

Background Audio

Training Guide

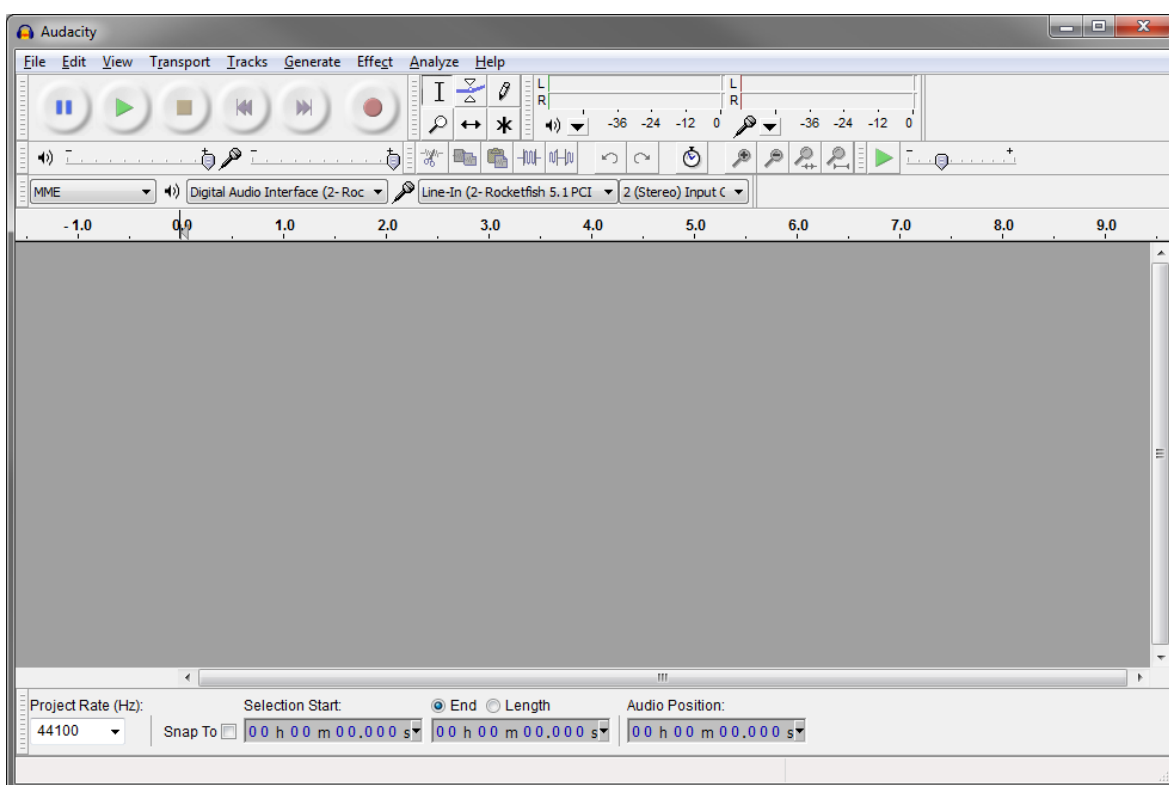
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Looping Your Audio Track (With Pictures)

Step 1: Acquire audio editing software



The first thing you're going to want to do is download "Audacity" or some other audio editing software. Audacity is free and it works for both PC, Mac, and Linux. If you have something else you prefer to use for editing audio, chances are you won't even need to be reading this guide.

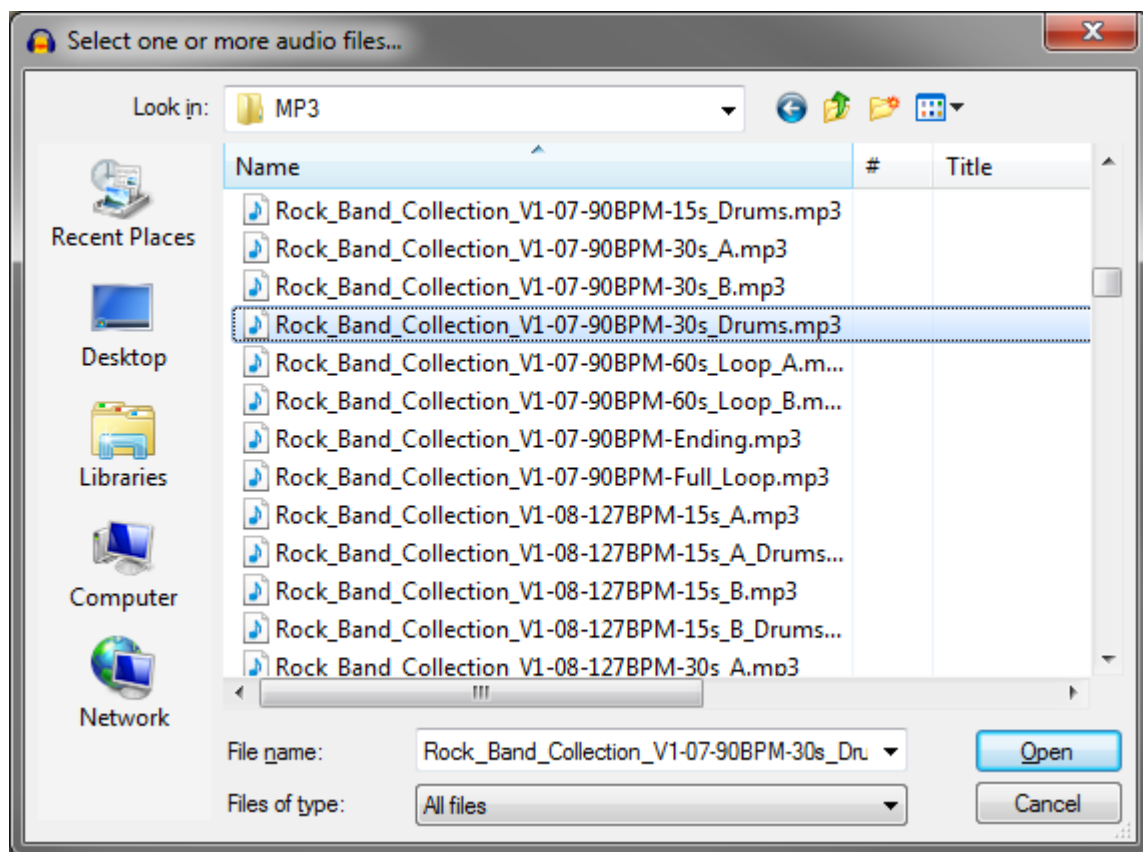
For this particular guide, we will be using Audacity simply because it's free and very easy to use. You can download your copy of this software by clicking the following:

