



Free (or at least cheap)
Is Good!

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What does “Free” mean?

“Free as in beer”

Free software that isn't open.

Free software can restrict freedoms

What does “Free” mean?

“Free as in speech”

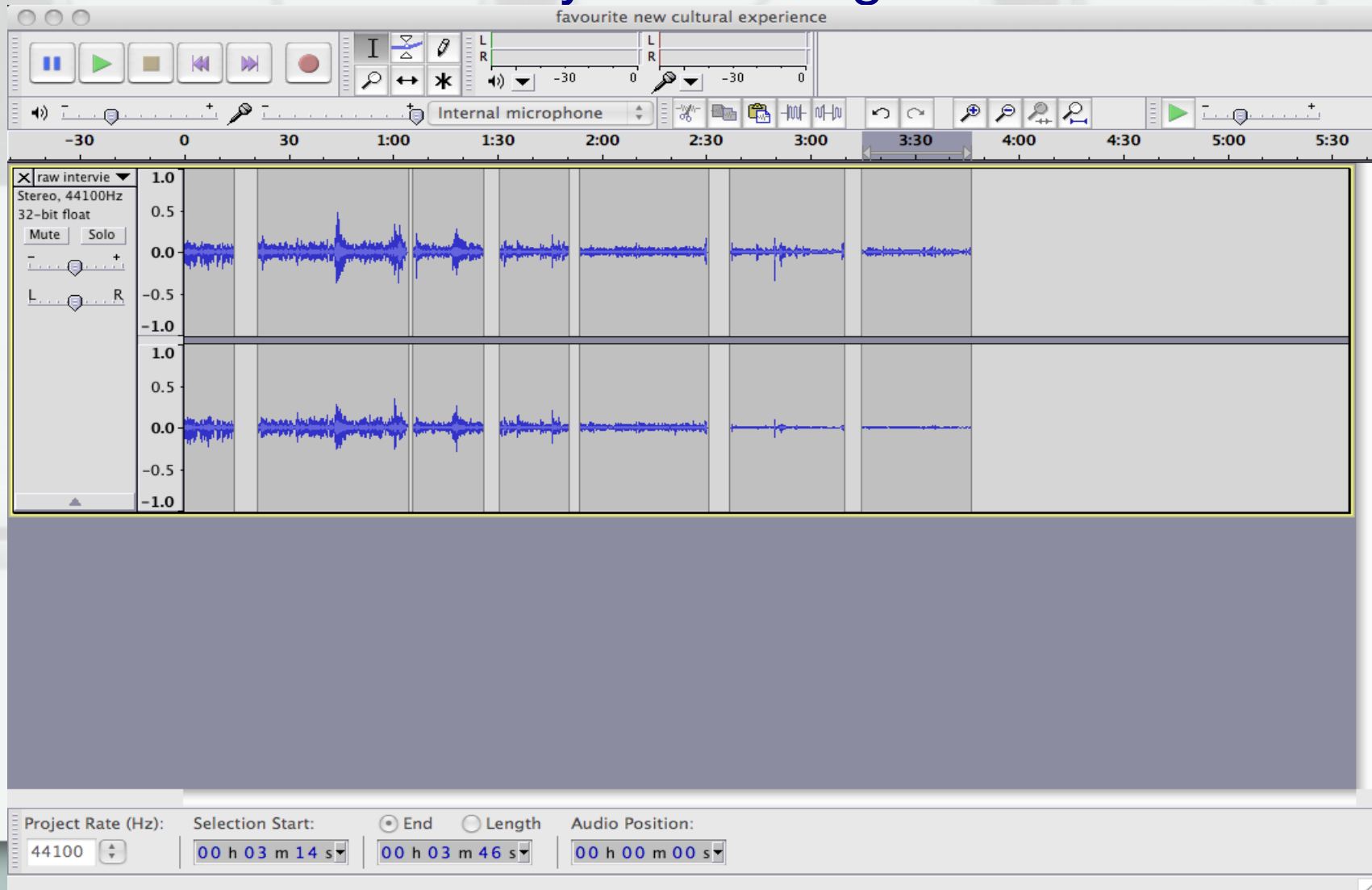
Open source. Free to modify
and redistribute.

Podcasting Doesn't Have To Be Expensive!

- Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) Software
- Linux
- Free Tools
- Free (and good!) Music
- Free (or cheap) web and media hosting

Audacity

audacity.sourceforge.net



Ardour

ardour.org



Reaper

cockos.com/reaper/

The screenshot displays the REAPER v2.0 interface for a project titled "siderite_demo_fx [modified]". The top status bar shows the sample rate as 48000Hz, 32bit, 2/2ch, 512spls, and a latency of ~11/22ms ASIO. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Track, Options, Insert, and Help. The track list on the left contains 25 tracks, including "fironomo", "DRUMS", "gated reverb", "Kick soft", "Snare", "OH", "Basses", "Scott Bass", "Schwa Bass", "Jed Guitar", "guitars", "guitar A", "guitar B", "Acoustics", "Ac Mic A", "Ac Pzo A", "Ac Pzo B", "Ac mic B", "Strings + Flute", "Justin Piano", "Parker Flute A", "Parker Flute B", "Scott Violin", and "Scott Violin". The main workspace shows a piano roll with a vertical playhead at 43.487 seconds. The piano roll displays MIDI notes and waveforms for various tracks, with time markers at 1.1.00, 33.1.00, 65.1.00, 97.1.00, and 129.1.00. The bottom status bar shows a tempo of 180 BPM, a selection range from 1.1.00 to 0.0.00, and a rate of 1.0.

Operating Systems

- Linux:
 - Mepis- mepis.org/
 - Ubuntu 9.04 ubuntu.com
 - Ubuntu studio packages
- Important to check for compatibility
- Some gear more Linux friendly than others

Other Free Tools

- Levelator
www.conversationsnetwork.org/levelator
- Lame/Soundconverter
- Jack <http://jackaudio.org>
- Free VST filters <http://www.vst4free.com/>
- LADSPA plugins: originally for Linux but now multi-platform www.ladspa.org

Podsafe Music

- Jamendo www.jamendo.com
- Magnatunes magnatunes.com
- Podsafe Music Network music.podshow.com
- The Internet Archive Archive.org
- freemusicarchive.org
- Musopen.com (PD classical music)

Free Website Software

- Wordpress.com Blogspot.com Provide Free hosting in the form of a blog
- Self-hosted Wordpress Wordpress.org
- Podpress Plugin
www.mightyseek.com/podpress
- Blubrry Powerpress Plugin
www.blubrry.com/powerpress

Free and Cheap Media Hosting

- Archive.org and Ourmedia.org - Free hosting for creative commons licensed and public domain works
- Wordpress.com Free service you cannot host audio and video files. Upgraded service from \$20USD/year for unlimited bandwidth (5GB storage)
- Libsyn.com Media hosting, unlimited bandwidth from \$5 USD for 100mb per month storage.
- Dreamhost.com I about 8 USD/mo for oodles of storage and bandwidth-- not unlimited but very generous.

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