

Here are some important links that you might need.....

edtech411.com

Hoke's Blog

audacity.sourceforge.net

Home for Audacity.

These are some step by steps.....

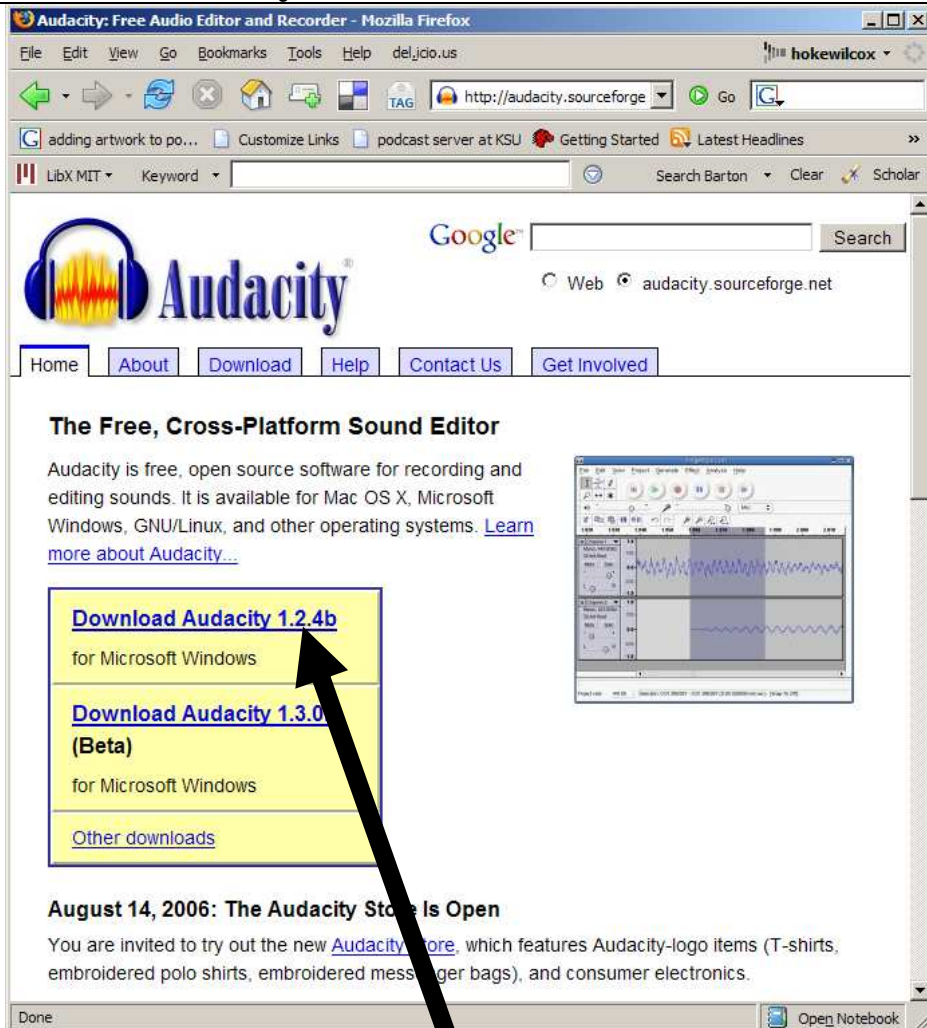
Using Audacity for podcasting is really easy! You need to do three things and you are ready to go!!

1. Make sure you have some way to record audio, either a built in Microphone found in most laptops, or purchase a microphone. Microphones can run from \$9.99 to thousands of dollars. Listen to some demonstrations of different microphones, they vary greatly but even the \$9.99 microphone works great!
2. Next download and install Audacity.
3. Download LAME Encoder and direct Audacity to it, this enables you to save files as an MP3 which is a standard format for podcasting and the Internet.

You are all ready!!!