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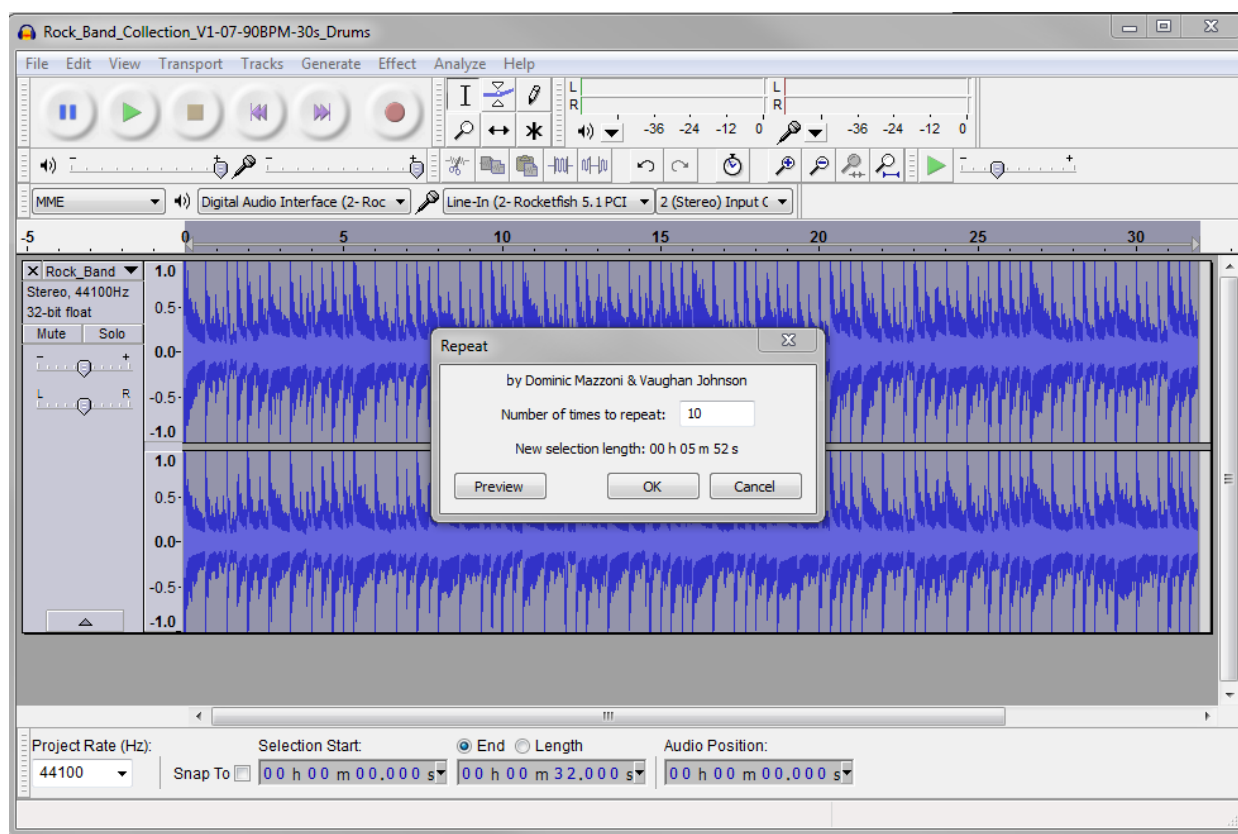
Step 2: Open the desired audio file in Audacity



You can either drag and drop the audio file, or using the "Open" menu option, navigate to the folder which the audio files are located and then double click or select and click the Open button.

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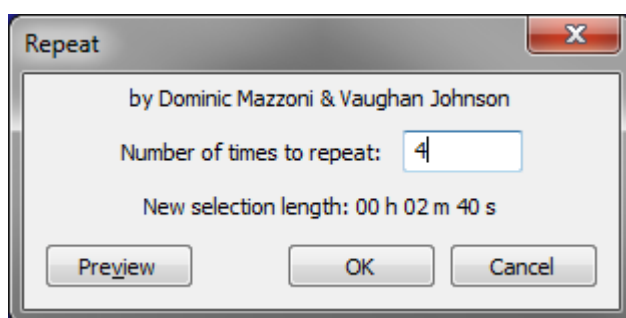
Step 3: Once loaded, Click “Effect” on the menu panel and then select “Repeat”



This step is very self-explanatory. Simply click on the menu option “Effect” (it may vary depending on your desired operating system). After the contextual menu opens, find “Repeat” and click it. The window shown in the screen shot above should appear.

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Step 4: Enter the desired number of times you'd like this audio track to repeat itself. For this example, we will enter 4.



Once again, very simple. However, make sure that you're aware of the overall length of the track you're using. While some of the tracks are labeled as 15s or 30s, they may vary in length due to the tempo. That's a bit of a complicated topic if you're not familiar with how tempo (beats per minute) impacts the number of bars within a given time frame.

