

Podcasting in Education

Basic Terminology

mp3

—audio file format

mp3 player

—computer

—portable device

Apple iPod

Creative MuVo

Microsoft Zune

many others

Aggregator—collects podcasts

iTunes, iTunesU

Podcast Alley

others

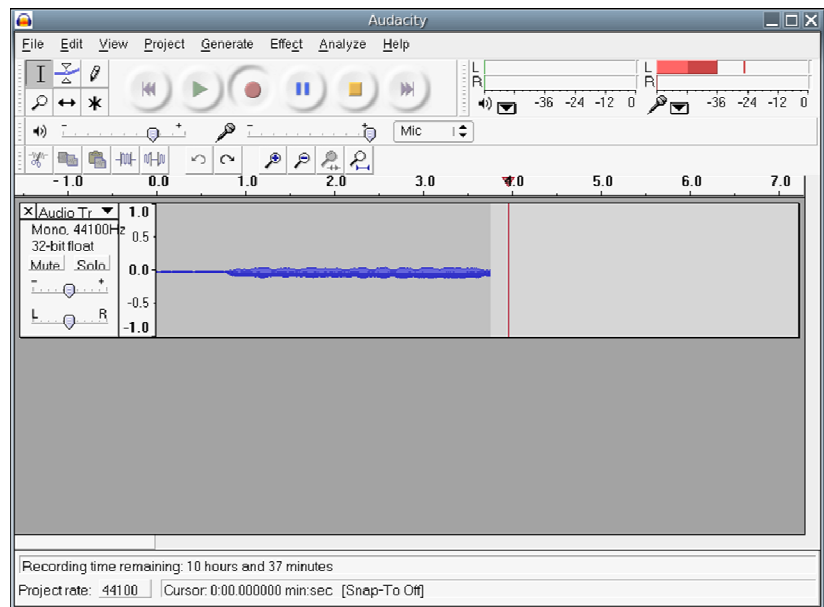


Why use Podcasting in Education?

- create podcasts (new or review)
 - lectures (record in class or out)
 - extra material
 - small extra bits of material
 - students can create their own podcasts as an assignment



- help students who learn best by listening
- Net Generation students are used to and want multimedia, especially resources they can access any time/take with them
- improve communication and create a more personal connection in distance/blended learning courses



Creating a Podcast

Free software programs such as Audacity (to record) and Lame (to convert to mp3 format) for Windows, Garageband for Mac

Recording is simple

1. Press “record”
2. Speak into the microphone
3. Press “stop”

Edit by highlighting an audio segment, and pressing “delete” or “copy” as you would when editing a document, then save the file

Post the file to an internet site, iTunesU, etc.

