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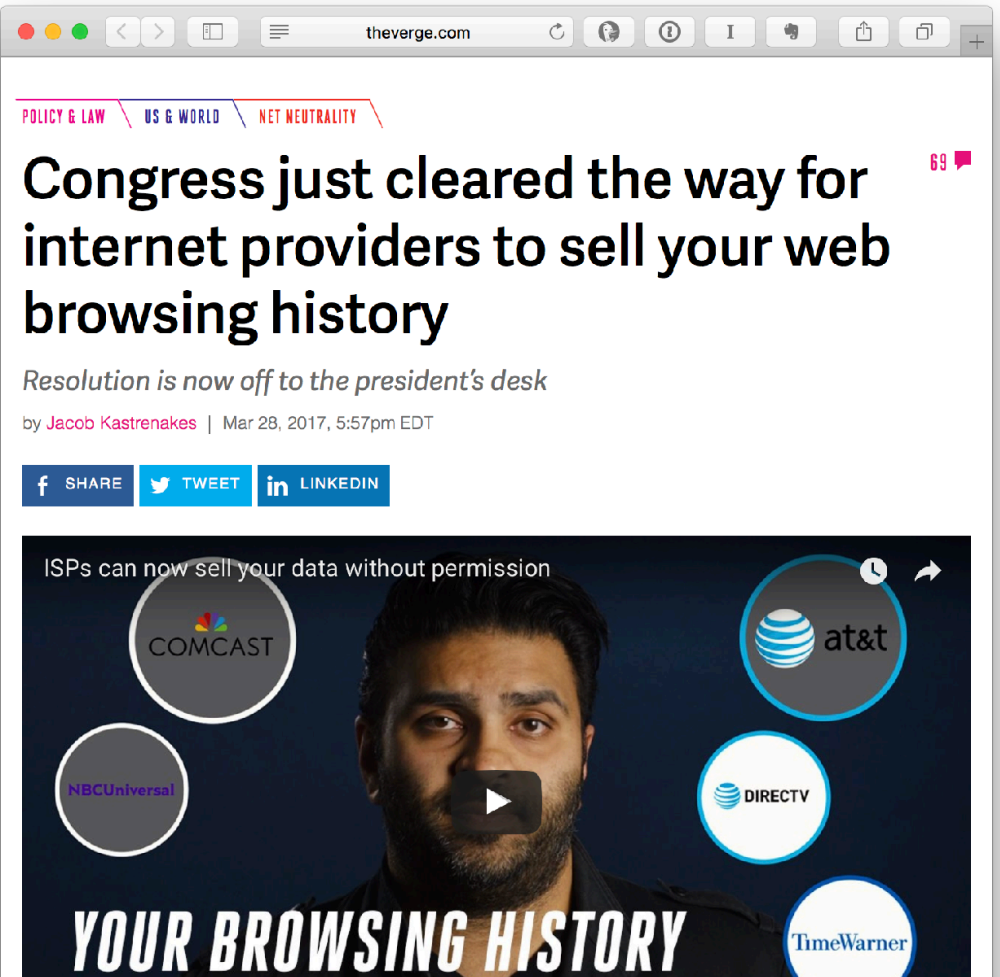
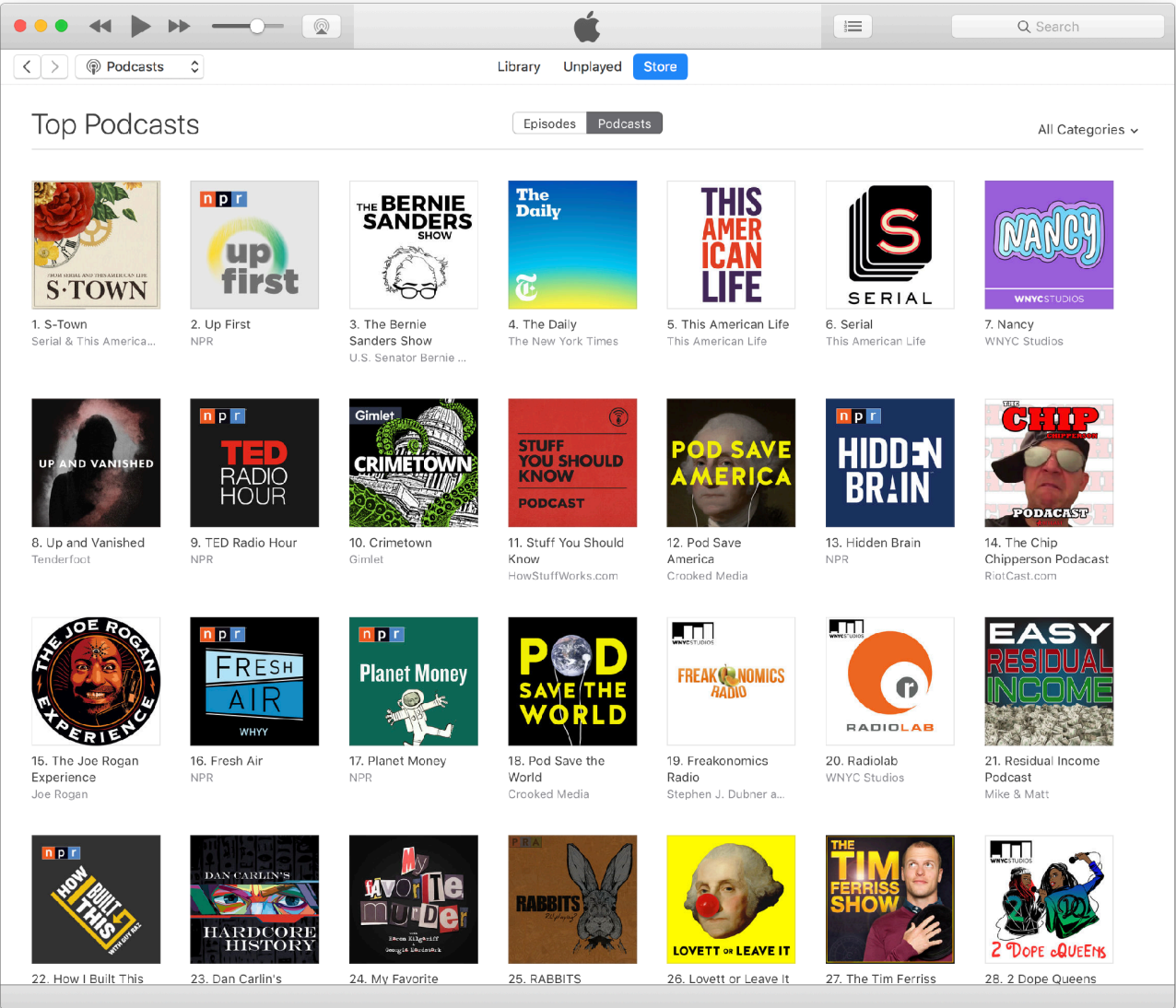
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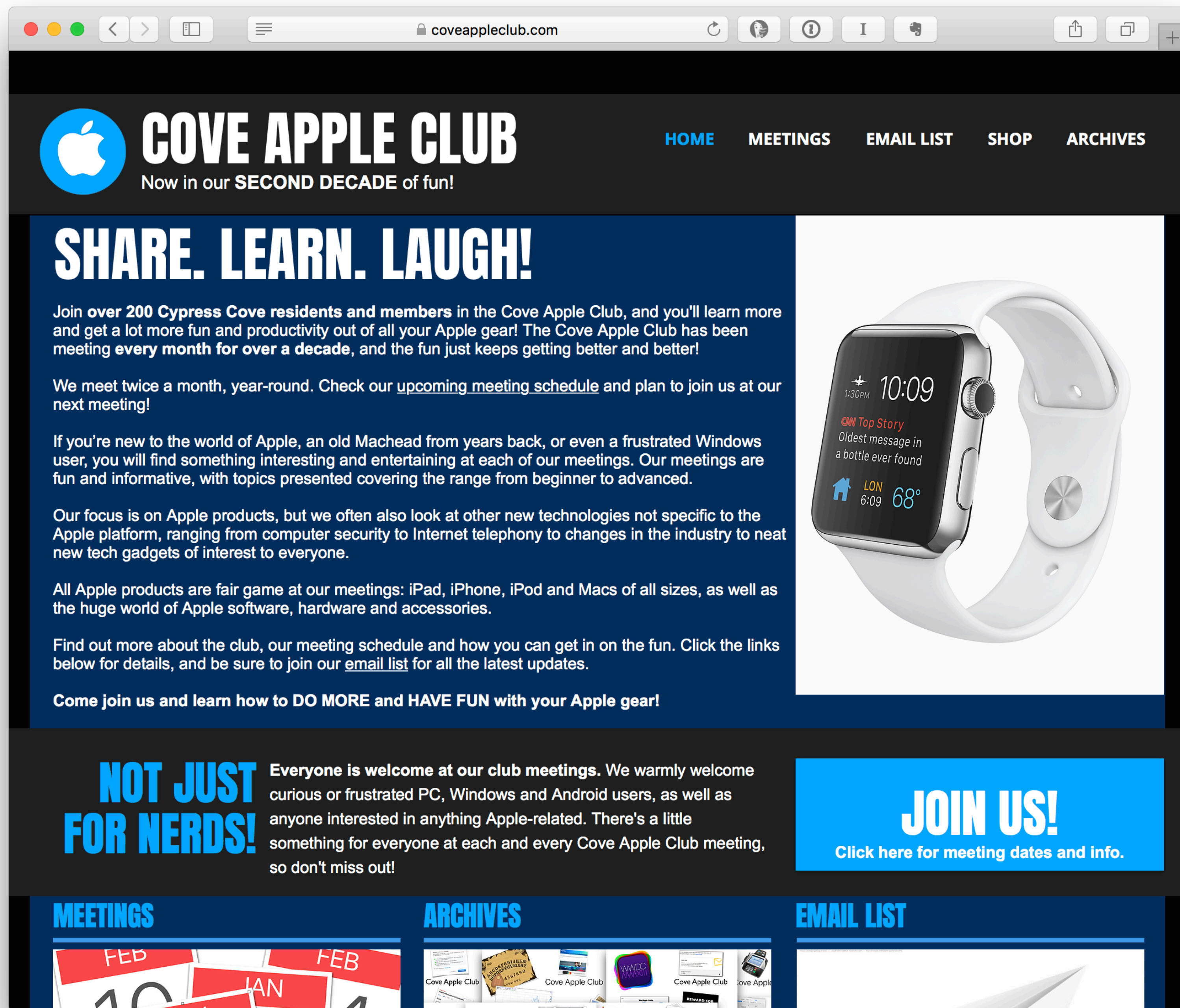
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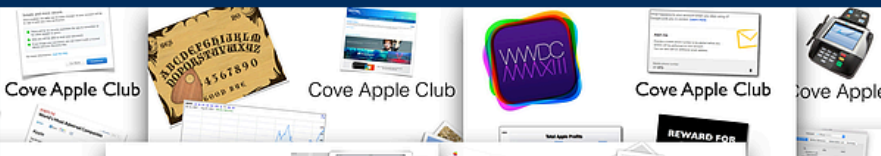
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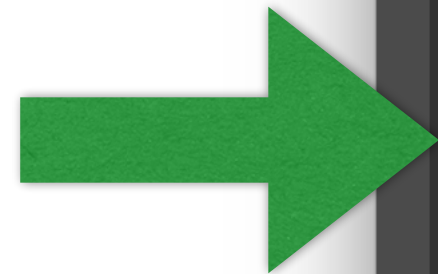
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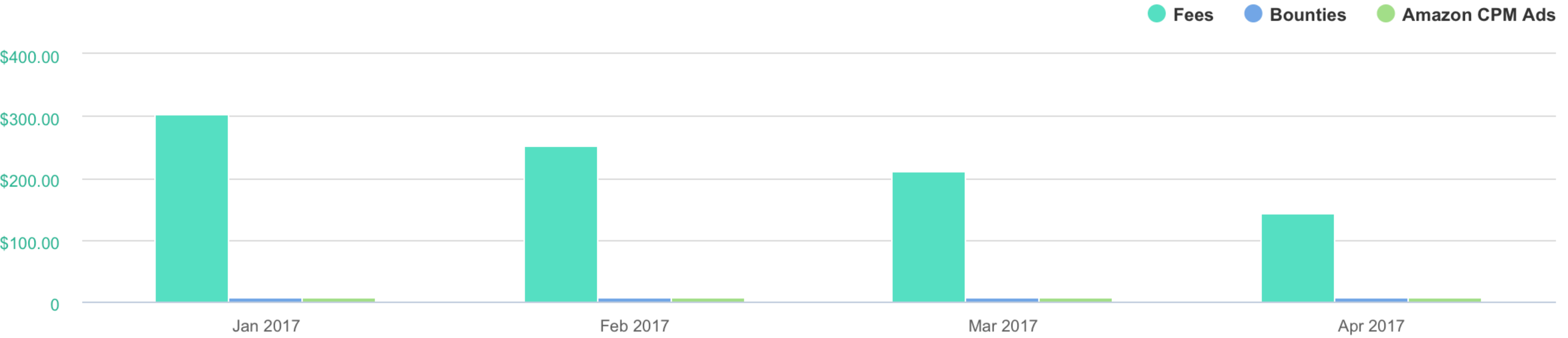