Regardless, all you need to do is look at the "New selection length" and adjust the number of repetitions until you have the desired selection length.

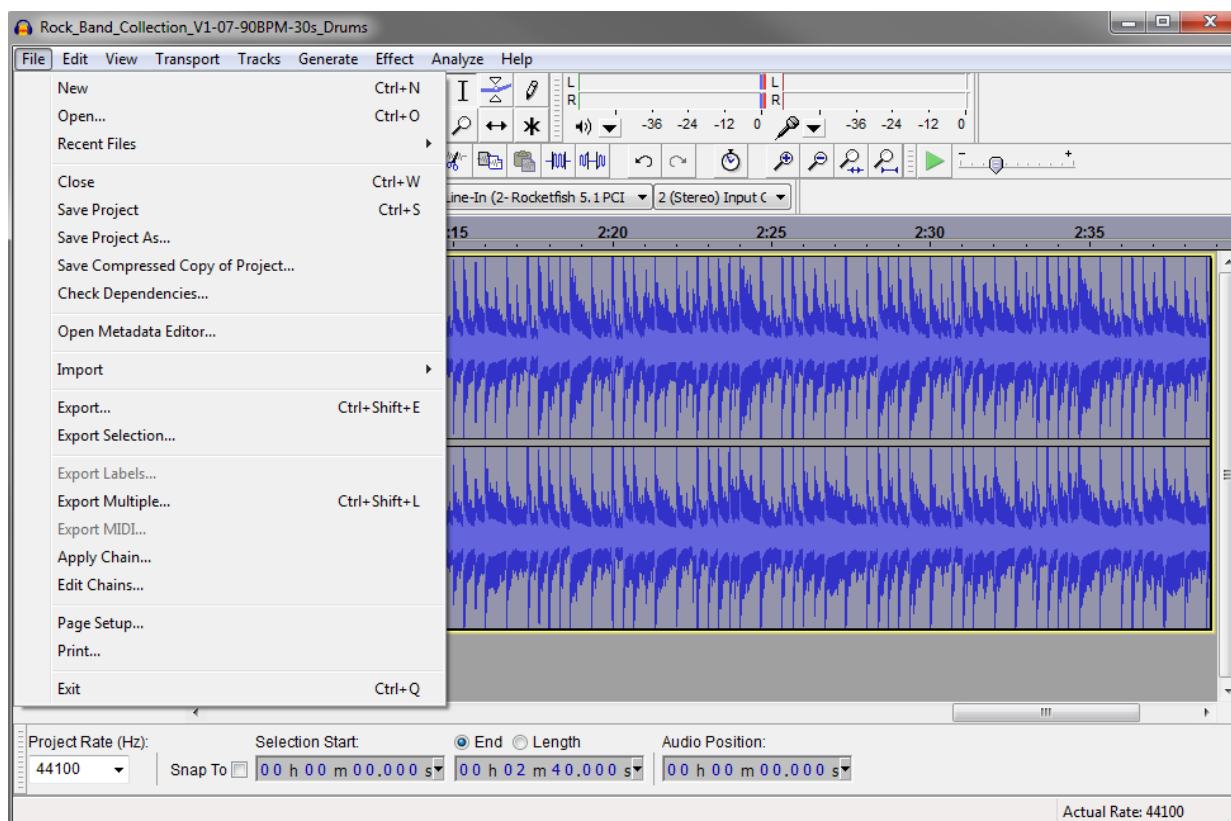
You should also make determine if you're going to do a fade out of the audio for the project you're using the track in, and if you plan to use one of the "ender" clips that are provided in this package for each track.

In this example, we've used track 07 and the 30s_Drums clip. Since the track is at 90 BPM, it comes out to a bit more than 30s in order for it to be a perfect loop. However, that's not such a big deal. You can see that by looping our track 4 times, we are shown that the new selection length will be approximately 2 minutes and 40 seconds total.

Once you're happy with the "New selection length" just click the "OK" button and then proceed to the next step.

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Step 5: Check your looped / repeated audio track, and if you're satisfied with the result – Click “Export” and save it to the desired folder with any file name you'd like.



Next, simply check the result and if you're happy with the audio track you've created – Click “Export” found in the “File” menu, from there, navigate to the folder you're using, and enter any file name that you want.

