

# Audacity at Griffin Creek: Recording and Mixing

## Pre-requisites

Audacity is installed. The mp3 encoder (called LAME, for some reason) is located. (See handout)

## Recording a track

Open Audacity and lay down a track.

Grab mic

Hit record

Say stuff

Hit stop when you're done.

Play it back and see how it sounds.

If you don't like it, select it and delete it. Then record something else.

If you do like it, crop extraneous time: select and hit backspace

Save your work as an Audacity file (don't worry about mp3 yet)

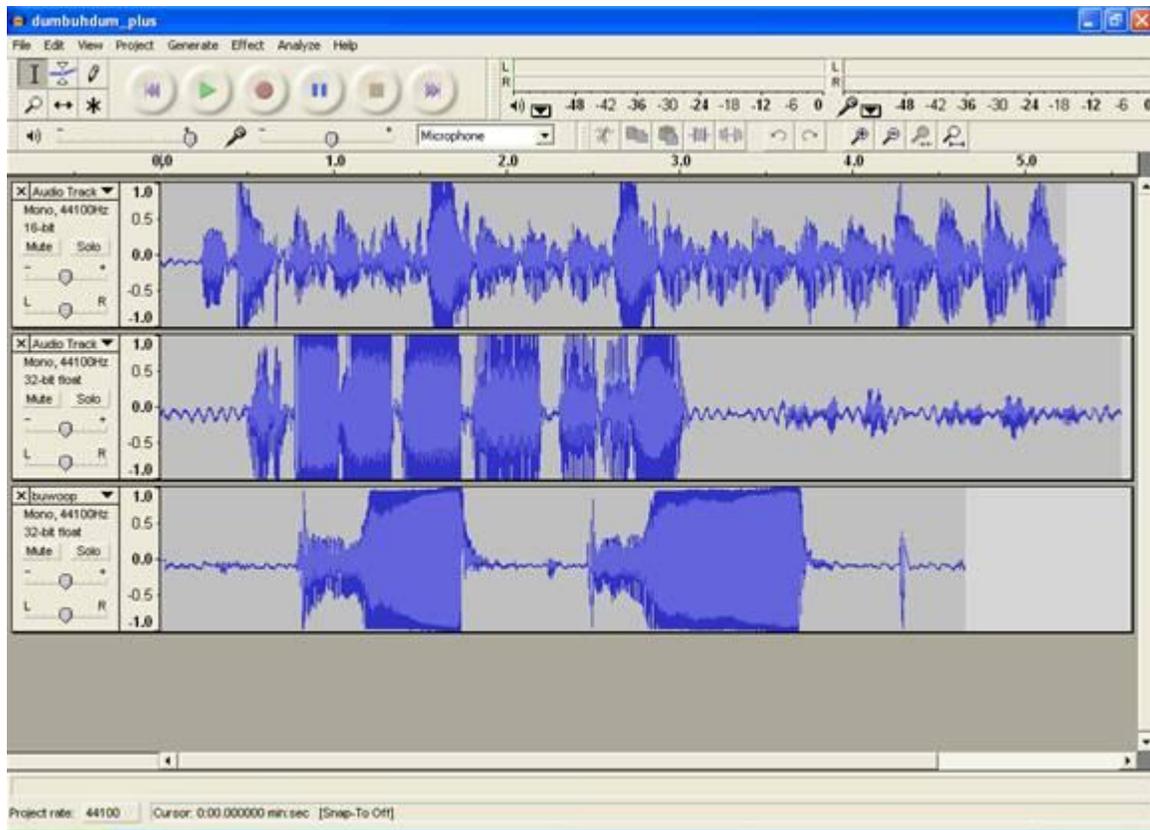
Give it a unique name with your initials at the end

Something like buwoopCG (assuming the letters CG are your initials)

## Mixing tracks

Open Audacity

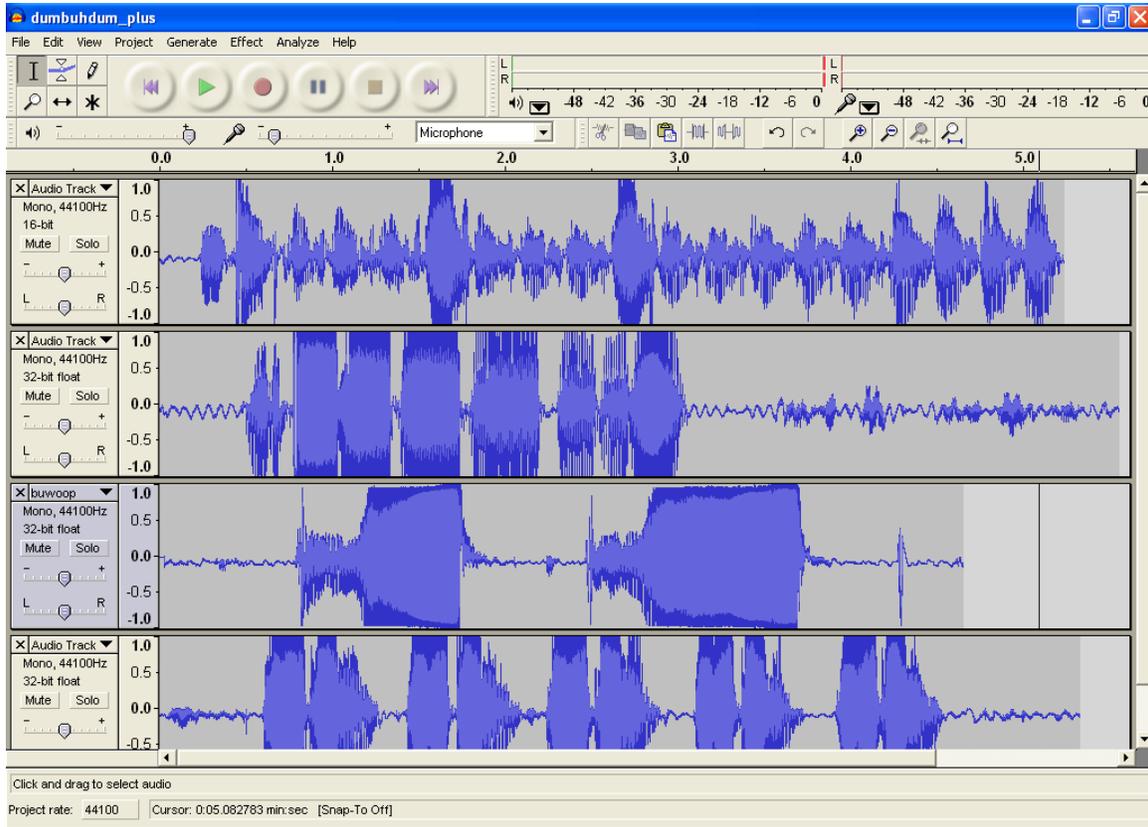
File > Open > your current project



Then add an empty track: Project > New audio track

Open the project you want to add to your mix,  
then copy and paste into the new track window

Hit play and check it out



## Saving your project

Save as Audacity project to continue adding tracks or messing with it further

Save as mp3 when you're going to burn it to a CD

When in doubt, save both ways.