






Presentation Practice with Audacity

You are encouraged to practice for presentations by creating a recording using *Audacity*, which will provide you with the following advantages:



- precisely check your time
- detect a distracting habit
- catch a word that you have difficulty pronouncing
- identify parts of your speech where you get confused
- work on improving transitions

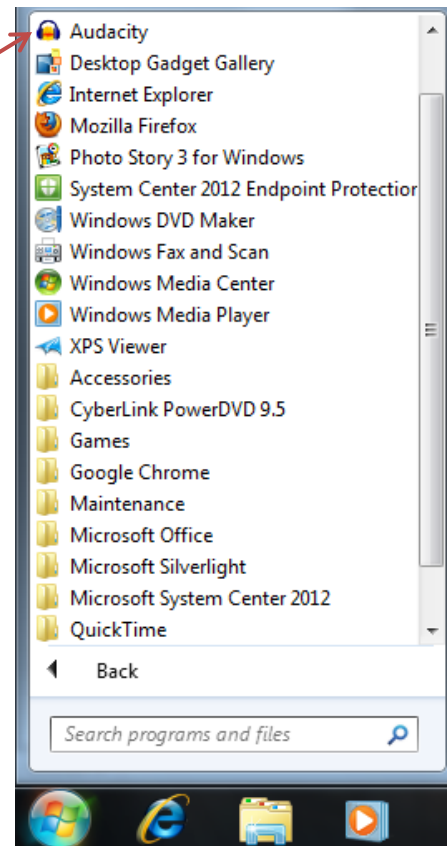
The library has private spaces available to provide the opportunity for you to rehearse for your class presentations. *Audacity* will give you a precise measure of the amount of time it takes you to deliver your speech. Keeping your speech within a required timeframe often impacts your grade. By listening to your recording you may detect a distracting habit to work on overcoming, or a word that you do not know how to pronounce. You may identify parts of your speech where you get confused or need to work on improving a transition. Recognize your weaknesses and develop approaches for self-improvement.

Creating your recording

- Open *Audacity* (Click  / All Programs / Audacity)
- Before recording prepare to save:
File / Save Project As... (save to your project folder)
- Click the **Record** button 
- During the recording session you may **pause** by clicking  then click  again to continue
- To end your recording click the **Stop** button 
- Save your final recording by pressing Ctrl-S

Listening to your recording

- Click  to **play** your recording
- Notice the timeline above the sound waves, you may click any point on the timeline to start playback from that point
- If you find a word that you are not sure how to pronounce go to M-W.com, enter the word and click on the 



Want to more time to practice or brief public speaking tips?

- Use [Audacity](#) on your computer – *you will need a microphone, most laptops already have one*
- [Busting the Top Three Public Speaking Fears](#), by Suzanne Driscoll – Click PDF at left (use the current GALILEO password to access these articles off-campus)
- [Practice Daily to Become Stronger](#), *American Speaker*