

AnyPod

User Manual



Introducing AnyPod

Thanks for checking out AnyPod - the ultimate podcast skill!

AnyPod has indexed thousands of podcasts, tens of thousands of episodes, and more are added every day.

Please email anypodskill@gmail.com with your feedback and suggestions.

Getting Started

The first step to using AnyPod is to enable it on your Alexa device. Say:

“Alexa, enable AnyPod skill”

Once you’ve enabled the AnyPod skill, you’re ready to try out AnyPod.

The most basic way to use AnyPod is a two step process. First say:

“Alexa, open AnyPod”

AnyPod will give you a short greeting and then you will see a blue light on your Alexa device indicating that Alexa is listening for your next command. Then say:

“Play The Doctor Laura Program” (or give the name of your favorite podcast)

You should hear “The Doctor Laura Program” begin to play.

Understanding This Manual

The rest of this manual teaches you how to talk to AnyPod using longer voice commands, like this:

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to play The Doctor Laura Program"

This saves time by not having to "open AnyPod" every time. But generally, the more you say to Alexa at once, the more likely she is to misunderstand you.

If Alexa has trouble understanding your longer voice commands, go back to the basic two step process: first **"Alexa, open AnyPod"**, then tell AnyPod what you want to do.

Playing Podcasts

You can listen to any podcast with AnyPod - just ask:

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **play The Doctor Laura Program**"

If you have trouble finding the podcast you're looking for, just say part of the name - for example:

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **play Alec Baldwin**"

AnyPod will figure out that you're looking for "Here's The Thing with Alec Baldwin".

Playback Tips

- Try to use as few words as possible when requesting a podcast. Using fewer words gives Alexa fewer chances to misunderstand you. Say just enough to distinguish your podcast from others.
- The first time you play most podcasts, AnyPod plays the newest episode for you. For podcasts like Serial, AnyPod will start with the oldest episode so you can play through the entire series in order.
- AnyPod keeps track of what you've listened to. When you ask for a podcast you've heard before, it will play whatever episode you were listening to last time. When playing an episode you've heard before, AnyPod will pick up within the episode wherever you left off. (If it's been awhile since you've played a podcast, AnyPod may ask if you want to hear the newest episode. If not, AnyPod will continue playing where you left off before.)

Navigating Episodes in a Podcast

If you just want to hear the newest episode of a podcast, try this:

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **play the newest Joe Rogan**"

You can also ask for "the oldest", or "the latest".

If you are already listening to a podcast, you can navigate the episodes like this:

"Alexa, **next**" (plays newer episodes)

"Alexa, **previous**" (plays older episodes)

"Alexa, ask AnyPod **for the newest episode**"

"Alexa, ask AnyPod **for the oldest episode**"

Episode Numbers

Some podcasts use a season/chapter/episode numbering system. If you listen to these podcasts:

Joe Rogan

Tim Ferris

Serial

S-Town

RABBITS

Myths & Legends

You can say commands like this:

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **play S-Town Chapter 3**"

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **play Serial Season 2 Episode 6**"

If you're already listening to a podcast, you can ask for an episode like this:

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **play episode 12**"

Fast Forwarding, Rewinding, and Restarting

Wanna skip ahead or go back and replay something? Try this:

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **fast forward 2 minutes**"

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **rewind 30 seconds**"

To jump anywhere in an episode, try something like this:

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **start playing at 12 minutes and 25 seconds**"

To start an episode over from the beginning, say either of these:

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **start over**"

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **restart**"

Subscriptions

Subscribe to your favorite podcasts and play through all of the newest episodes with ease:

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **subscribe to Armstrong and Getty**"

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **subscribe to Rachel Maddow**"

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **play my podcasts**"

- When you are listening to your subscriptions, “**Alexa, next**” and “**Alexa, previous**” will play the next (or previous) podcast in your subscription list.
- To be absolutely sure Alexa heard your request correctly, AnyPod will ask you to confirm each time you subscribe or unsubscribe to a podcast. Say “Yes” to confirm, or “No” to cancel.

You can unsubscribe to podcasts like this:

"Alexa, ask AnyPod to **unsubscribe to Alex Jones**"

List your current subscriptions like this:

"Alexa, ask AnyPod **what are my subscriptions**"

Podcasts on AnyPod

If you are a Podcast publisher who wants to publish on AnyPod or just a fan of a podcast we haven't included yet, email anypodskill@gmail.com and we'll get right on it! Feel free to email any other feedback you may have as well - hopefully before you leave a scathing 1 star review ;)

Here are just a few of the podcasts AnyPod can play for you:

Serial

RadioLab

This American Life

S-Town

The Moth

The Daily

Here's The Thing with Alec Baldwin

MSNBC Rachel Maddow
Fresh Air
The Joe Rogan Experience
The Adam Carolla Show
WTF with Mark Maron
Monday Morning Podcast with Bill Burr
My Favorite Murder
TED Radio Hour
Hidden Brain
Tim Ferriss
This Week In Tech

We monitor search logs and listen to user feedback. Here's some podcasts we've added or improved search performance for recently:

Sipping NC
The Man Who Ate The Town
Fan Interference
The Beer Dads
The Less Desirables
Talking On My Morning Walk with Nathan Lowell
Lovett or Leave It
Pod Save The World
Pod Save America
BBC Newshour
Handel On The Law
MSNBC Morning Joe
NBC Meet The Press
NBC Nightly News
Nightline
ESPN Podcasts
NBA Lockdown
HowStuffWorks NOW

Radio Free Mid-World
WDW Radio Show
PragerU
99% Invisible
TechStuff
CarStuff
Mad Money w/Jim Cramer
Jalen & Jacoby
The Lowe Post
The MetaFilter Podcast

AnyPod can play over 4000 podcasts, so even if your podcast is not listed above there is a good chance we've got it - try it out!