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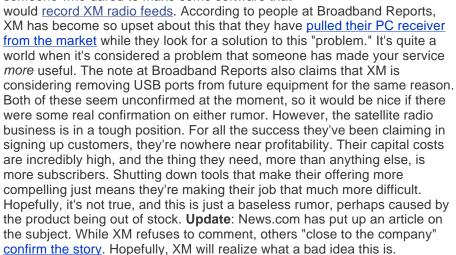
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## Is XM Bending Over Backwards To Make Satellite Radio Less Useful?

Contributed by Mike on Monday, August 30th, 2004 @ 11:18AM

from the bad-policies dept.

Last week, we wrote about how XM Radio and the RIAA were getting increasingly concerned about someone who dared to make some software that



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## Let's face reality here...

by **Permanent4** on Monday, August 30th, 2004 @ 01:01PM http://www.permanent4.com/mediatech/

Satellite radio will be irrelevant by decade's end. It will eventually be replaced by something like mobile Napster 2.0, which will serve up custom radio playlists over wireless broadband for \$9.95 a month, plus between \$100 and \$200 for an XM-like receiver that can play in your car or in a separate boombox. Those receivers, which will probably be manufactured and sold by Samsung, will also have a big red "BUY" button on them, so you can purchase a song as soon as you hear it, then download it when you get home. "Hear the artist's full CD" might be an on-demand option, too. Can't do that with XM or Sirius. All they're waiting on now is for EDGE and 1xEV-DO to mature to the point where they can support such a service.

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