does not by itself authorise a skip: depending on the rule, MuteCast needs further evidence. The podcast's Auto-Skip choices still apply.

Repeated Spots in an Episode

Repeated ad copy within an episode can add evidence. Another kind of evidence must confirm it for Auto-Skip. A transcript rule and an AI reading of that same text do not count as two independent kinds of evidence.

Short Repeated Spots

Allows short repeated ad spots of 15 to 25 seconds when ad copy and further suitable evidence are present. A short passage alone is not enough. Your selected segment types and Auto-Skip switches still govern skipping.

Ad Features in the Transcript

Web addresses, codes and offers can mark ads in every app language. These features only mark passages; automatic skipping also requires repetition. Without a transcript, there is no text recognition. MuteCast itself transcribes German, English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Japanese, Korean and Chinese; other languages require a transcript supplied by the podcast. You can always mark ads yourself in the transcript. MuteCast learns from this for that podcast.

Restart after changing options

Restart MuteCast after a change so new analyses use it. On iPhone and iPad, choose Reanalyze for older episodes. When new rules arrive, Mac checks eligible downloaded, already analysed episodes published in the past 14 days once more, if analysis and the podcast's ad detection are enabled. You can reanalyze older episodes manually.

If preparation seems to wait

- Download work can have priority before analysis, especially on iPhone and iPad.
- Low battery, background limits, storage pressure or disabled analysis can pause work.
- Open the queue for the reason, progress percentage and Continue action.
- Manual and currently played episodes receive higher priority than older automatic work.

What iCloud synchronises

- Subscriptions, settings, playback positions and learned patterns can sync through Apple's iCloud.
- Audio downloads and their local state do not move automatically between devices.
- Large or locally generated transcripts may remain device-specific; another device can prepare its own analysis.
- A downloaded episode is not silently replaced just because its feed changes.

Quick checks

Ad / Self-promotion / Introduction / Outro	Open the episode and load a readable timed transcript. A text block must cover the current position; the entire transcript need not be finished. If it is missing, use Create transcript and check the queue. An analysis-completed label alone does not make a text block available.
Marker is visible but nothing skips	Enable Auto-Skip and that segment type for this podcast; wait for current verification.
Another device shows no analysis	Download or prepare the episode on that device. Audio files are not synced.
A result is wrong	Review a detected segment in Episode Analysis. Correct its type when necessary, or use Podcast Settings to choose exactly which segment types may be skipped automatically.

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