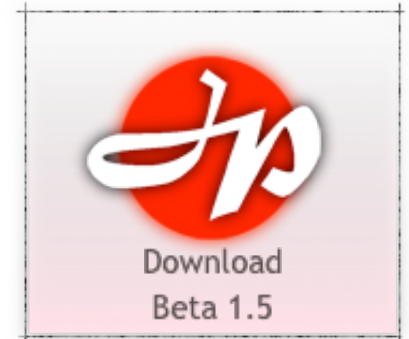


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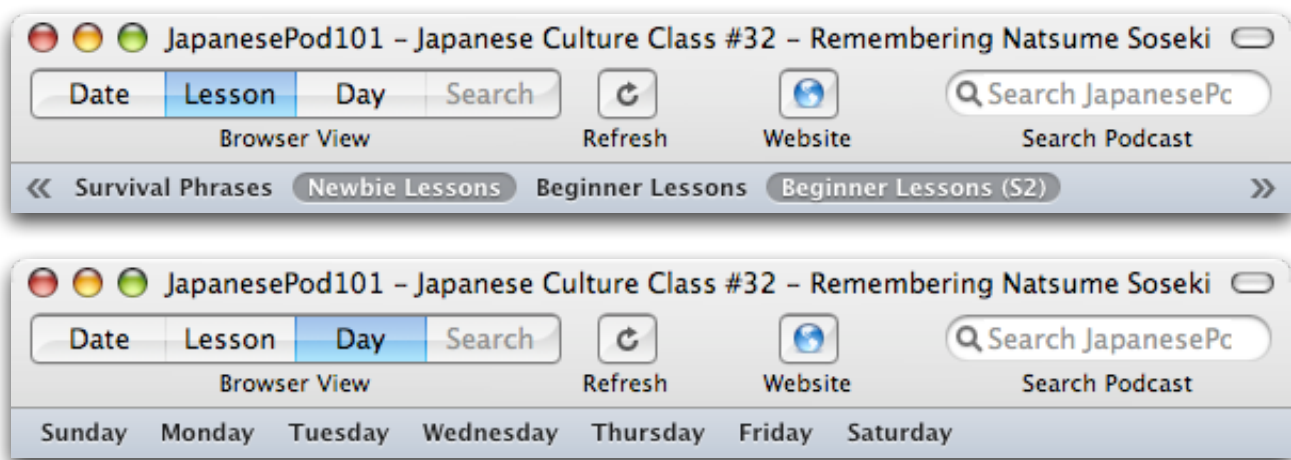
Saturday, December 16, 2006



Greetings everyone! Beta 1.5 is finally done, and I'm positive everyone will be very pleased with it. Let me show you the new features!

Filter Bar

The first new feature is the **Filter Bar**. It replaces the small, ugly, outdated and out of place one that used to be there...



As you can see by the beautiful screenshots, the Filter Bar has been updated for the latest lesson categories. When you click on either Lesson or Day, they slide in with a smooth animation, and leave the same way. You can select or deselect all of them by holding down the Option key on your keyboard as you click. And If you don't like scrolling (via the arrows at the right and left of the bar), There is a new preference that takes care of just that:



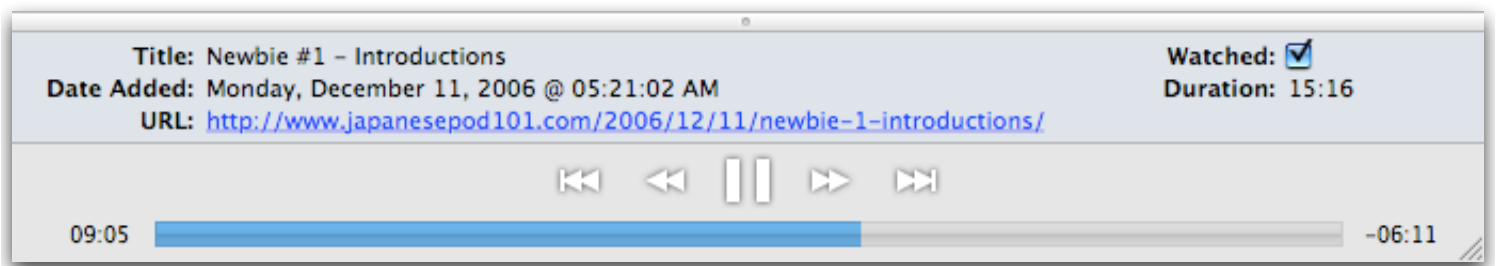
Use Short Filter Bar Names

Check this box if you want the Filter Bar to shorten the Filter Segment names.

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Controller

The next new feature is the stylish new playback **Controller**. This new controller give you more control than the generic QuickTime one. It gives you more information on how much of the episode has already been played, and how much is left. Additionally, you get **Rewind**, **Fast Forward**, **Previous**, and **Next** buttons. I also tweaked the Rewind and Fast Forward buttons, so when you double-click, triple-click, or click them twenty times each, they go faster and faster! (Just when you though Japanese couldn't get faster...)