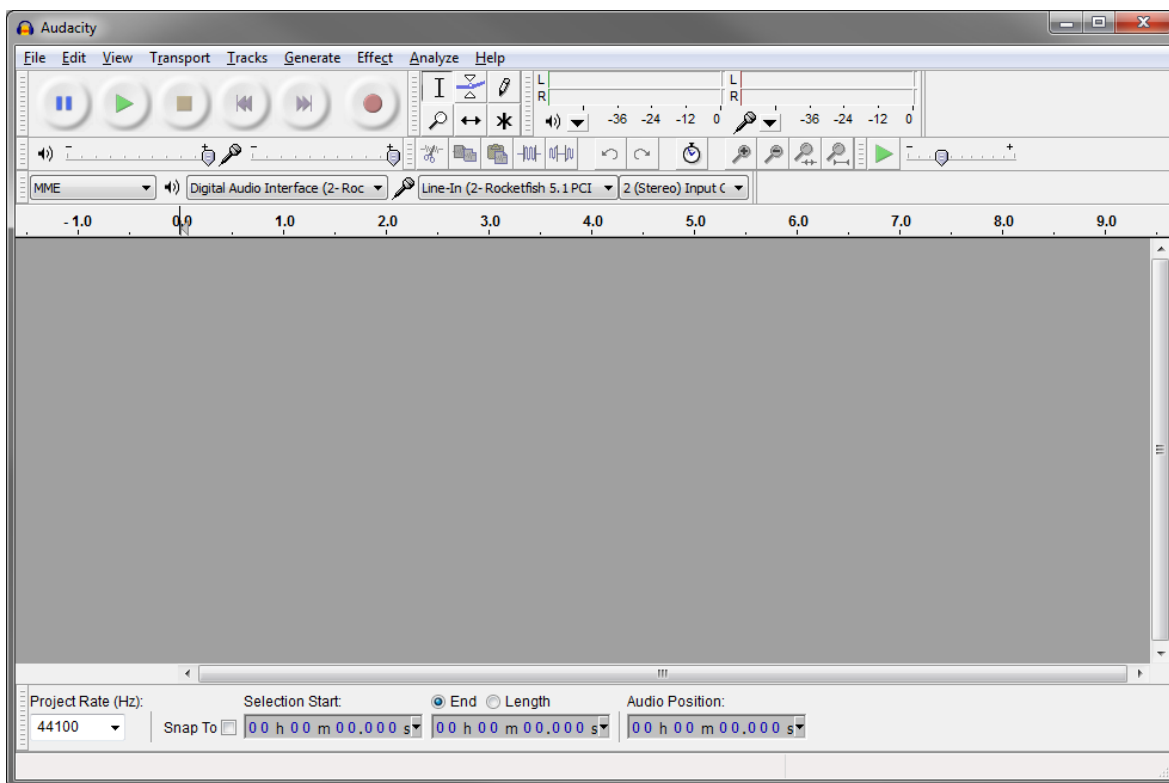
In this window, you can also choose the “Save as type” that you'd like. This could be a WAV, or MP3 file. This really depends on the project you're using this audio file in, but that is entirely self explanatory.

Click the “Save” button once you've finished naming your file.

**** NOTE:** If you want to create a perfect ending clip for this length, proceed to the next section.

Using The Ending Clips (With Pictures)