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Download Audacity

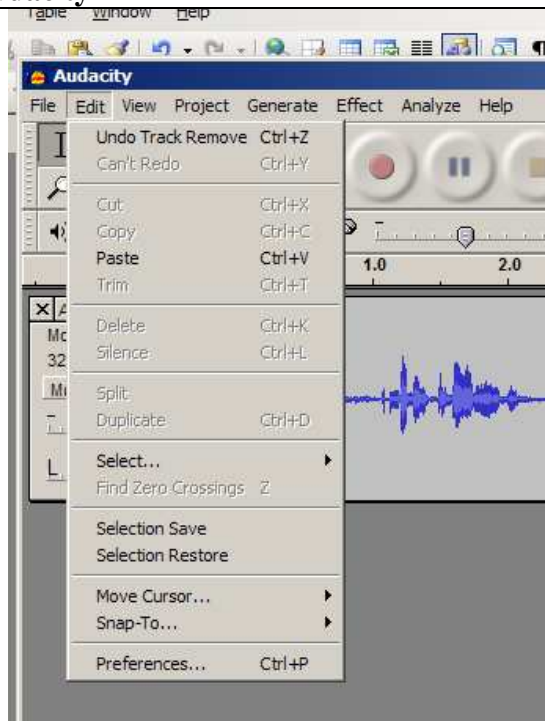


Go to <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/> to download Audacity. One note of caution.....Beta for Audacity means BETA, this is not for the faint of hear or those who want to lose there work, stick with the stable version. This is always the first one on the list...

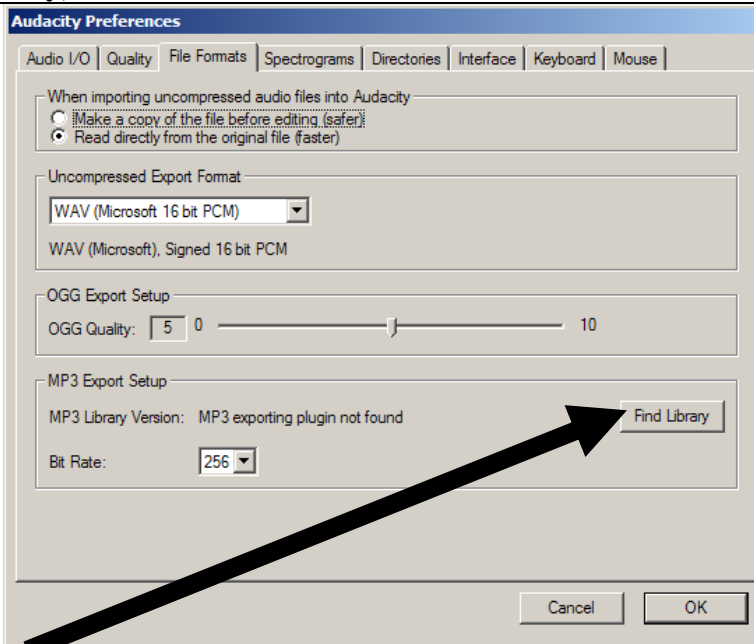
Download and Install LAME Encoder

Next you will need the LAME encoder. This simply allows Audacity to save files in an MP3 format. You can find this file several places on the Internet, but I have saved it in an easy to find location at http://edtech.kennesaw.edu/hwilcox/lame_enc.dll
Save the file to the Audacity folder then you can find it when the time comes.

