Using Audacity to Enhance Spoken Assignments

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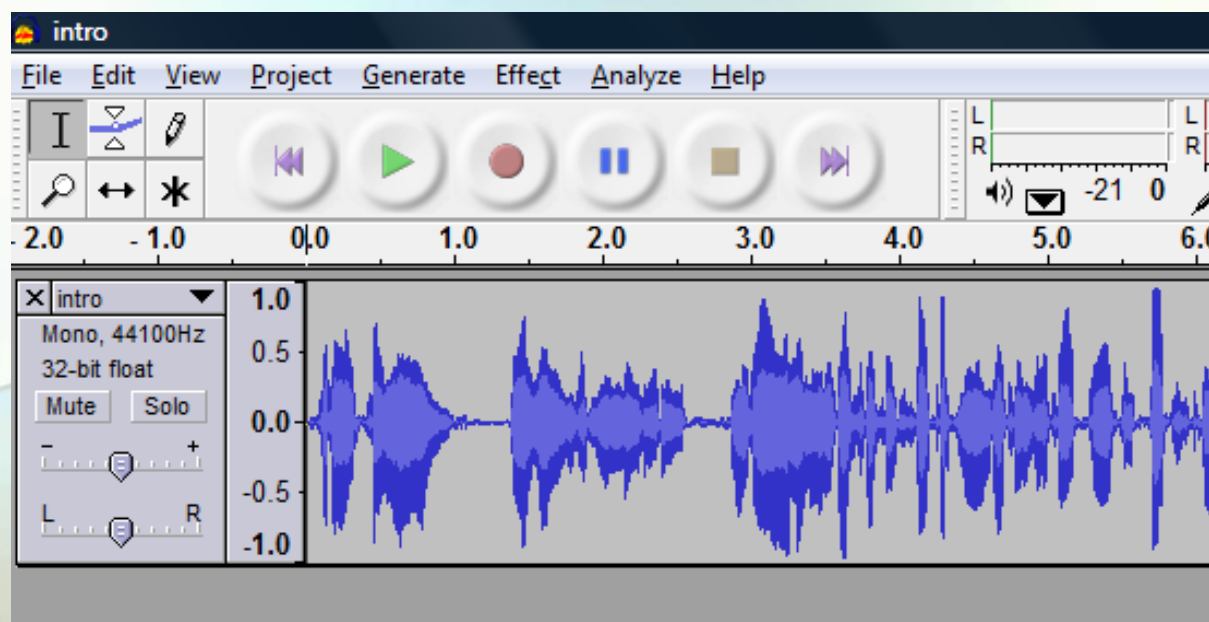
Introduction

Audacity Free Audio Recorder and Editor

- Application and DLL from **http://audacity.sourceforge.net/**
  - ✓ Audacity 1.2.6 for Windows
  - ✓ Lame_enc.dll
- Plug in a microphone or headset to computer
- Record

Audacity Free Audio Recorder and Editor

- Click on the red circle to record.

- Click on the green arrow to play.

- Click on the blue vertical lines to pause.

- Click on the yellow square to stop.

Assignments Using Audacity

- Students record oral assignments and submit to BbVista
  - ✓ *Instructor assesses*
- Students record assignments and compare to recordings supplied with the textbook
  - ✓ *Students self-assess – writing component*
- Instructor records student presentations, posts on DropIO.com, and assesses the performance
  - ✓ *Students self-assess – writing component*
- Instructor records podcasts to post on BbVista or ITunes

Student Assignments

- Public Service Announcement

- Speech sample
  - ✓ Pre-assessment
  - ✓ Post-assessment

Benefits of Using Audacity

- Students are motivated
- Satisfies course objectives for Oral Communication course
  - ✓ Provides opportunities to refine and practice oral skills
  - ✓ Provides opportunities to listen to and practice speech samples
  - ✓ Fosters a sense of achievement in using English for communicative purposes
  - ✓ Develop self-monitoring and modification skills, and recognize language accomplishments
- Outcome – noticeable improvement pronunciation

Thank you!

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