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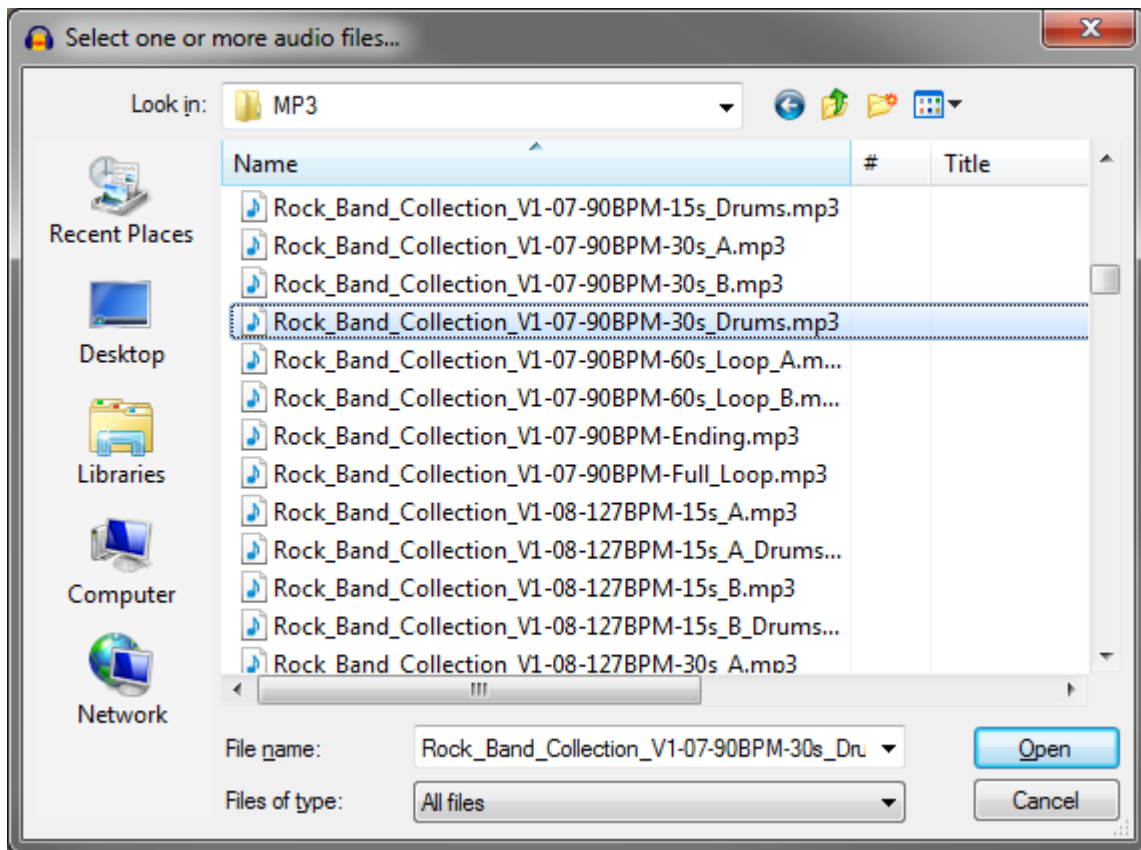
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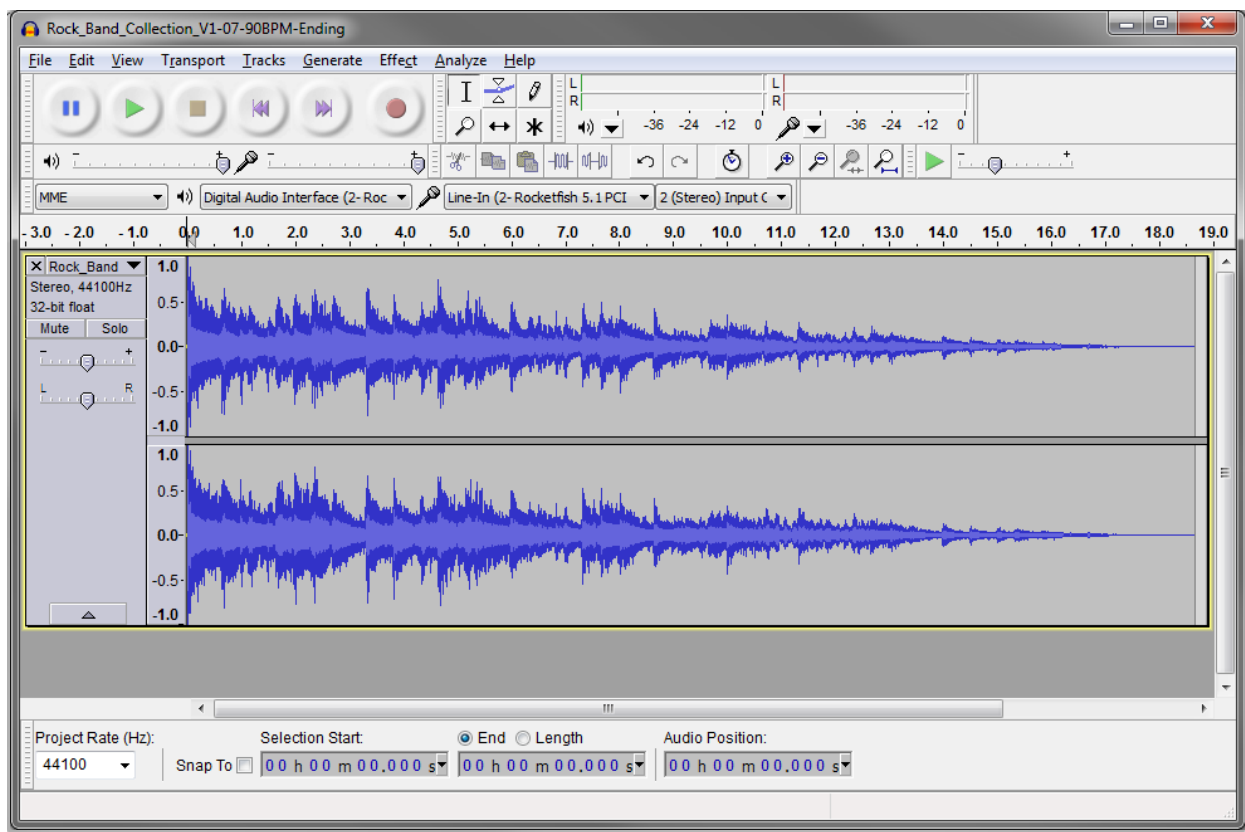
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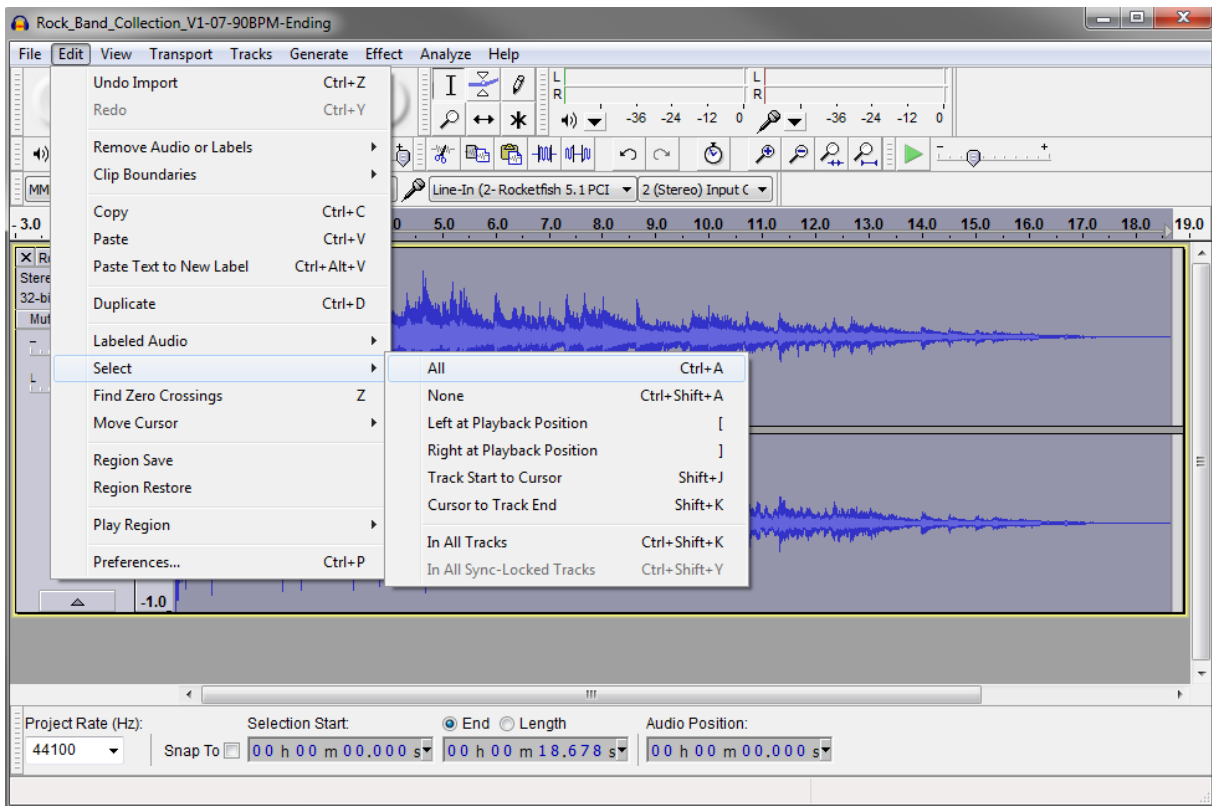
Step 3: Once your track is loaded, you're going to want to “Open” the specified ending track that corresponds to the particular track that you're using. In this example we are using track 07 from the package, so we will open the “-Ending” clip that has the same 07 tag in the filename.