Install LAME into Audacity

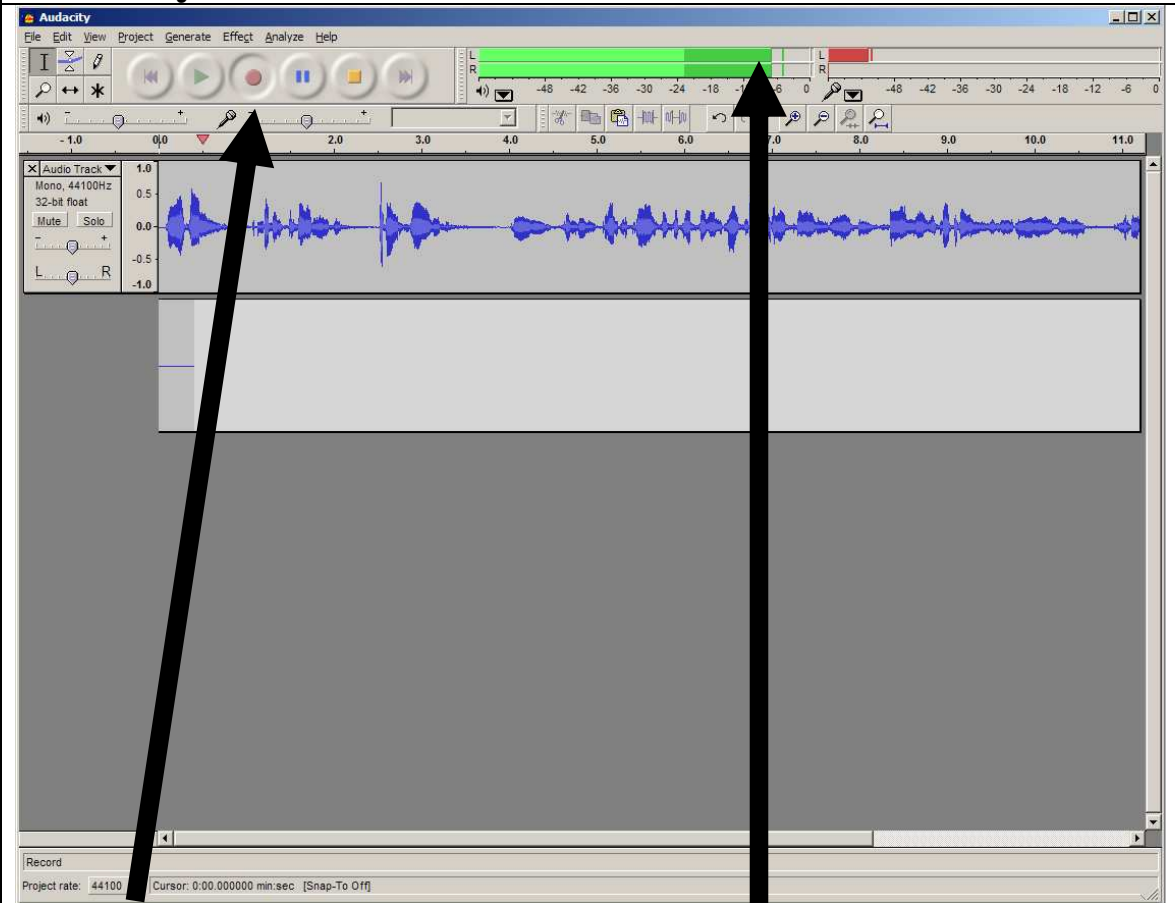


Inside of Audacity, choose Edit the Preference....



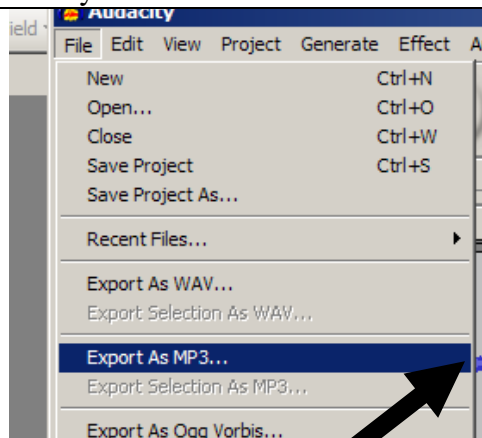
Choose Find Library and then navigate to the folder where you saved the LAME Encoder, if you followed directions, then this will be very easy, if not....I am sorry. ☺ One setting that you might want to play with is the Bit Rate. Some people leave this default at 128 but I opted for the higher quality sound of 256. This will change the size of your file so choose wisely!

Record your Audio!!



Record a clip.....not that hard huh?

Note you should see some movement on these bars, if not, nothing is recording.



Export it as an MP3 file to your favorite location (I like the desktop), it is now ready to be uploaded to a server and linked to an RSS.....