

7. How to import an MP3 file into Audacity.

At the end of this lesson, you will be able to execute the procedure for importing an MP3 music file into Audacity by using the '**Import Audio**' command in Audacity to locate the MP3 file from the folder storing the MP3 track.

- Note: This lesson has been created using Audacity 1.3.6. To import Audio using Audacity version 1.2.6 select **Project > Import Audio**.

Step One:

With Audacity open select **File > Import > Audio**.

Step Two:

Locate your MP3 music track from the folder called "**MP3_files**".

Highlight it and click **Open**.

Your MP3 track now appears on the main window.

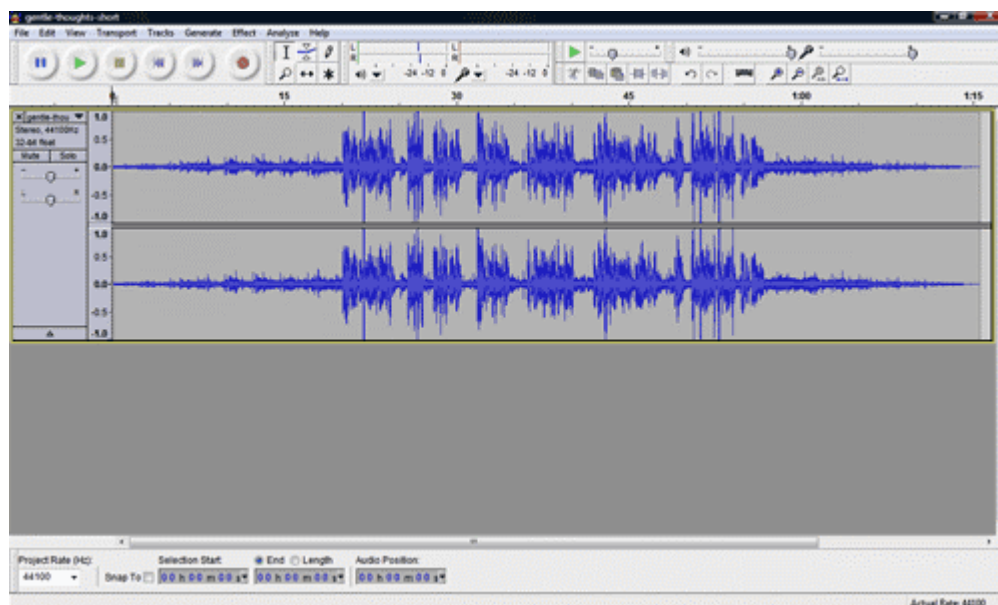


Figure 7.1 Audacity interface with MP3 track in main window

Note: When the file is imported, the new sound track is displayed on the screen as a jagged blue waveform. Stereo files are displayed as a pair of

wave forms in the top half of the screen representing the left and the right tracks as shown in figure 7.1

Step Three:

Press the **Play** button to hear it.

In the next lesson we will learn how to trim this sound track.