Displayed above you can see that we've loaded the corresponding “Ending” audio track that will fit with our previous selection. You should know have 2 Audacity windows open. One with the original loop we created in Section 1, and another window open with the “Ending” track.

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Step 4: Navigate to the “Edit” menu, and from then go to “Select” and then from that contextual menu, select the “All” option. You will see that the ending clip is highlighted in it's entirety.

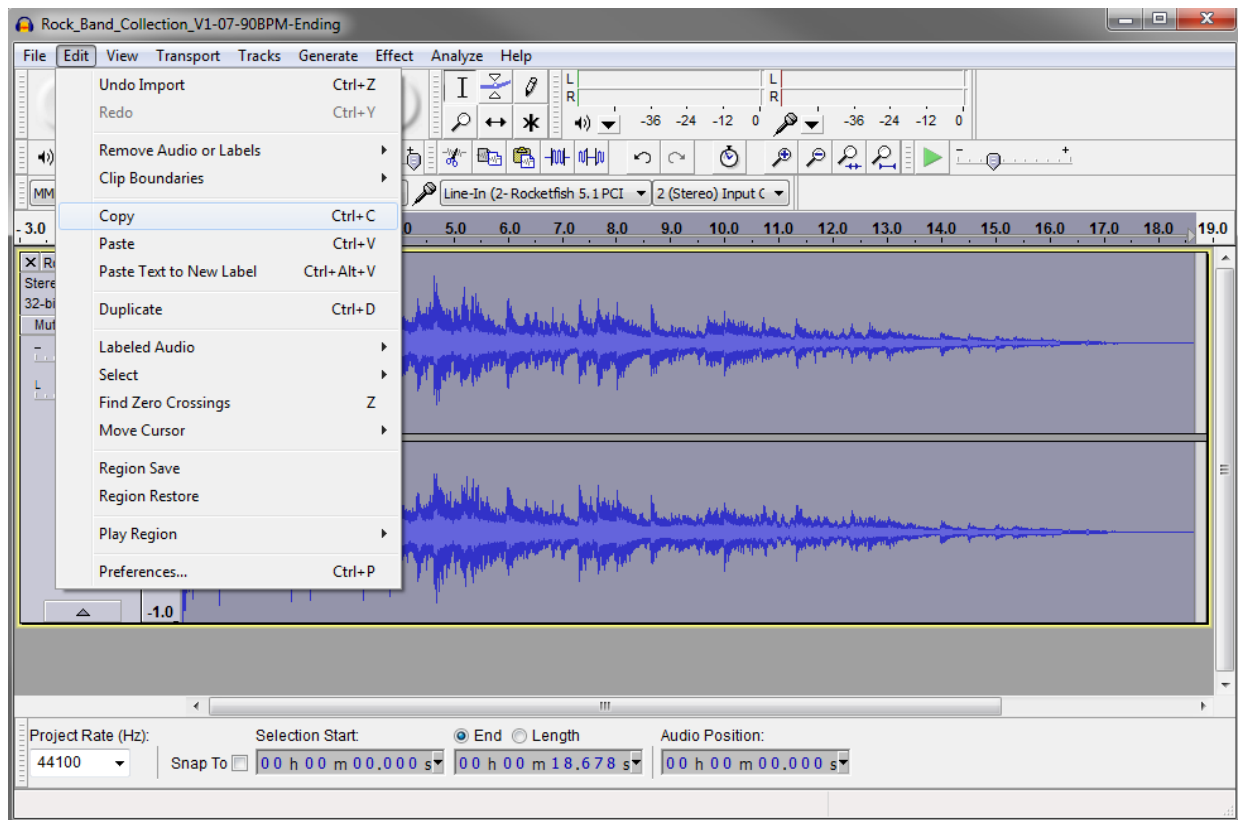


As shown in the image above, using the menus, click “Edit” and then highlight over “Select” and when the secondary contextual menu appears, you will want to click the “All” option.

You can also use keyboard shortcuts to acquire the same result. But for this example, we will just use the menu to do the same action.

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Step 5: Again using the “Edit” menu, you will click the “Copy” option listed.

