

# Audacity QuickStart Guide

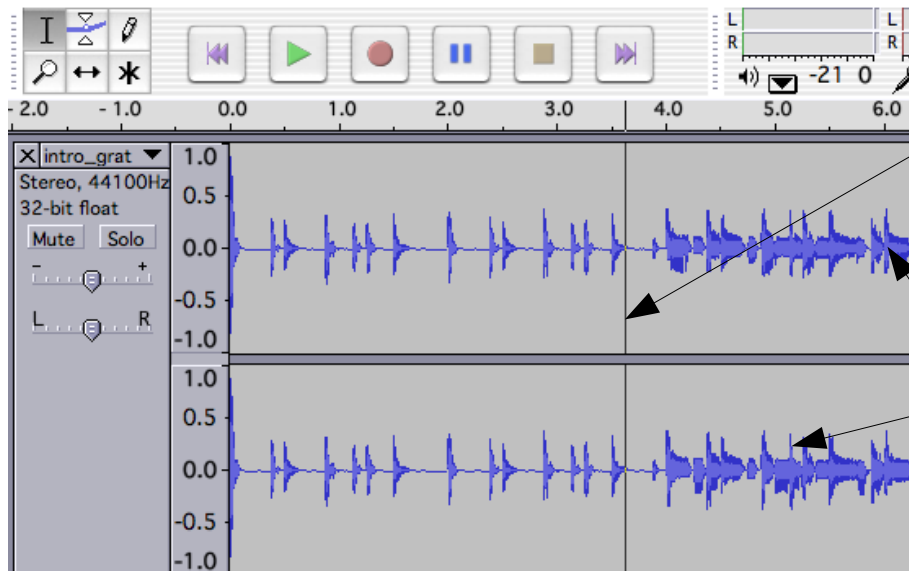
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**WHAT IS IT?** Audacity is free, cross-platform, open source audio editing software ideally suited for oral history and digital storytelling projects. For COV projects, we use Audacity to record narrated audio and edit audio files from recorded interviews. Download Audacity from <http://audacity.sourceforge.net>.

**BASICS:** These are the basic elements of audacity audio tracks:

Each audio clip is recorded or inserted on a new row.



This is the current location of the playhead.

These are waveforms.

## PLAYBACK CONTROLS:

Go to the beginning of the file

Begin recording new audio from the playhead

Stop playback



Play from the location of the playhead

Pause playback