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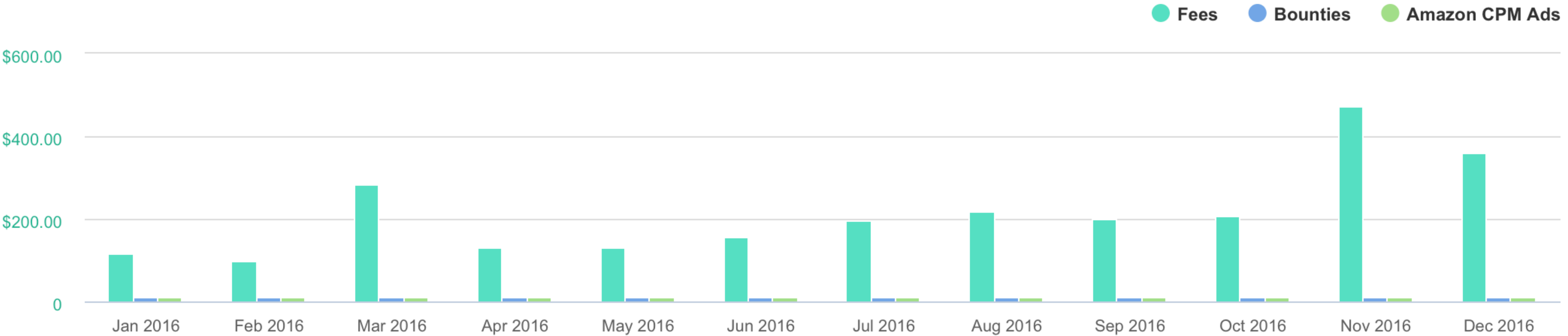
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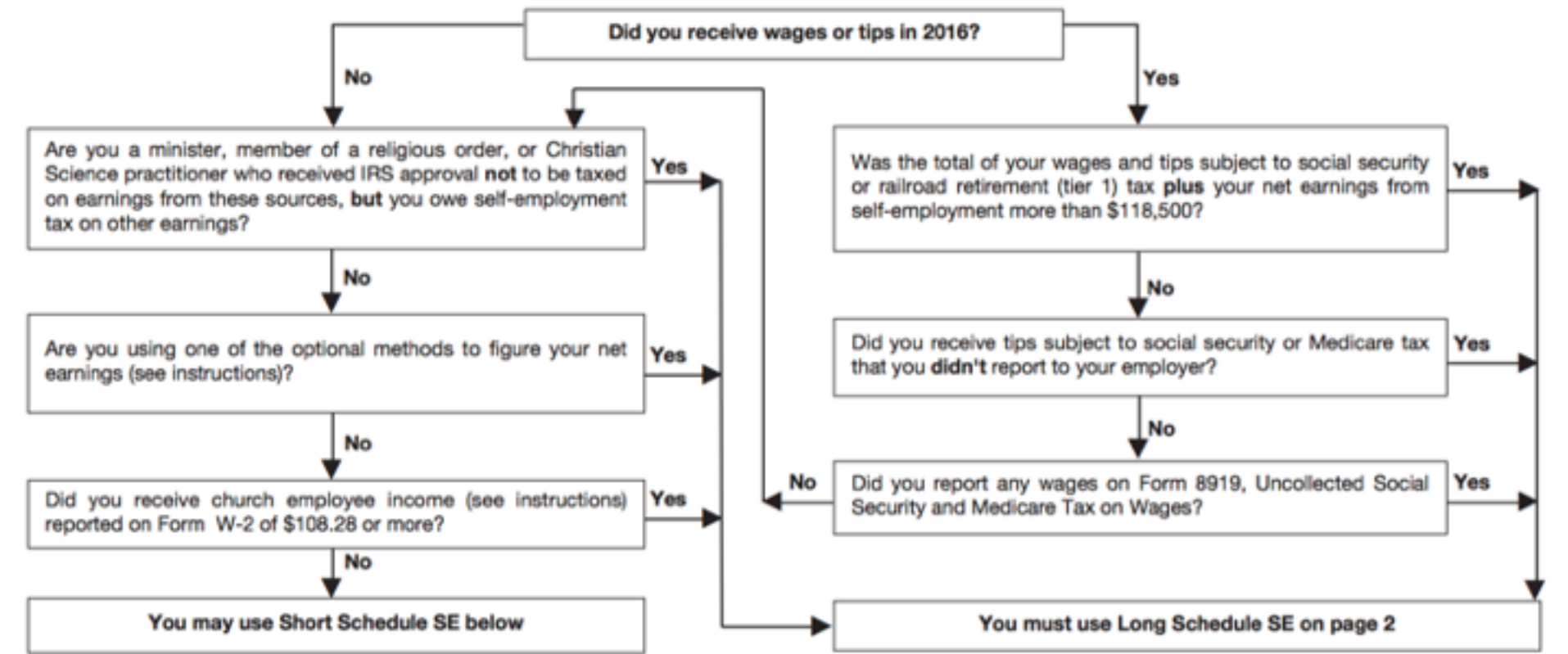
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1b	If you received social security retirement or disability benefits, enter the amount of Conservation Reserve Program payments included on Schedule F, line 4b, or listed on Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), box 20, code Z	()
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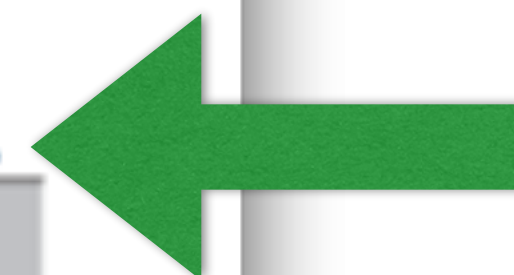
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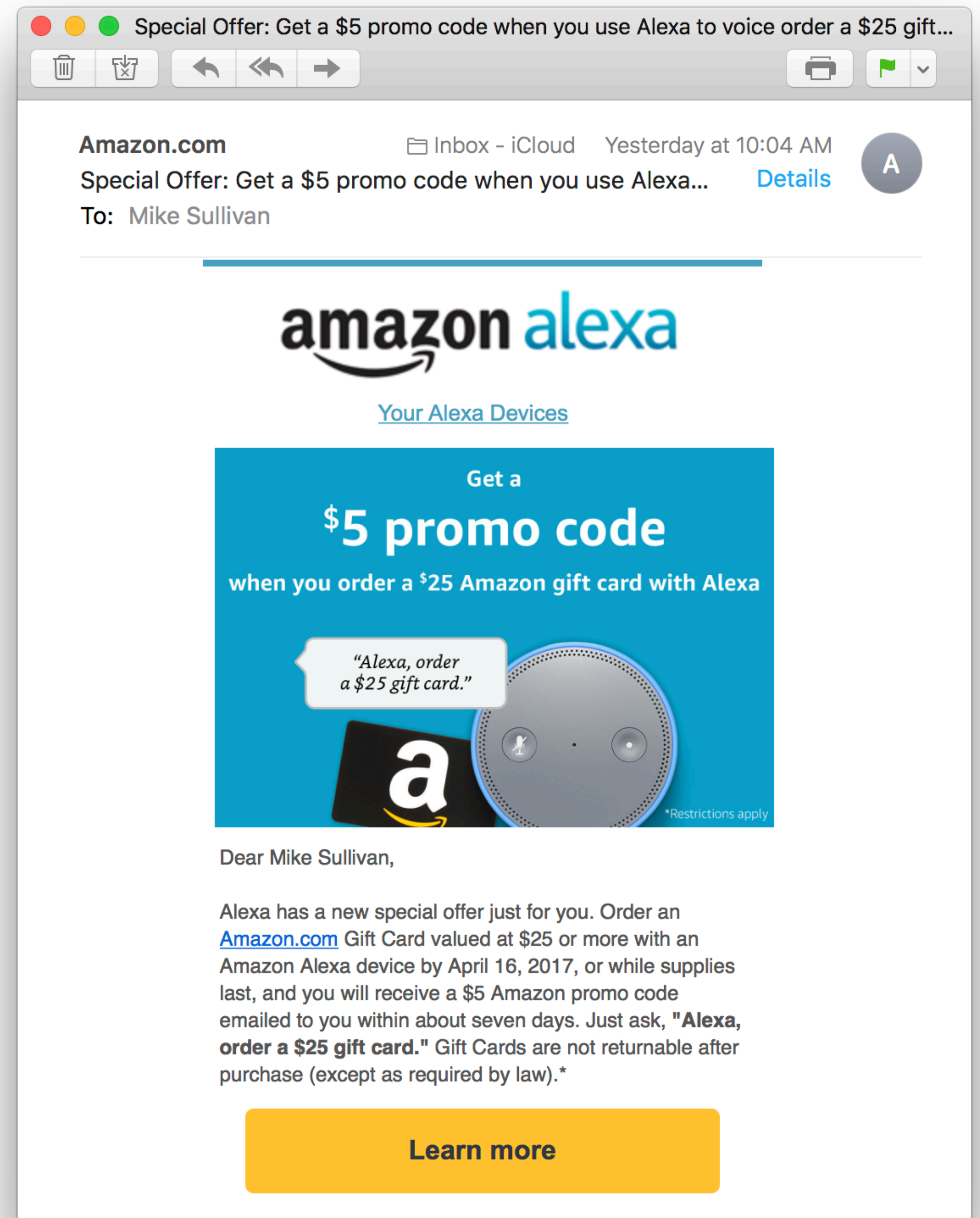
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**Just order a \$25 Amazon
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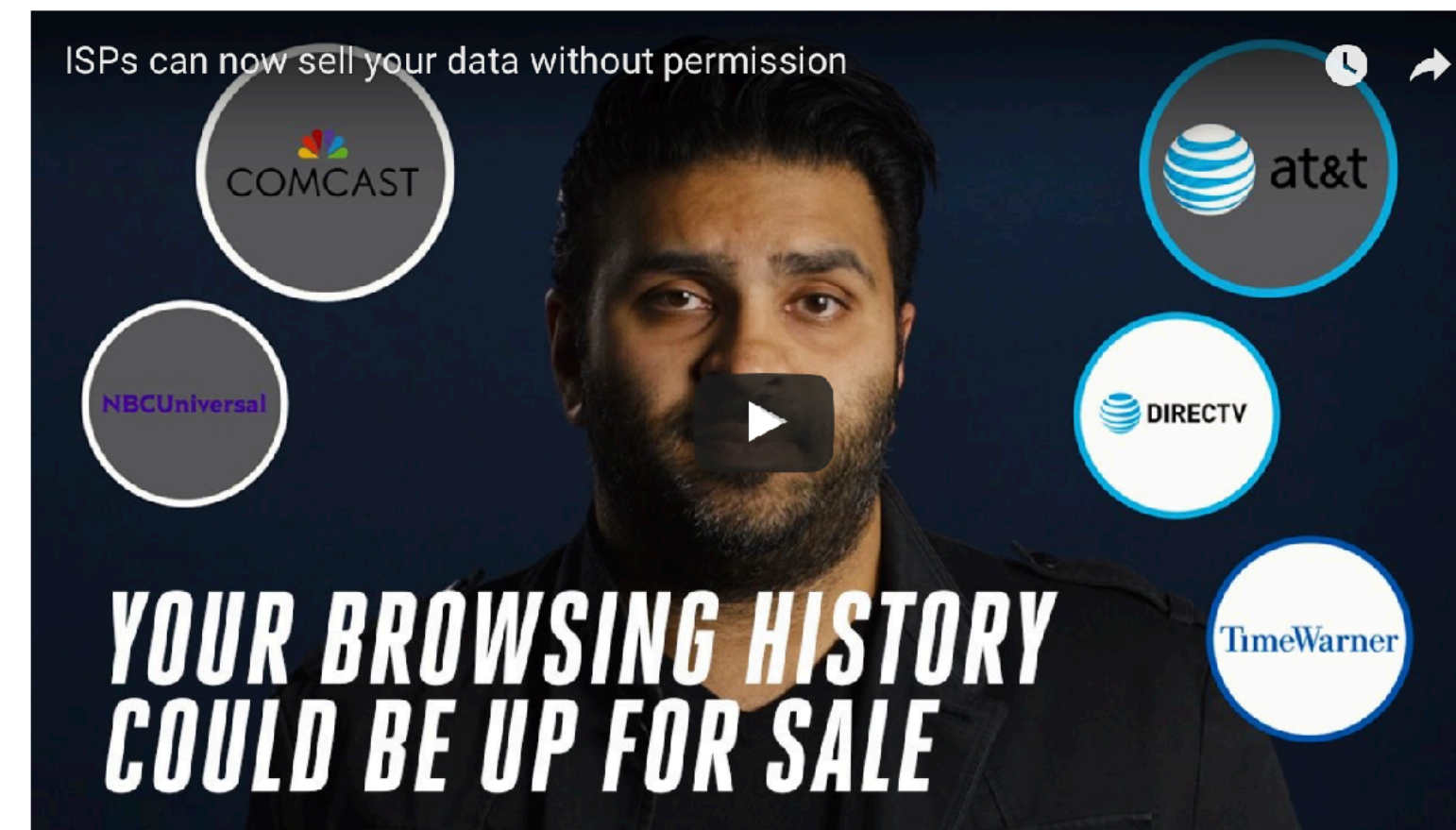


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Resolution is now off to the president's desk

by [Jacob Kastrenakes](#) | Mar 28, 2017, 5:57pm EDT



Internet providers now just need a signature from President Trump before they're free to take, share, and even sell your web browsing history without your permission.