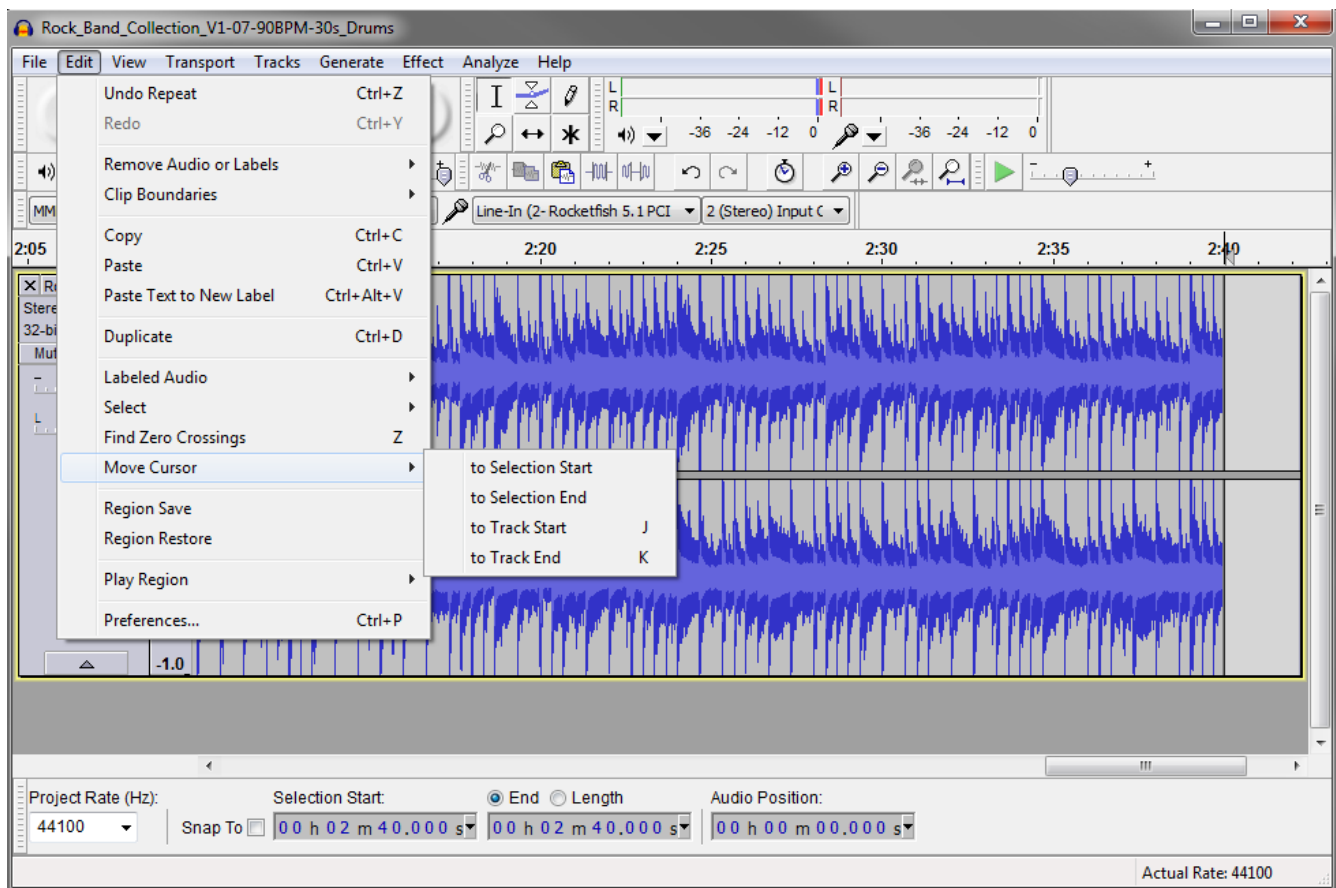


Next, simply click the “Edit” menu again, and this time select the “Copy” option that's found within that menu.

Once this is completed, you will click back over to the original loop that you're working with. This may be the loop that you created in Section 1, or you may just be working with one of the provided stock audio tracks already found in the package.

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Step 6: Click back over to the original file you opened at the start of this section, this should be the looped / repeating file. From there, you will again use the “Edit” menu option and this time, holding your cursor over the “Move Cursor” sub option, click the “to Track End” option that shows up in the next contextual menu.