Compact View

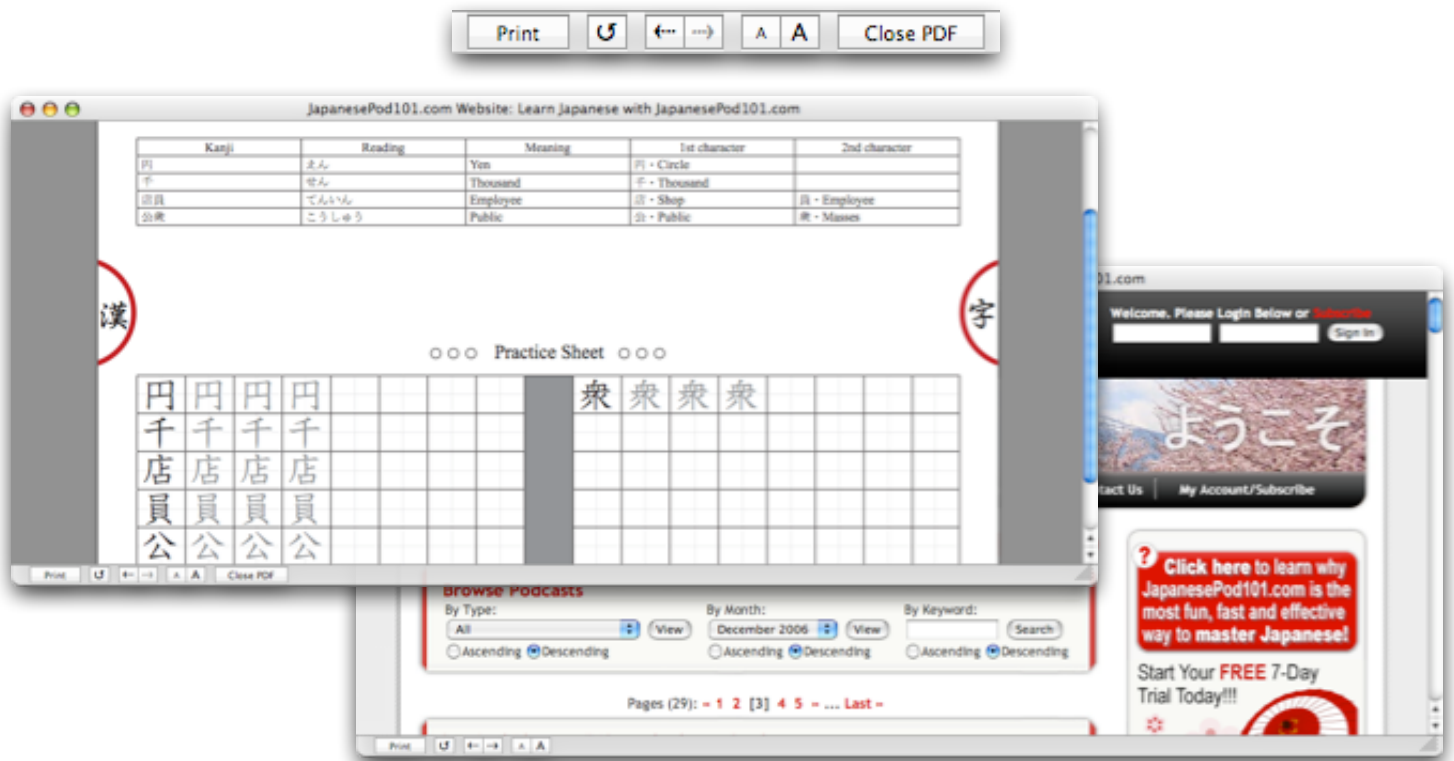
The third new feature is the ability for the user to resize the window to a small size, but it still being usable at the same time. You now even have the current episode in the title of the window for you to know where you are.



Mini Site Viewer / Mini Web Browser

The last big new feature is in the Mini Site Viewer: You now have some spiffy controls to go about the JapanesePod101.com site, and **PDF support** is now finished! Whenever you view a PDF, you can **Right-click** / **Control-click** it to get PDF options, or open it in **Preview**, and to dismiss the PDF, click the **Close PDF** Button at the bottom of the window.

CAUTION: Please don't waste any paper trying to print anything before you preview it! The **Print** button is **VERY UNSTABLE**.



Smaller Updates

There are a few updates that are small, but still very useful!

1. •You can set if you watched an episode in the blue area above an episode's transcript
2. •The split that runs across the window now has certain areas where it “snaps”, to keep everything looking smooth
3. •Command-R refreshes the podcast.
4. •Certain columns in the episode list are now resizable.
5. •Other minor bug fixes.

That's all for Beta 1.5. One more thing, I'm planning to release this application on New Years, so if you have any feature requests, make them quick so they can be in the initial release!

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