The House of Representatives passed a resolution today overturning an Obama-era FCC rule that required internet providers to get customers' permission before sharing their browsing history with other companies. The rules also required internet providers to protect that data from hackers and inform customers of any breaches.

The resolution was first passed by the Senate last week and now heads to the president, who's expected to sign it. At that point, there'll only be a vague baseline of privacy rules governing internet providers and some promises from them not to misbehave.

It's hard to see this as anything but a major loss for consumers. While reversing the

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They betrayed you for chump change

by T.C. Sottek | Mar 29, 2017, 8:20am EDT

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ISPs can now sell your data without permission

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YOUR BROWSING HISTORY

COULD BE UP FOR SALE

Republicans in Congress just voted to reverse a landmark FCC privacy rule that opens the door for ISPs to sell customer data. Lawmakers provided no credible reason for this being in the interest of Americans, except for vague platitudes about “consumer choice” and “free markets,” as if consumers at the mercy of their local internet monopoly are craving to have their web history quietly sold to marketers and any other third party willing to pay.

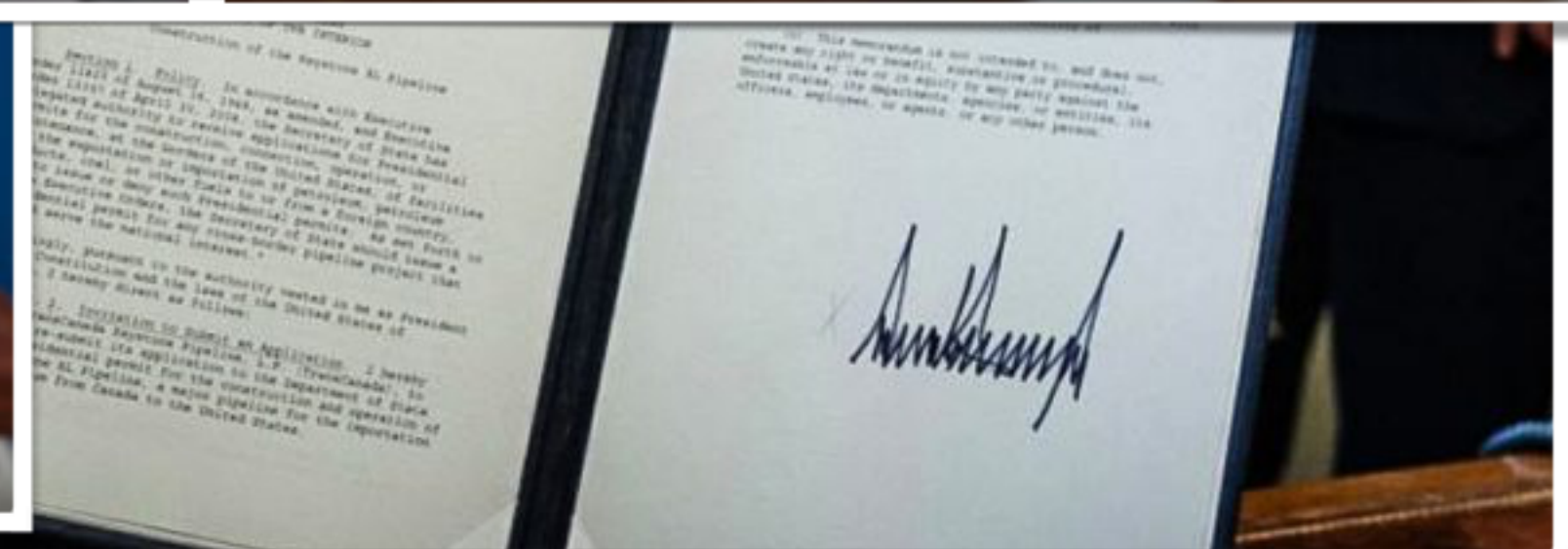
The only people who seem to want this are the people who are going to make lots of money from it. (Hint: they work for companies like Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T.) Incidentally, these people and their companies routinely give lots of money to members of Congress.

So here is a list of the lawmakers who voted to betray you, and how much money they received from the telecom industry in their most recent election cycle.

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Grassley, Chuck	Republican	IA		\$138,128
Hatch, Orrin	Republican	UT		\$106,750
Heller, Dean	Republican	NV		\$78,950
Hoeven, John	Republican	ND		\$25,800
Inhofe, Jim	Republican	OK		\$38,000
Johnson, Ron	Republican	WI		\$123,652
Kennedy, John	Republican	LA		\$1,000
Lankford, James	Republican	OK		\$21,000
Lee, Mike	Republican	UT		\$60,913
McCain, John	Republican	AZ		\$84,125
McConnell, Mitch	Republican	KY		\$251,110
Moran, Jerry	Republican	KS		\$130,950
Murkowski, Lisa				
Perdue, David				
Portman, Rob	Republican	OH		\$88,350
Risch, Jim	Republican	ID		\$100,200
Roberts, Pat	Republican	KS		\$100,200
Rounds, Mike	Republican	SD		\$40,166
Rubio, Marco	Republican	FL		\$75,535
Sasse, Benjamin	Republican	NE		\$31,800
Scott, Tim	Republican	SC		\$60,200
Shelby, Richard				
Strange, Luther				
Sullivan, Daniel	Republican	AK		\$10,550
Thune, John				\$10,000
Tillis, Thom				\$220
Toomey, Patrick				\$1,456
Wicker, Roger	Republican	MS		\$151,800
Young, Todd	Republican	IN		\$28,670

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source: Federal Register, senate.gov, house.gov, The Verge



White House says Trump to sign broadband privacy repeal

March 29, 2017, 02:54:00 PM EDT By Reuters



Reuters

By David ShephardsonWASHINGTON, March 29 (Reuters) - President Donald Trump

plans to sign a repeal of Obama-era broadband privacy rules as a bigger fight looms over rules governing the openness of the internet, the White House said on Wednesday.

Republicans in Congress on Tuesday narrowly passed the

repeal of the privacy rules with no Democratic support and over the strong objections of privacy advocates. [nL2N1H51GZ]

The fight over privacy sets the stage for an even larger battle later this year over Republican plans to overturn the net neutrality provisions adopted by the administration of former President Barack Obama in 2015.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer said he did not know when Trump would sign the bill.

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President Trump delivers final blow to Web browsing privacy rules

ISP privacy rules are dead as Trump signs repeal instead of issuing veto.

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Enlarge / President Donald Trump.

On Monday, President Donald Trump signed a repeal of online privacy rules that would have limited the ability of ISPs to share or sell customers' browsing history for advertising purposes. Trump's action follows the [Senate](#) and [House](#) voting to eliminate the rules issued by the Federal Communications Commission during Barack Obama's presidency.

"President Trump has signed away the only rules that guarantee Americans a choice in whether or not their sensitive Internet information is sold or given away," said Chris Lewis, VP of consumer advocacy group Public Knowledge. Trump's action also "eliminates the requirement that broadband providers notify their customers of any hacking or security breaches."



FURTHER READING

For sale: Your private browsing history

“I will work for you!”



source: <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/l/i-will-work-for-you/>

Democracy dies in darkness.

– Motto of *The Washington Post*

Tonight's civics lesson.

Amazon Dash Button

Amazon Dash Button makes ordering easy. With a simple click, Prime Members can order their favorite products.

SIMPLE

Easy to set up and use

SMART

Just press the button to get your essentials



FREE

After the first press

Buy Dash Button for \$4.99, and **receive a credit for \$4.99** after your first press to place an order

Amazon Dash Buttons

Dash Buttons

- Tiny, cheap (to buy, not to make) wireless internet-connected vending machines for a single product
- Sell for \$4.99 with a \$4.99 credit after first use
- Available in physical form for hundreds/thousands of top-selling items at Amazon
- Only available to Prime members



A Genius-Level Diabolical Plot



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Get It — Press It — Get It

- “Screenless” eCommerce
- Part of Amazon’s huge and rapidly-growing “DRS” - Dash Replenishment System
- Debuted in 2015, now rolled out to 40 countries and tens of millions of buttons



What Happens When You Push It

- Button switches on the battery
- CPU & Wi-Fi chip boots up, powers up the Wi-Fi radio
- Connects to your home Wi-Fi using stored recipe
- Securely connects to Amazon's cloud
- Identifies itself to Amazon
- Tells Amazon what kind of push it received: push, double-push or long push
- Amazon's infrastructure looks up the button ID & associates it with your account and the product being ordered
- Amazon places the order for you, sends you an alert and an email confirmation
- Dash button sends Amazon some telemetry on it's condition, software version, radio signal strength, battery level, etc.
- Dash button stays awake to check to see if there are any messages from Amazon's mothership: software update, new OS, etc.
- Dash button signs off from Amazon and goes back to deep sleep

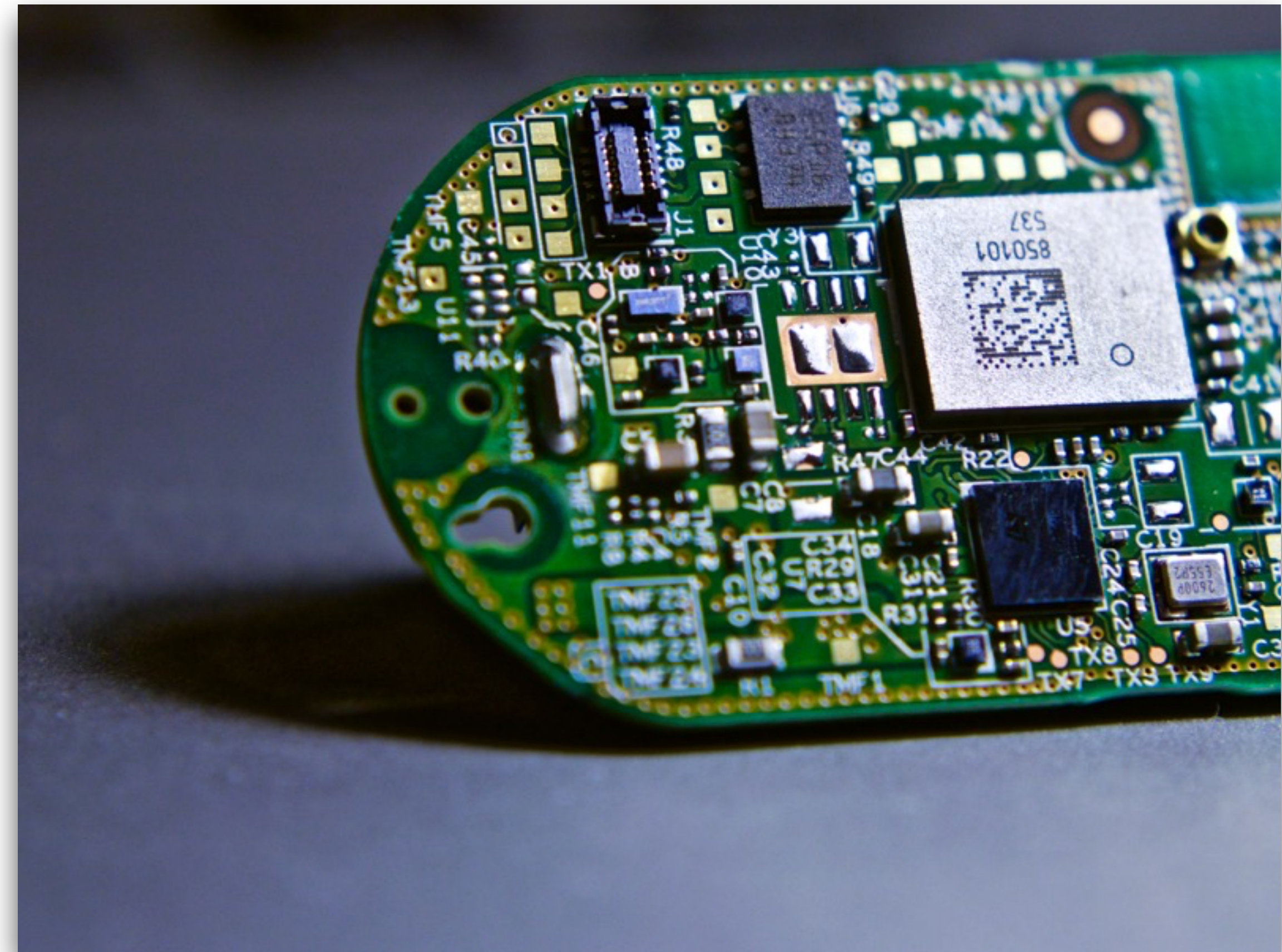




My first Dash button: for 33-Gal, 48-count Hefty trash bags

Free for us. Expensive for them.