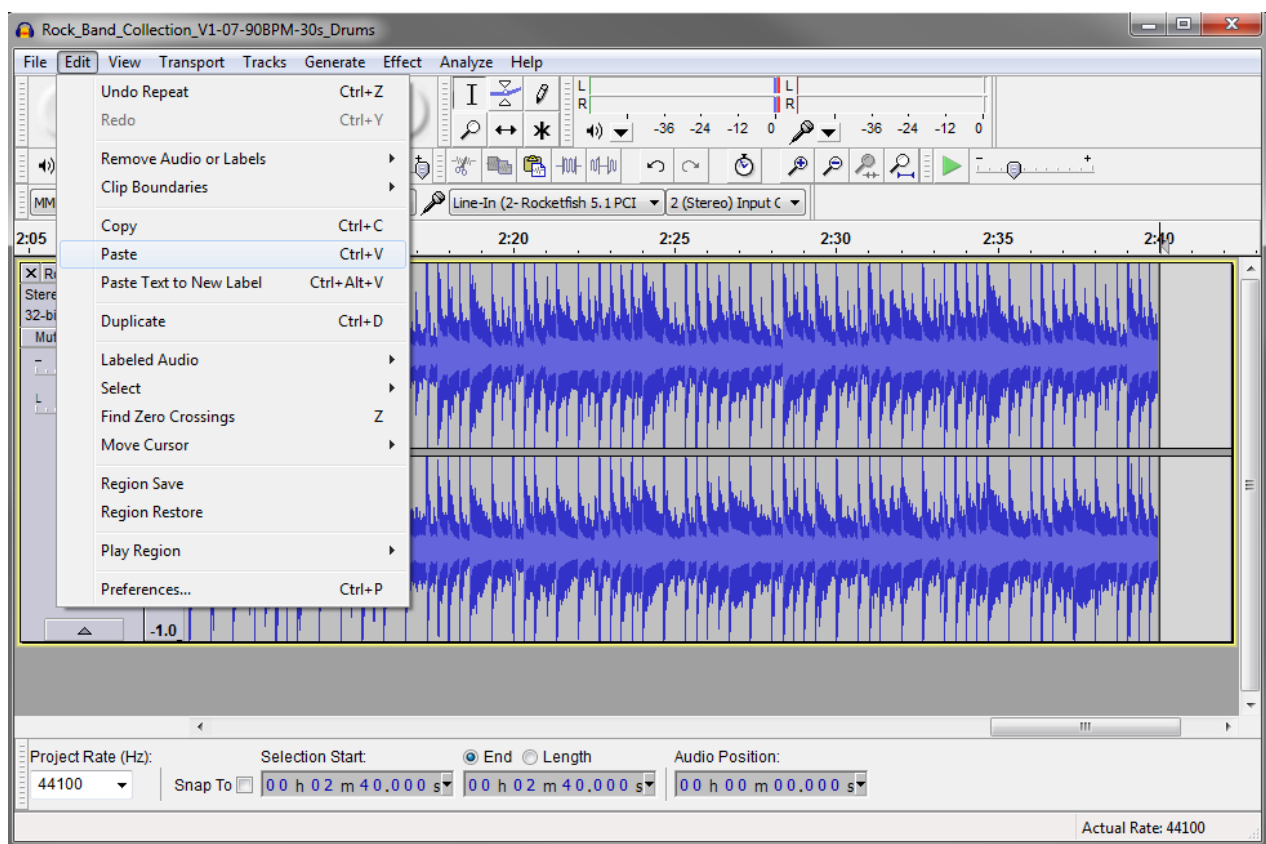


As shown in the image above, using the menus, similar to before, click “Edit” and then highlight over “Move Cursor” and when the secondary contextual menu appears, you will want to click the “to Track End” option.

You're almost at the final stage, so if you've made it this far – the hardest part is already over.

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Step 7: Similar to the last step, using the “Edit” menu, you will click the “Paste” option listed under that menu.



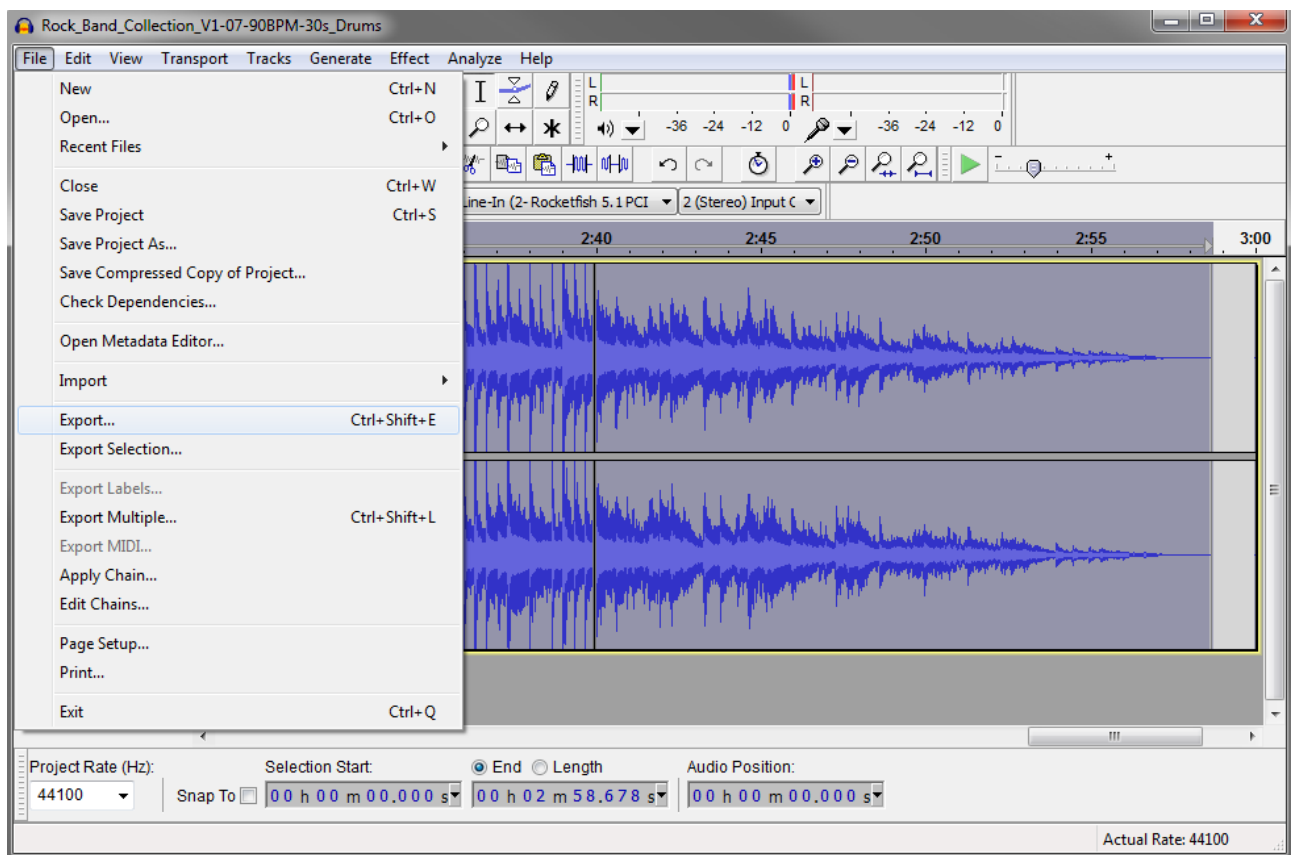
As before, just click the “Edit” menu again, and this time select the “Paste” option that's found within that menu. Just like how you selected “Copy” in a previous step.

After doing this, you will see that the “Ending” clip that we previously copied has now been appended to the end of our initial loop / repeated audio track.

Now you can proceed to the final step and finish up this entire process.

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Step 8: Finally, you can use the “File” menu and select the “Export” option. Navigate to any folder you'd like, and again, enter any file name you want to use to remember that this is the audio file that you created in this section.



Lastly, simply check the result and if you're happy with the audio track you've created – Click “Export” found in the “File” menu, from there, navigate to the folder you're using, and enter any file name that you want.

In the box that appears, you can also choose the “Save as type” that you'd like. This could be a WAV, or MP3 file. This really depends on the project you're using this audio file in, but that is entirely self explanatory.

Click the “Save” button once you've finished naming your file, and you're officially done.