

Today I'll be sharing with you my experience of working with the Audacity application. Audacity is a free, easy-to-use audio editor and recorder that I downloaded from the Audacity website.

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Over the past several years I've worked with a number of video and audio applications. As a video editor I mostly used Final Cut Pro and Soundtrack to edit interviews from other people. I very seldom had to record or edit my own voice.

I've never used the Audacity application but it's very similar to other application that I've used. The controls were easy to locate and it had many features available that allowed for making adjustments to the audio tracks.

I did have to start over the recording a few time because I didn't allow enough time at the beginning before I started speaking.

For this presentation I used the built-in microphone on my Mac because it produces a very good, high quality sound. My office is very quite so there are no ambient sound that would effected the quality.

There were a few of Audacity's features that I worked with the most while preparing this Podcast. I used the Selection tool, Envelope tool and the Time Shift Tool.

The Selection tool, the tool that looks like an I-Beam, was used to delete unwanted audio. I first made a selection and then hit the delete key on the keyboard which made the editing process quick and the effects were seamless. To increase or decrease the volume of a small portion of audio I first made a selection and then chose Amplify under the Effects menu.

To split the track I placed the playback head where I wanted to separate the track so I could add another clip. Under the "Edit" menu, I selected "Clip Boundaries" and then "Split" from the sub-menu." The Time Shift Tool was used to move the clips around.

The "Envelope" tool was used to create a fade-in and fade-out effect for the volume at the beginning and the end of the track. I first clicked the top of the track where I wanted to start the effect which created control points . I then pulled down one of the points until it faded the sound.

Zooming into the track allowed for detailed adjustments, also. I particularly liked the "Fit to Selection" and Fit to Project to quickly zoom into a selection or to see the entire track with one click.

Finally, this presentation will be saved as an mp3 and uploaded to SoundCloud.com. SoundCloud creates a nice layout to display your audio track. I'll add the podcast to my

e-portfolio. I hope you'll check it out and leave a comment. I'd like to hear your feedback.

Have a great day,
Signing off, Peggy

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