- Broadcom WICED IoT module with 802.11g/n Wi-Fi transceiver
- 32-bit STM microcontroller CPU running at 120Mhz
- 16Mb of serial flash memory for program and data storage
- 1 long-life Energizer AA Lithium battery
- SPSTM dome button
- RGB LED
- InvenSense ***microphone***
- ***In all, about \$25 of electronics and packaging***



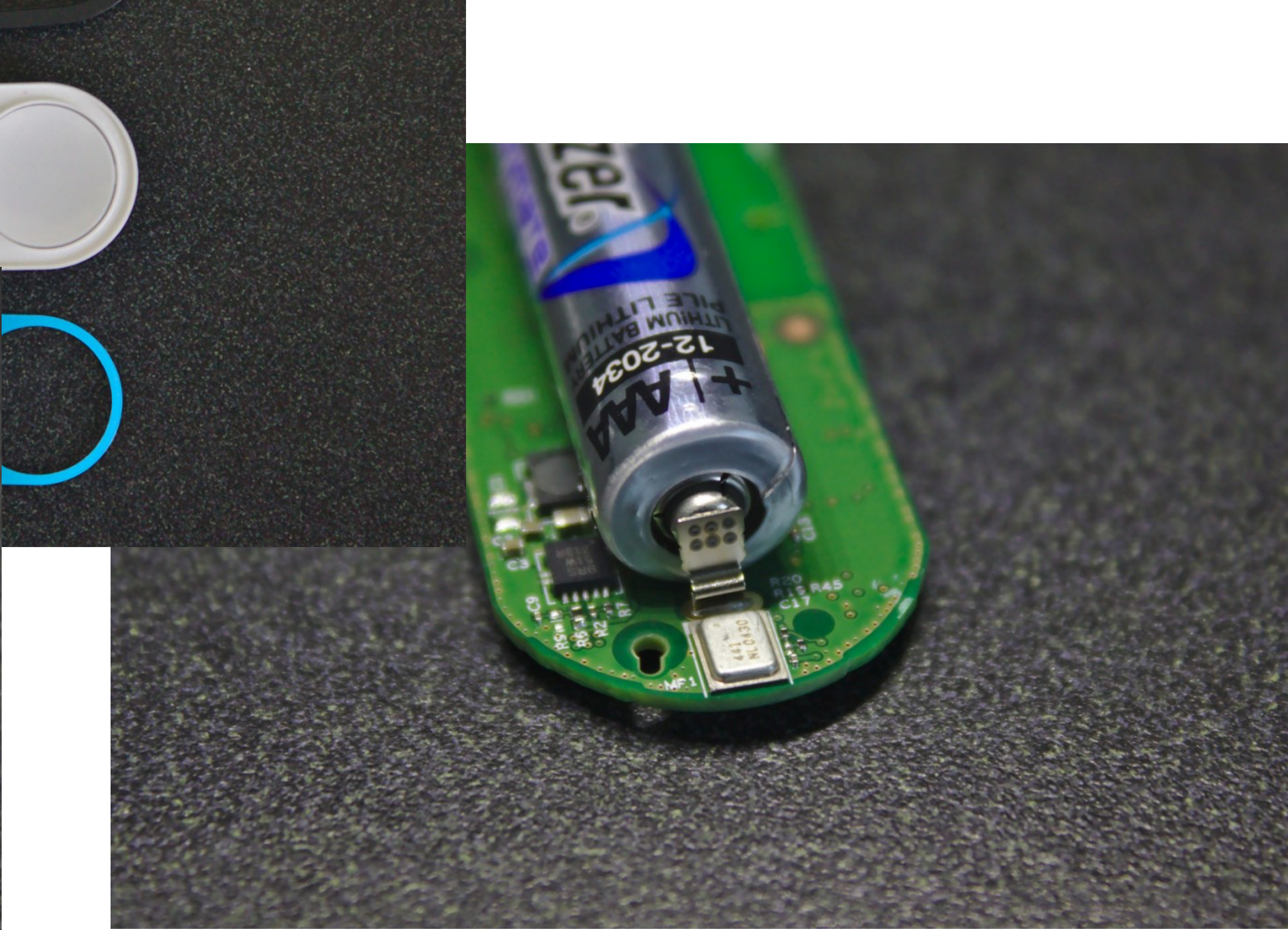
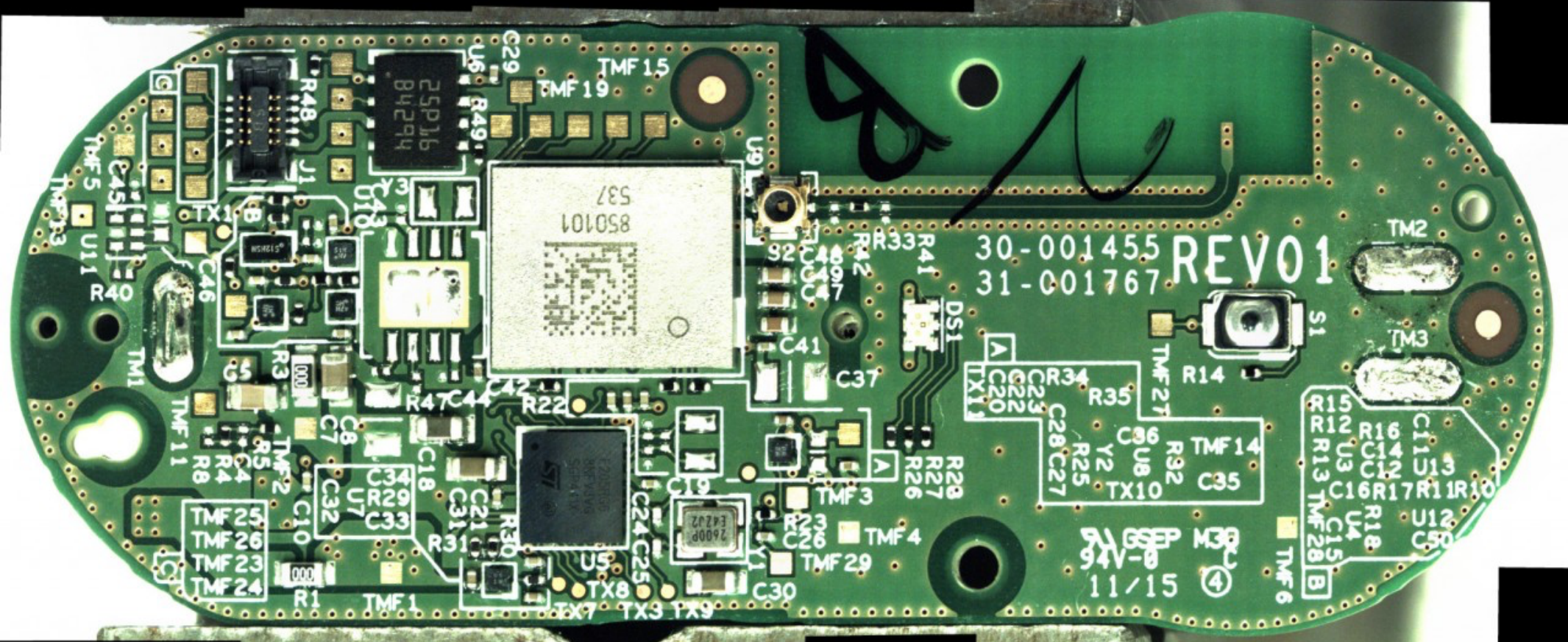
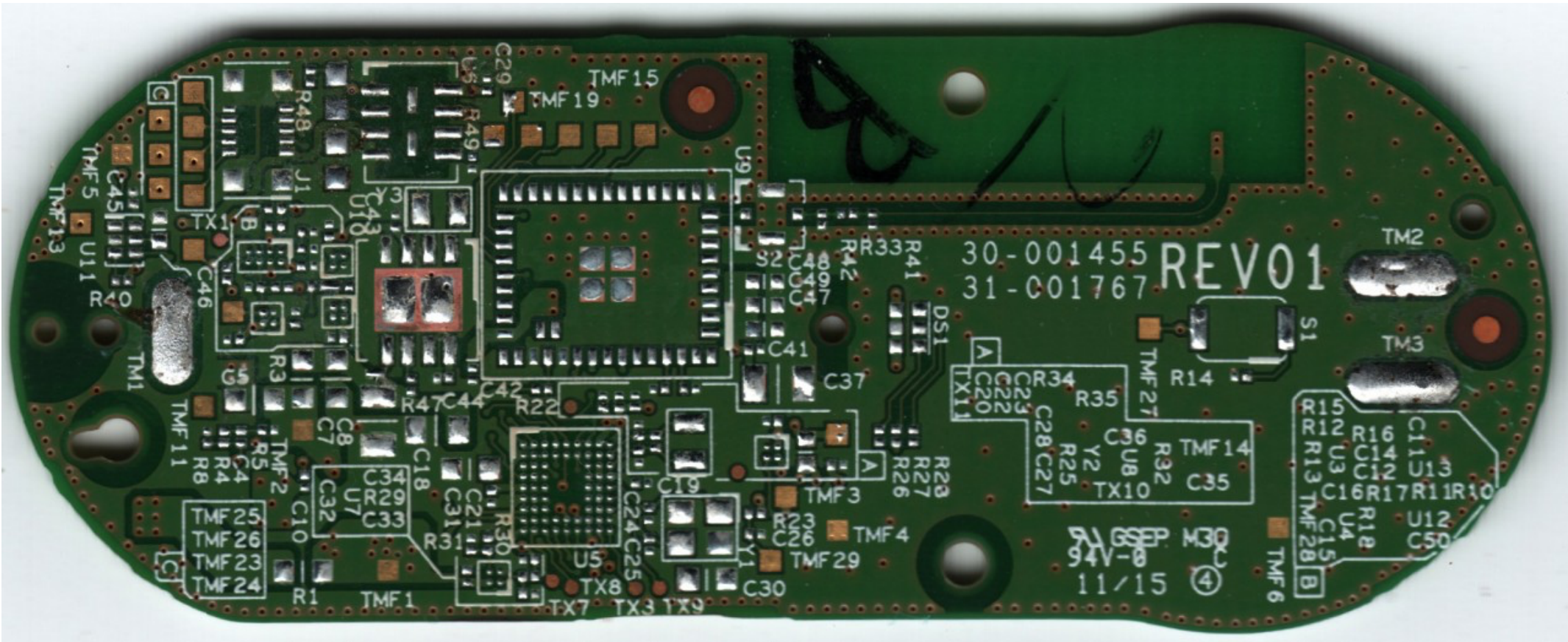
Amazon Does a Lot of Expensive Things

WSJ: You also have a non-traditional content model. It's hard to break down Amazon Prime to see how that works when content is included along with two-day shipping.

Bezos: If you talk about the original genesis of prime seven years ago, it's a shipping program and you get free two-day shipping on a million items. Today, it's 15 million items. But Prime was designed to be about wanting faster delivery and not wanting to pay for it. ... So, if you change something to an all-you-can-eat buffet, then you don't feel guilty. That's the genesis.

WSJ: But that's expensive just offering that.

Bezos: Yes, many things we do are expensive! Refer back to before when I said “take a deep breath and be patient.” Deep yoga breaths, people! Yes, it's expensive. ***It's not like we didn't do some arithmetic ahead of time.*** Despite what some have said from time to time, Amazon is a for-profit business. So, ***we looked at some numbers, and we believed that this would be a good program for customers and for Amazon*** — that's the alignment I'm talking about. But it's also good for third-party sellers. Once we added fulfillment by Amazon, it's good for sellers, it's good for Amazon and it's good for the customer because they get an ***all-you-can-eat two-day shipping buffet.***



Get a Dash button for your product:

- Vendor pays Amazon \$250,000 up-front in setup costs
- Vendor pays \$15 for each button sold to customers
- Vendor pays 15% of selling price to Amazon for advertising and systems support
- Vendor pays 100% of Prime shipping for every sale
- Vendor must maintain 99.9% in-stock level for all DRS products or pay big penalties
- Products must have high velocity sales volume
- ...and yet, brands are climbing over each other to join the DRS program



How Does It Work?

