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Martin from [Vemedio](#) was kind enough to send me a copy of one of his newest applications, [Snowtape](#). Snowtape is an application tailored especially for the Mac that allows you to easily play, record, and manage all of your favorite internet radio stations. On first launch, you get three main options: Visit the online radio directory, enter a URL, or import an online radio playlist. Most likely, you should start by choosing the online radio directory.

This takes you into the Snowtape website, and they give you a list of hundreds of stations provided locally. You can choose from anything from country to dance. I decided to tune in to one of the pop stations, and it failed by telling me that Snowtape wasn't installed. I restarted my browser (Firefox, in this case), and it worked fine. It asked me what application to open the stream with, but you only have to choose this once. It then adds in the stream to the "Last Imports" section. You can then click "Record" in order to save it for posterity.

It's likely that you won't be able to quickly hit the button at the exact time when the next song starts playing, so Snowtape offers a mode that allows you to edit the audio built in to the application. Just click on the "Editing" tab under the "Tracks" section, and click the "Edit" button on the bottom toolbar. This brings you into an extremely intuitive editor, that only does one thing: clip from the beginning and end, which is all it needs to do since you are just trying to isolate a song. It would be nice if they had a fading option, but it's not completely necessary.

When you're finished editing, just click "Done" and you're brought back into the interface. The app automatically gets the best album artwork for you, but you can click on "Get Album Artwork," and it brings up an image browser (I'm guessing the data is from Google Images), that lets you choose any other image that is relevant to use as artwork. The application also lets you export straight to iTunes, with all the tags intact, by simply putting it into a "Snowtape" playlist.

As I was testing this app, I realized that it detects the break between songs, and it actually separates the different recordings, as well as brings down tag information from the online station itself. Overall, I give this application a 5 out of 5 star rating, because of its ease of use but also because of how incredibly robust it is. I recommend you [check it out](#), and if you choose to purchase the app, it is only \$29 U.S. Be sure to [email](#) me, [follow](#) me and ask questions on Twitter, and comment on the post!

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