- One-time setup via Amazon shopping app:
- You train your Dash button how to connect to your home Wi-Fi
- You specify which product your Dash button will order
- Then stick it or hang it somewhere, and press it whenever you need more of that item



Dash Turns 2

- Amazon introduced Dash Buttons on April 1, 2015 — making many people think it was an April Fool's Day joke. It wasn't.
- This year, for Dash's 2nd Birthday, Amazon sold Dash Buttons for just \$1.99 each (limit 3), with free 2-day shipping via Prime, of course.
- So, unable to pass up a screaming deal for the sake of the advancement of knowledge in the Cove Apple Club, Yours Truly bought ***three***.



Amazon.com

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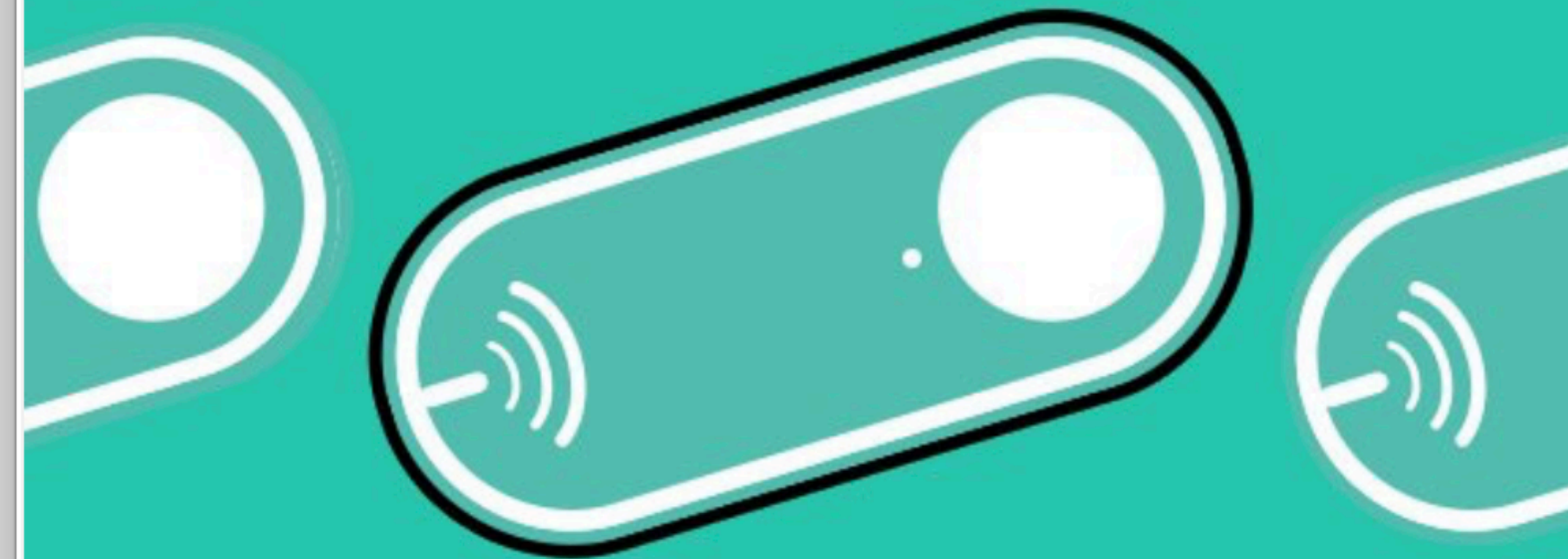
Get started with your Dash Button

To: Mike Sullivan



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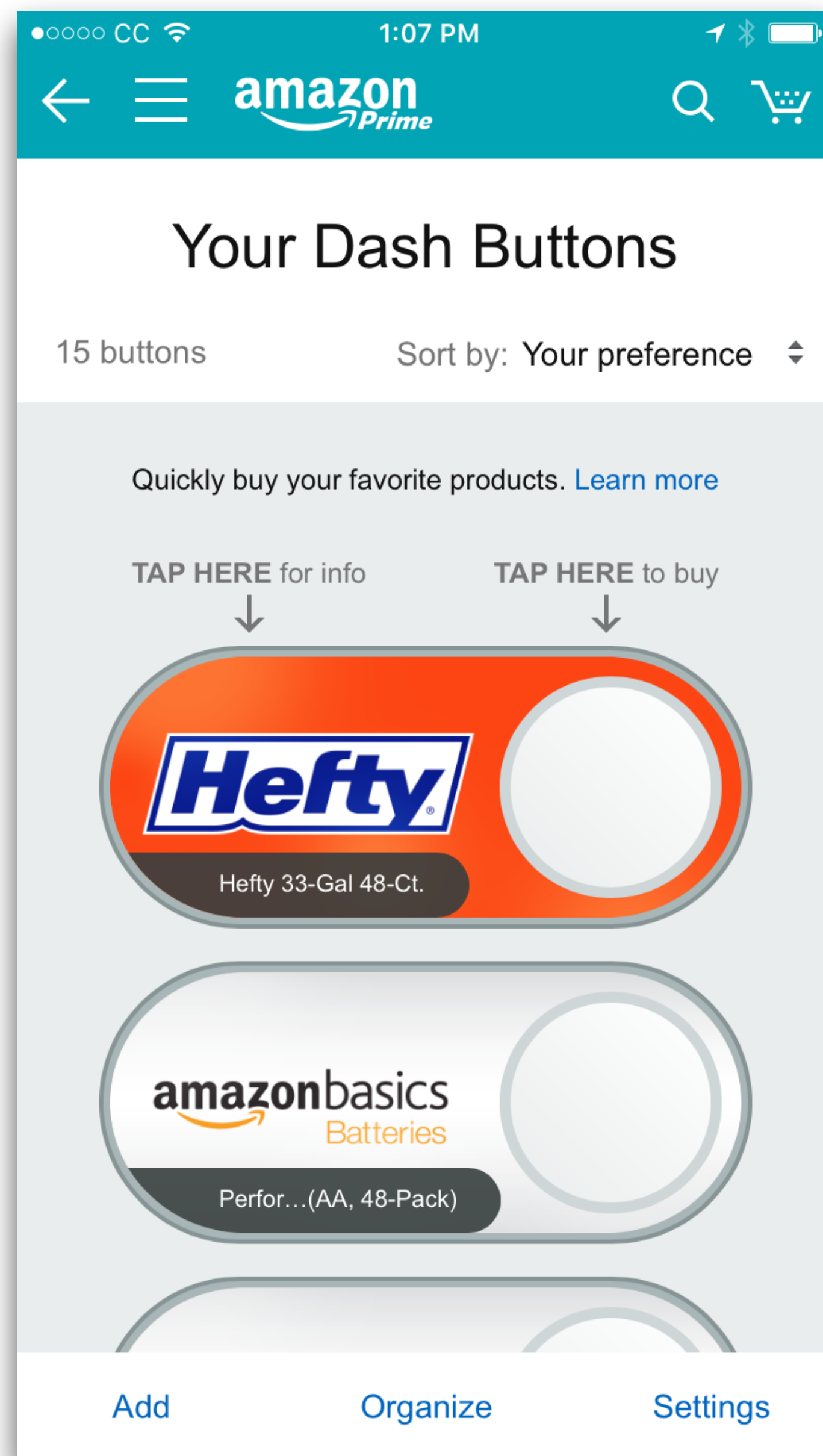
Learn how to get started, and discover
what Dash Button can do.

GETTING STARTED

Thank you for purchasing a Dash Button

Setting up your new Dash Button takes fewer than
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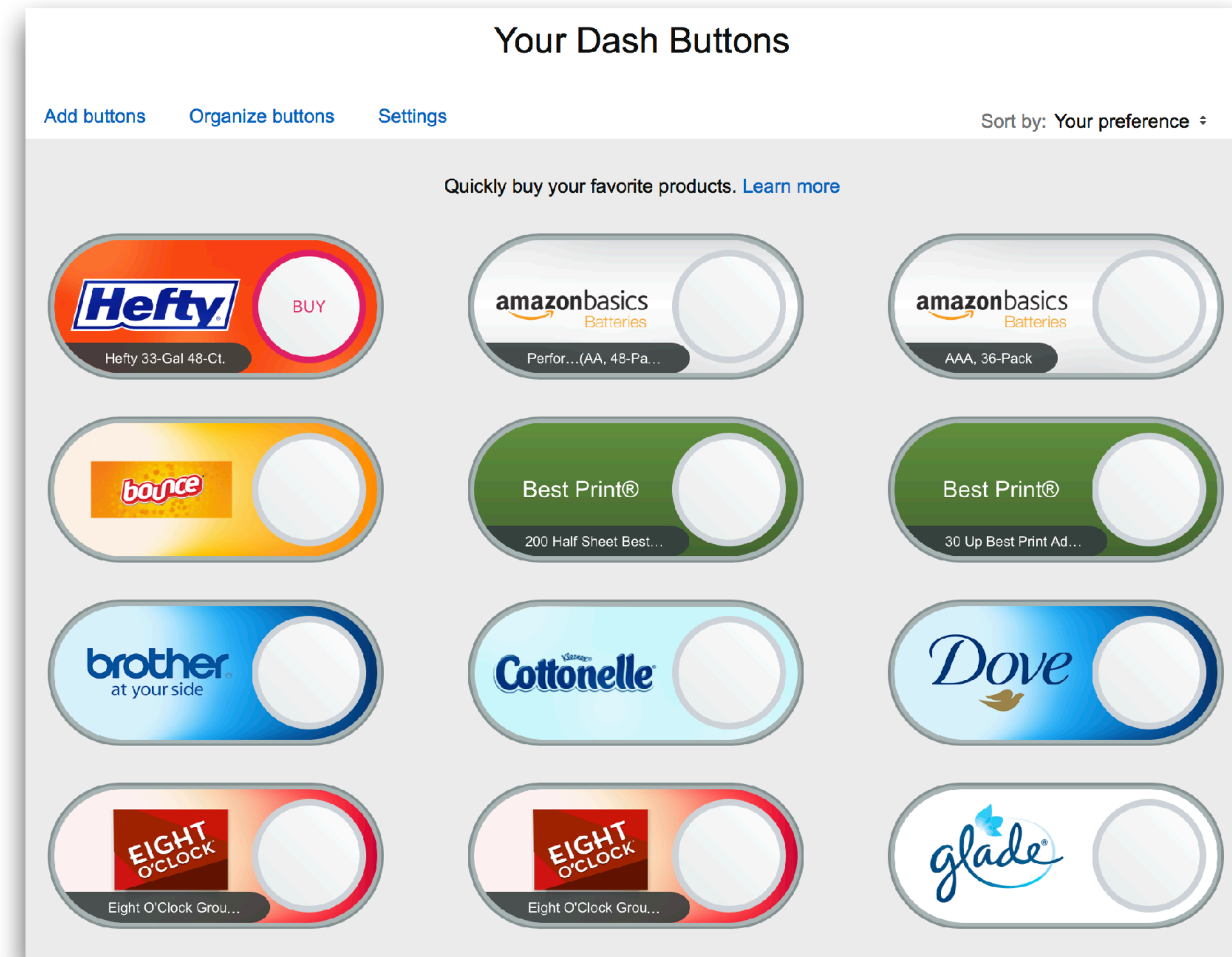




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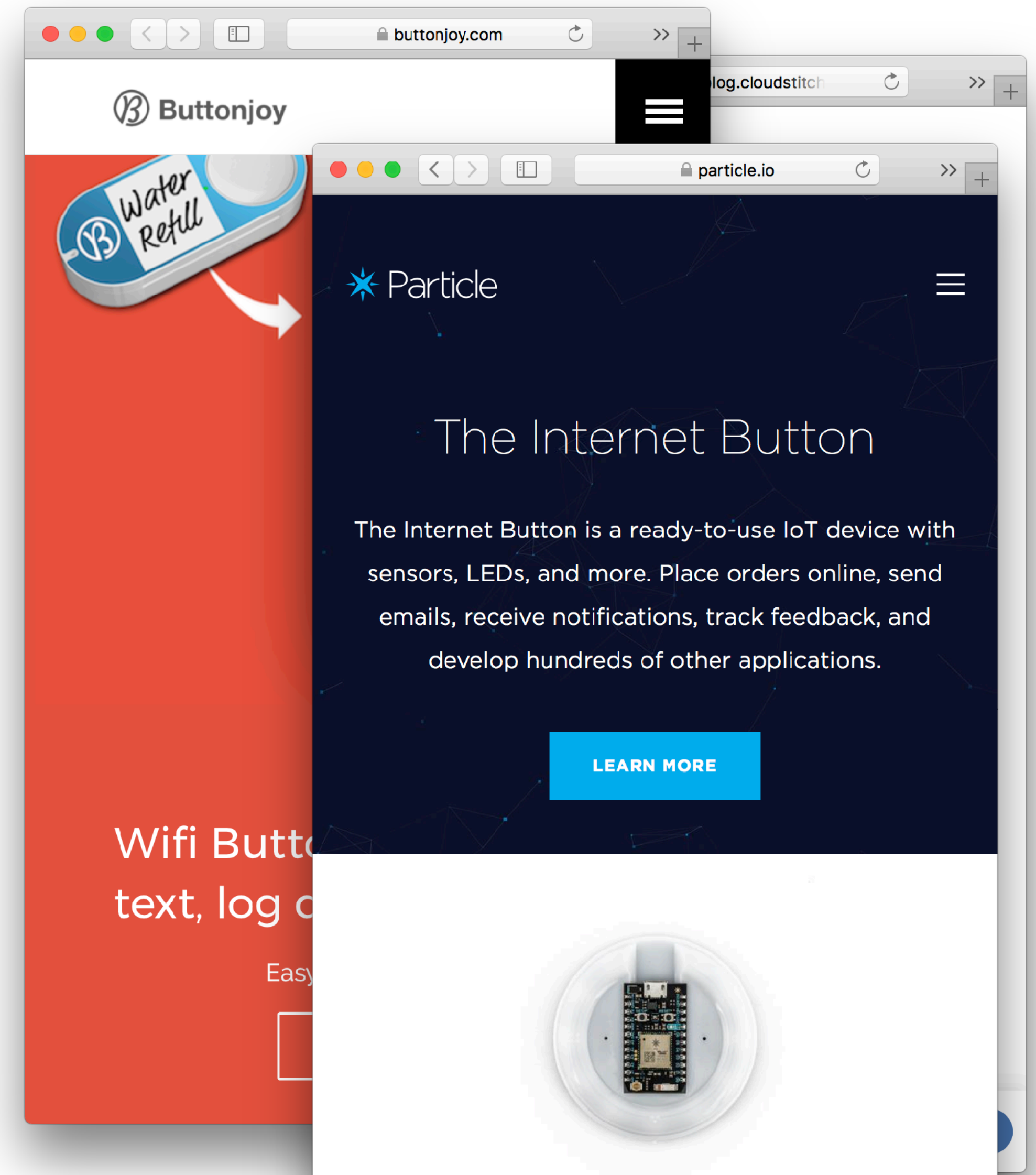
Amazon Dash Buttons without The Button

- “Virtual Dash Buttons” available for ANY product that ships with Prime
- Create them on the Amazon app or website
- On Amazon, go to Your Account → Your Dash Buttons

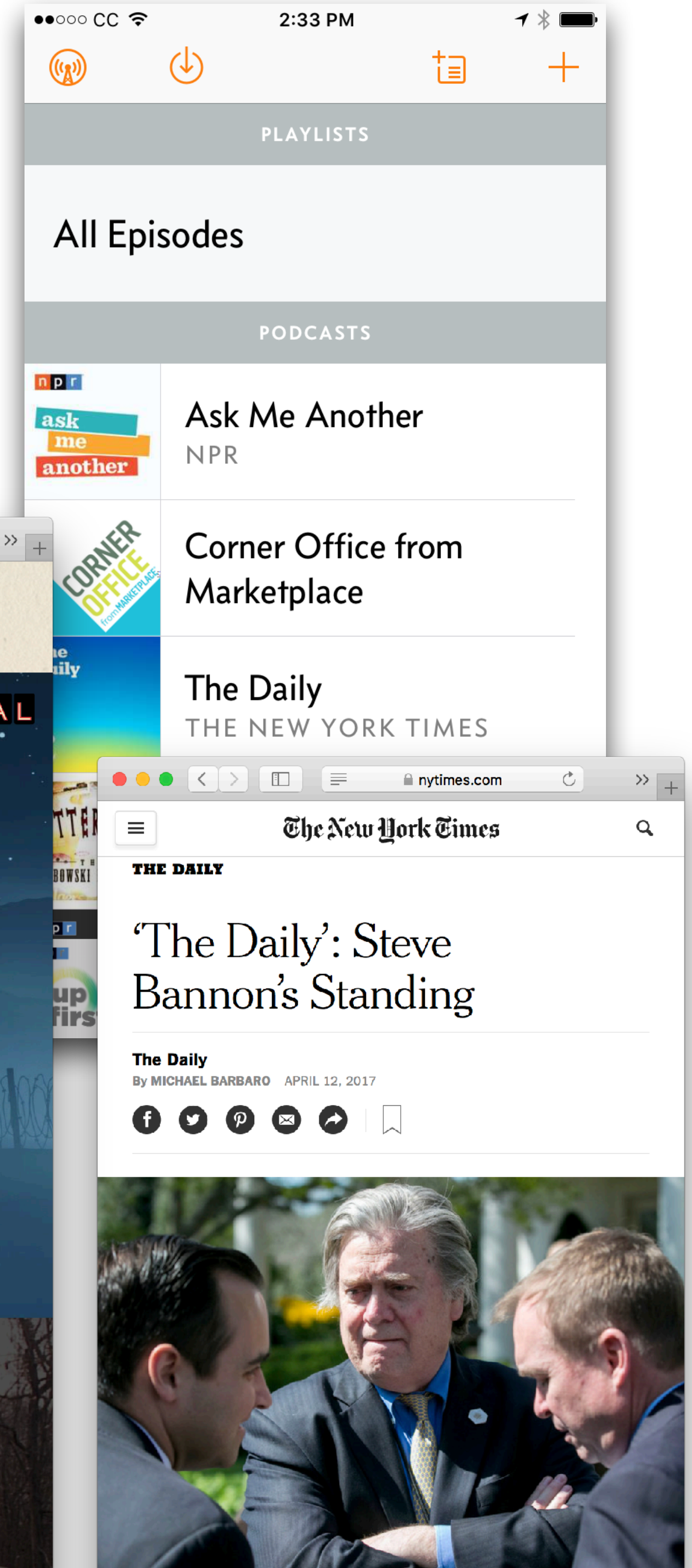
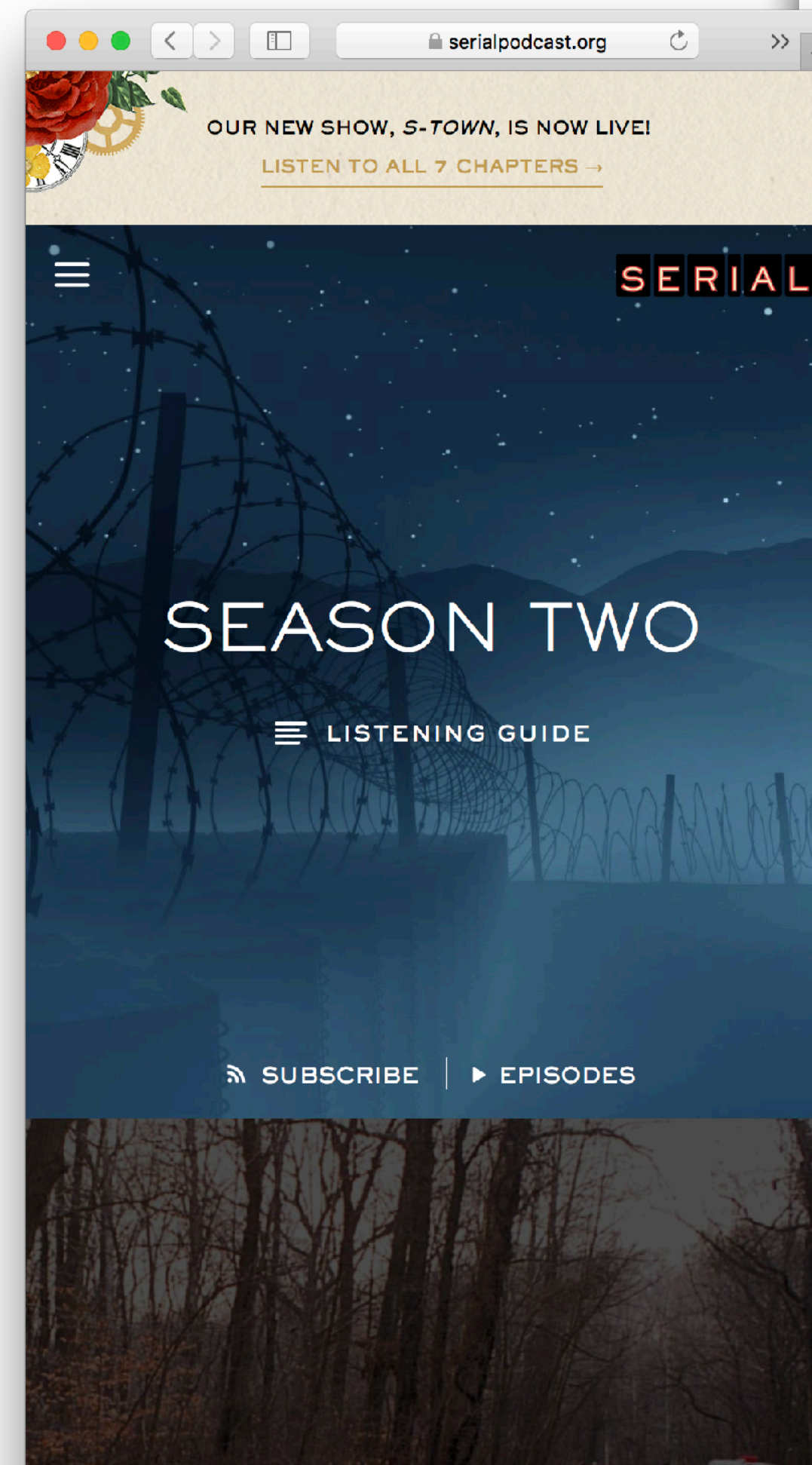
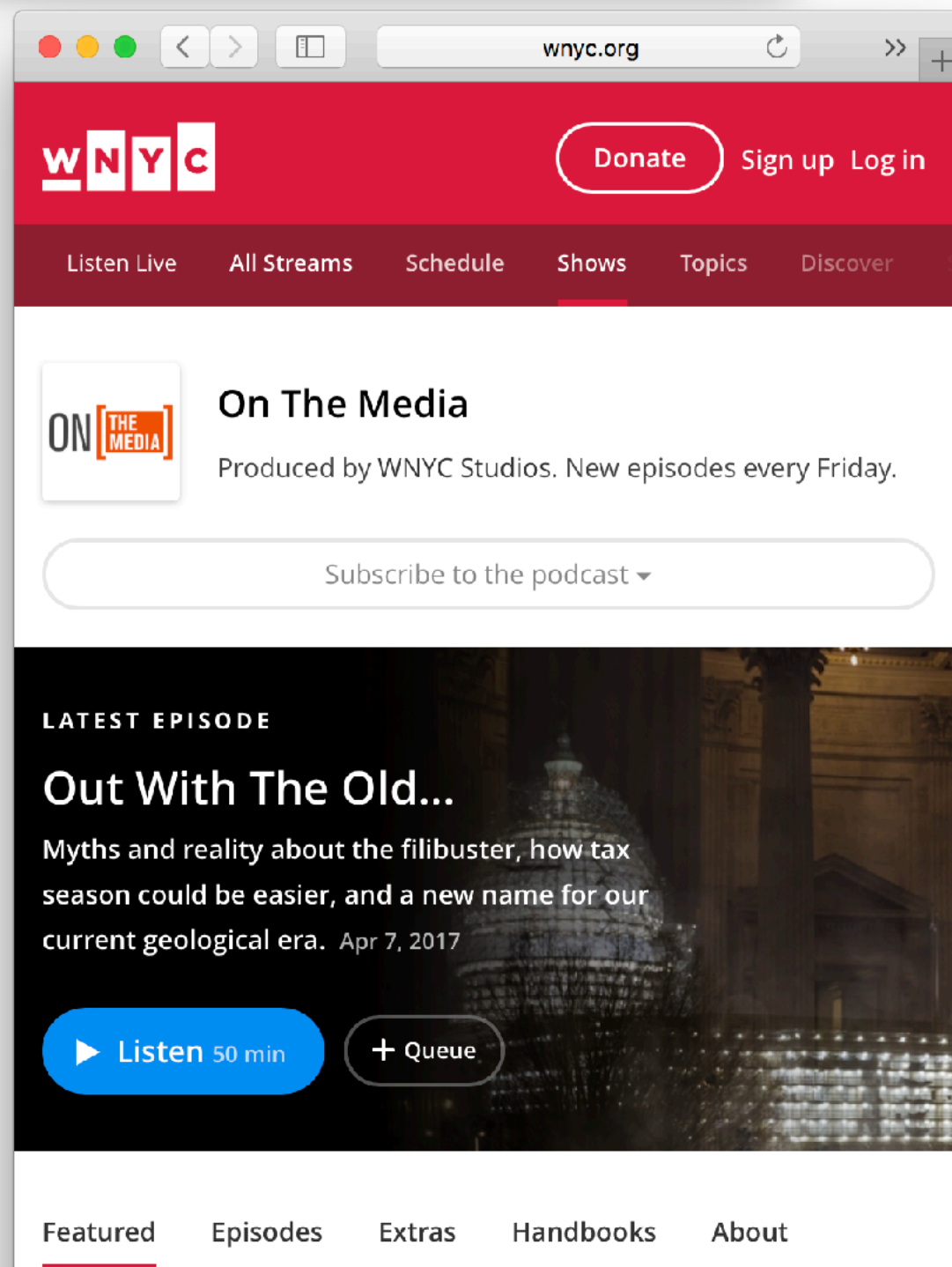
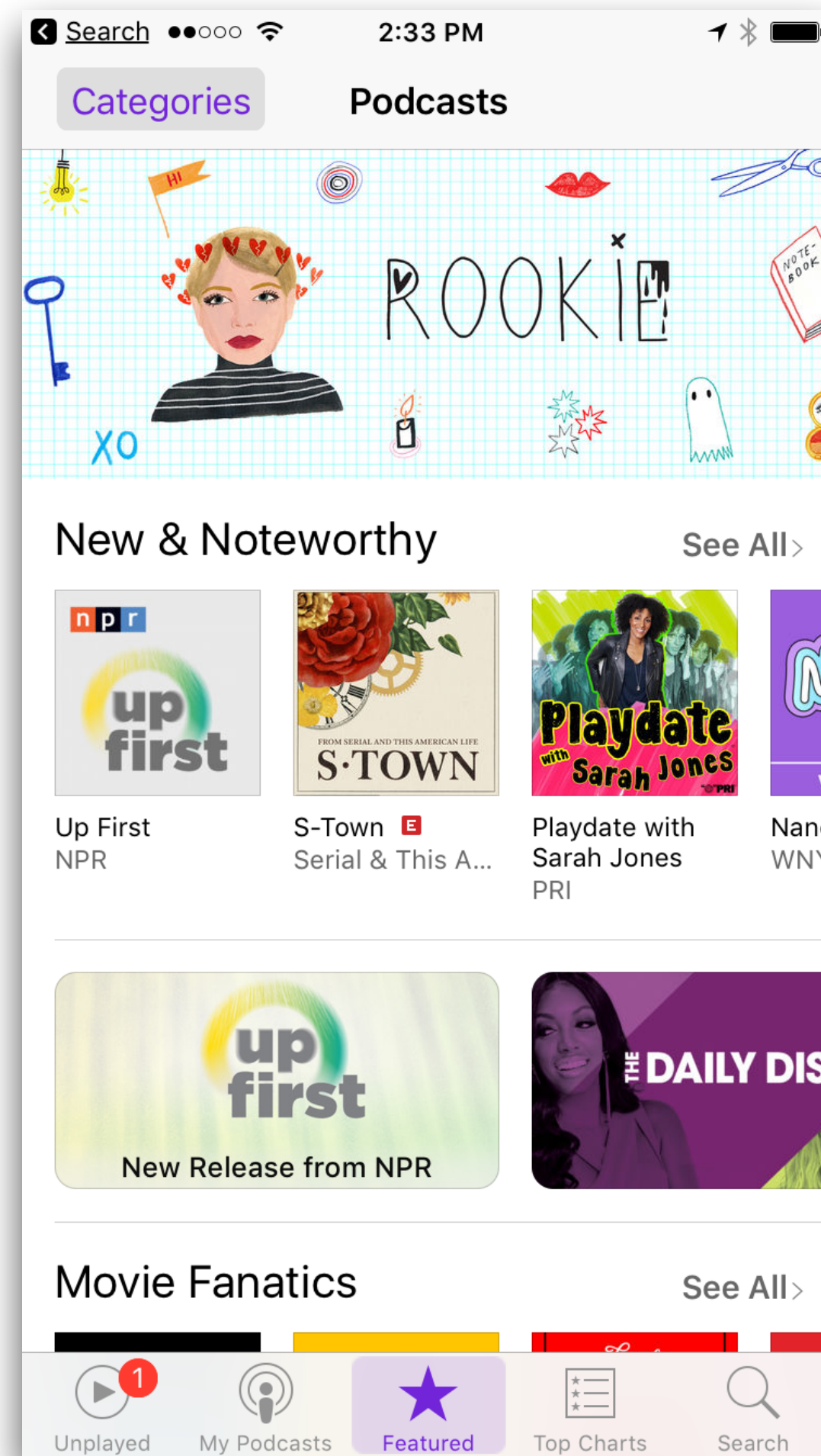
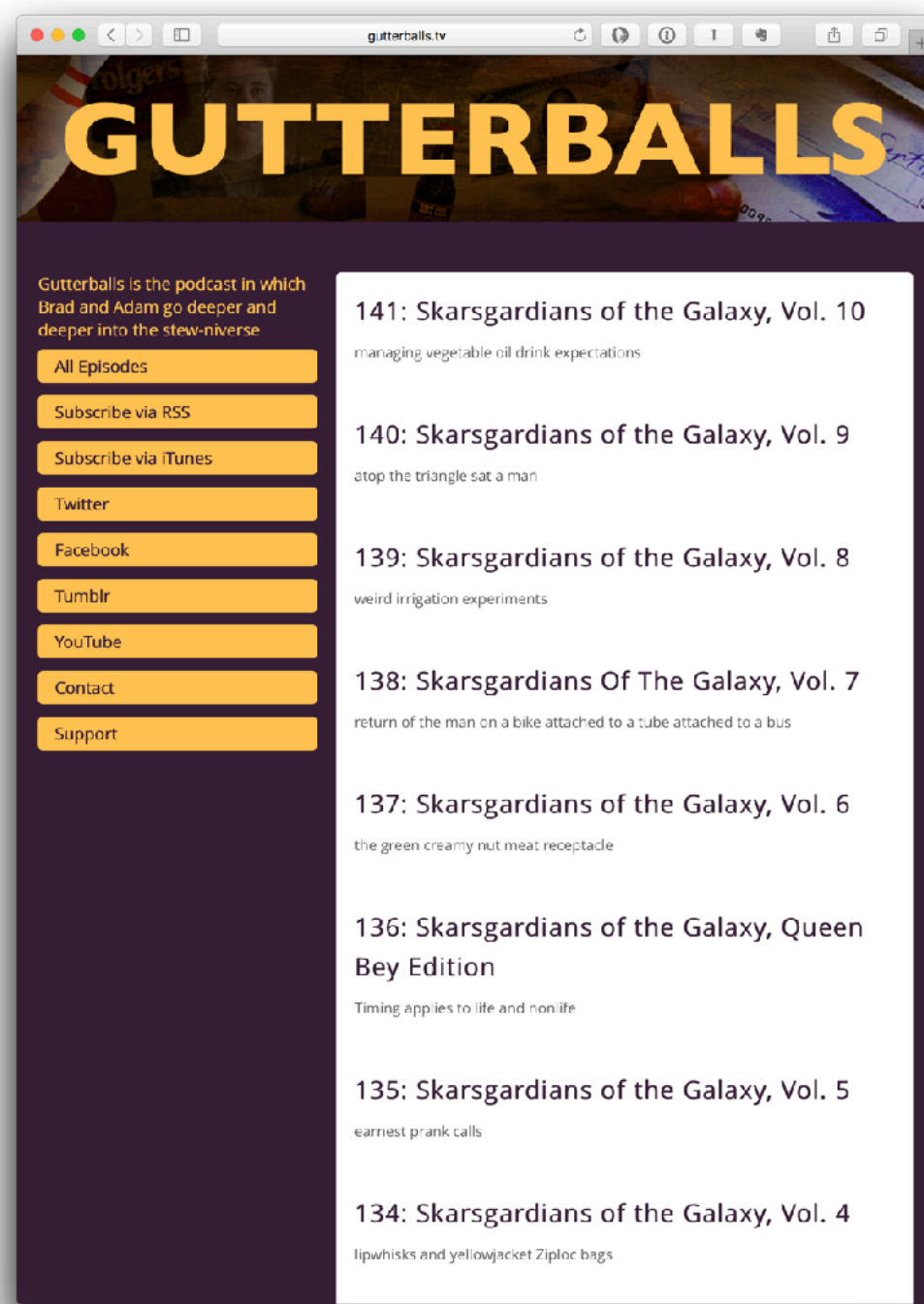


Amazon Dash Buttons without The Amazon

- ButtonJoy, Particle and many other start-ups / hackers have created DIY IoT buttons that can be purchased and configured to do almost anything:
 - Keep a log of poopy baby diapers
 - Open drapes, turn off lights
 - Alert you when the mail has been delivered
 - Alert you when your garage door has been left open



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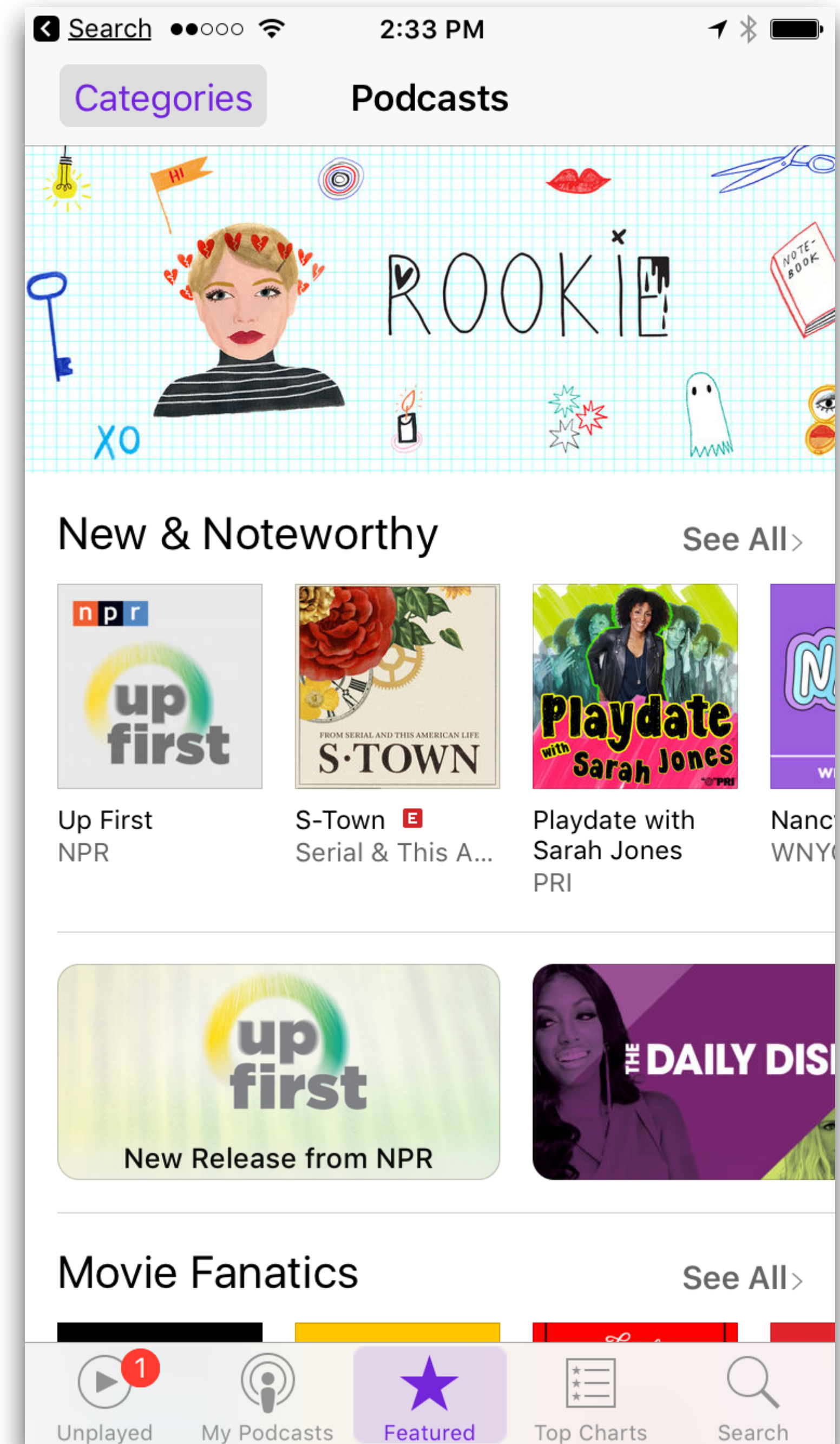
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a digital audio file made available on the Internet for downloading to a computer or mobile device, typically available as a series, new installments of which can be received by subscribers automatically.

verb (past and past participle **podcast**) [*with object*]

make (a digital audio file) available as a podcast.



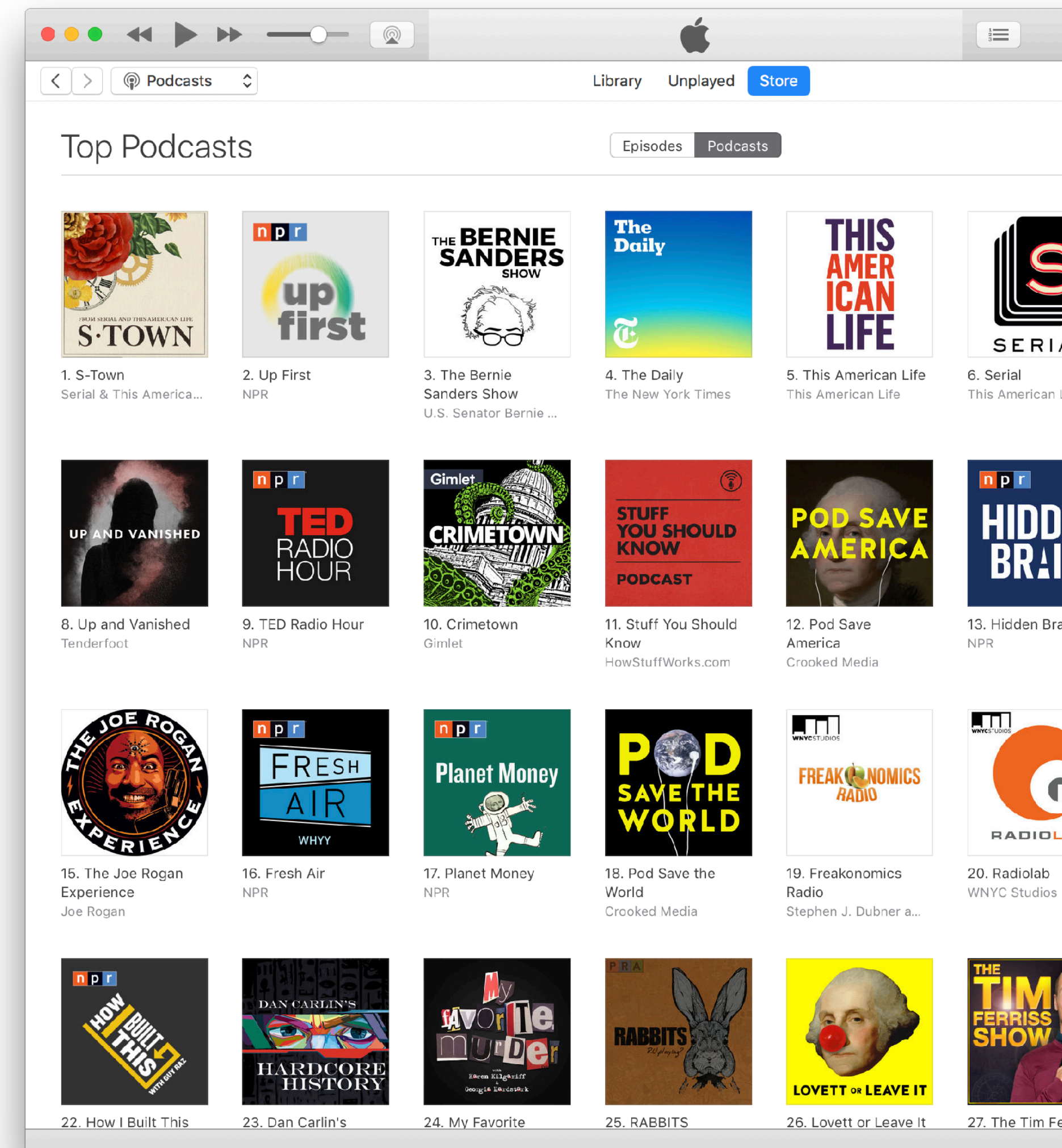
History

- Invented in 2004, shortly after the mass ascendency of the iPod; Adam Curry & Dave Winer are credited as helping design and implement the first podcasting standards
- Open format & protocol for creating, distributing and listening on any audio-enabled device: laptop, desktop, iPad, iPod, iPhone, MP3 player, CD, etc.
- Apple added native support for podcasts in iTunes 4.9 in June, 2005.
- Podcasting exploded



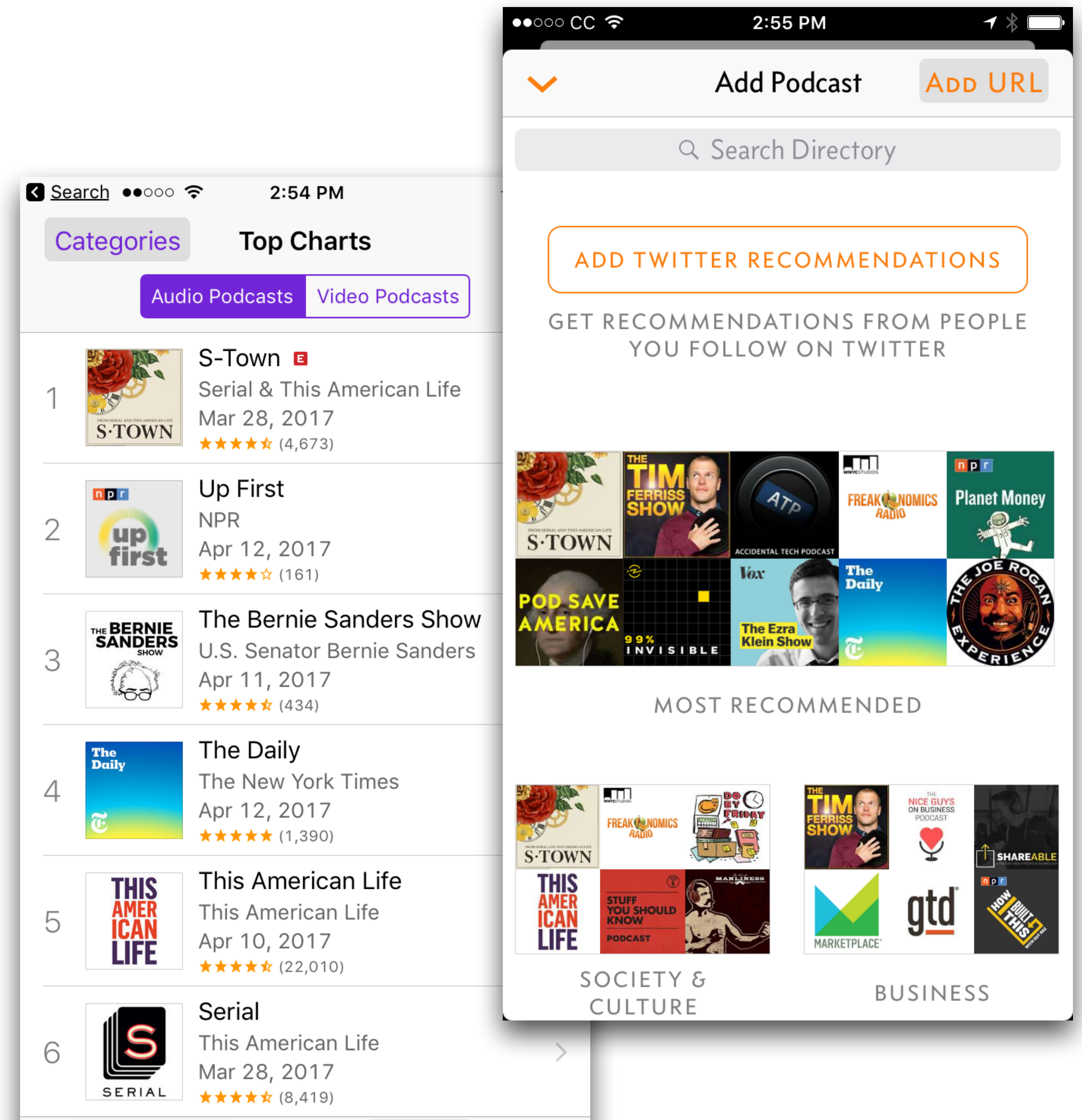
Today

- Hundreds of thousands of podcasts in hundreds of languages covering every conceivable (and many inconceivable) areas of interest: politics, news, technology, culture, how-to, economics, hobbies, books, interviews, sports, etc., etc.
- All major newspapers, radio networks and larger radio stations produce their own podcasts
- Millions of weekly listeners; huge source of revenue for podcasters & public radio stations & networks



How Do You Find Podcasts?

- Built-in discovery tools / directories in podcast apps
- Online podcast directories
- On the websites of podcast producers, radio stations, news outlets
- Word-of-mouth — like tonight!

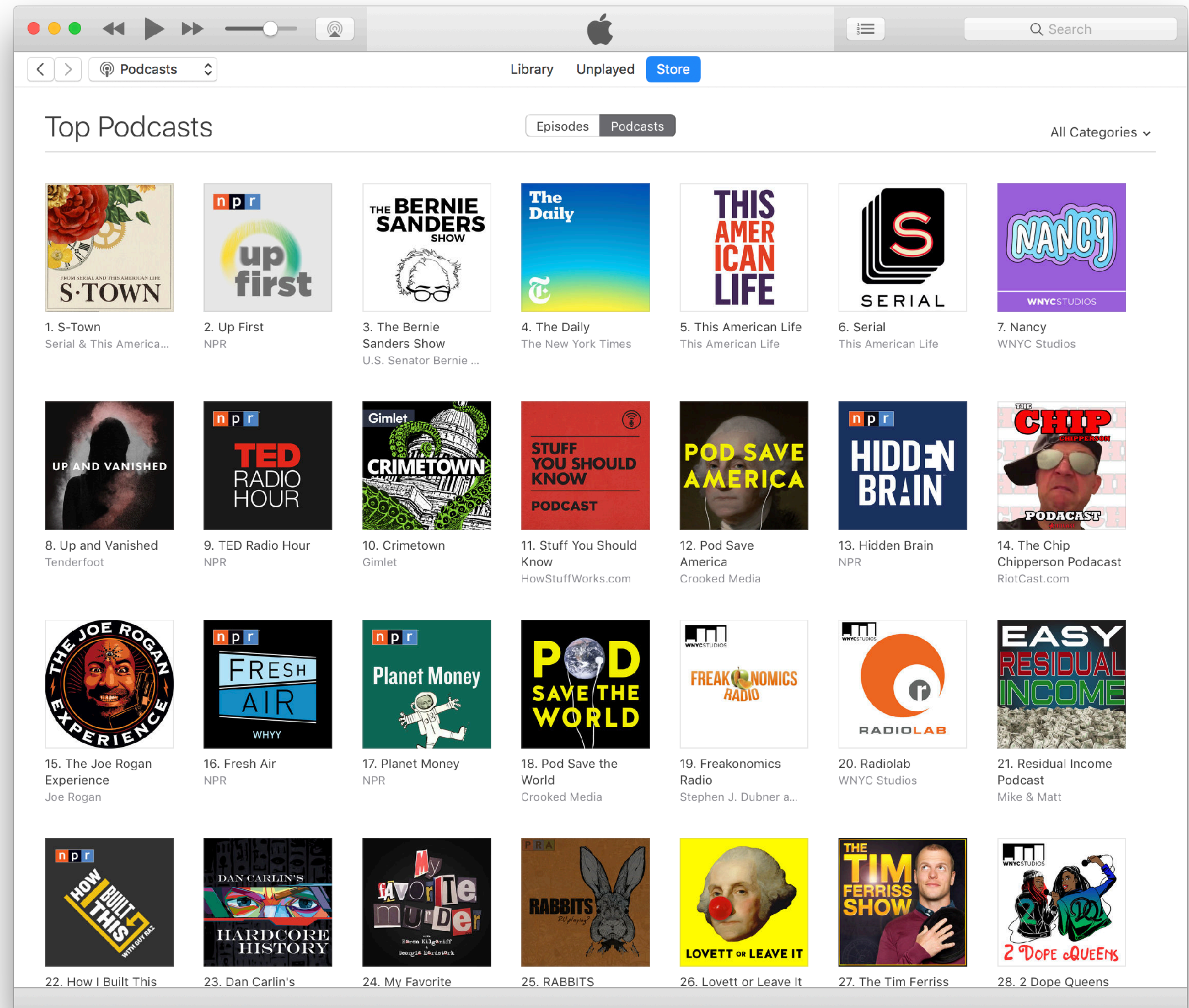


How Do You Listen To Podcasts?

- It's best to “subscribe” to podcasts with your podcast app; then new episodes will automatically be downloaded and ready for listening whenever you are ready
- With the built-in podcast app on iPhone, iPad
- In the podcasts section of iTunes on your Mac
- With 3rd-party podcast apps:
 - Overcast, Castro, TuneIn Radio, Stitcher
- With your laptop or desktop, by visiting the publisher's website and clicking to listen
- On your Amazon Echo, Tap or Dot — just say it, and Alexa will play it!



Demo!



Save The Date!

- Apple will livestream the Keynote presentation from this year's Worldwide Developer's Conference (WWDC), starting at 1pm on Monday, June 5
- That's all the excuse we need to schedule a three-hour block of day-drinking, pizza-eating, loafing and social nude schmoozing around the HDTVs!
- Details coming in your May Cove Apple Club newsletter!

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WWDC Watch Party
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Our Next Meeting

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Cove Apple Club
7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

Let's
adjourn to
Cheeks!

