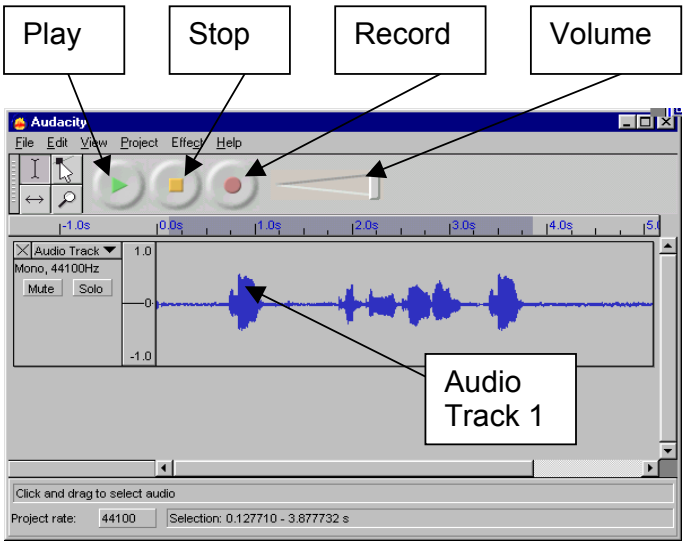
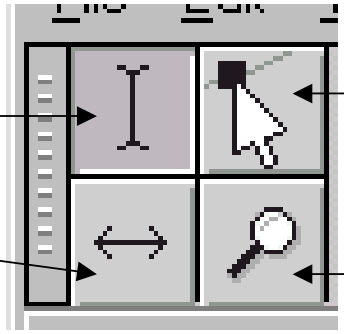
Audacity

Excellent, simple to use free software download which can be used to record sounds and then edit them and add effects. The software has been used as part of the Learning Through Innovation Project and also introduced to colleagues involved in the Key Stage 3 strategy for ICT.

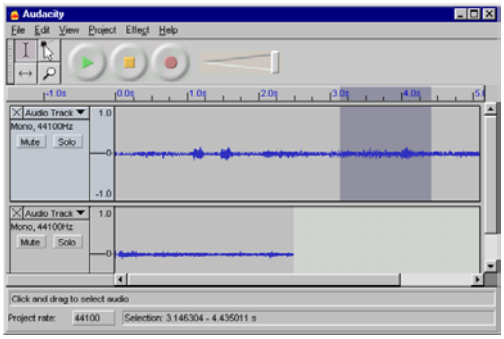
Connect your microphone and use record, stop and play buttons to hear your work. The audio track appears as you record.

If you record further then a second audio track appears underneath. Both tracks are then played at once. Clicking *mute* prevents a track being played. Clicking *solo* ensures only the selected track is played.





Once audio tracks are recorded you can use the select tool to select a piece and use the edit menu to cut or copy sounds. They can be combined onto one track or different tracks can be used for different types of sounds.



To hear part of a track select it and then click play. See left. Click on *edit* and then *silence* to insert a silence. *Edit split* takes the highlighted section out and moves it onto a new track leaving a rest in its place.
To use effects highlight your piece of sound and then click on *effects* and select from the drop down options. Effects work cumulatively, one on top of the other until you turn them off. You can use undo as many times as you need to when using effects.

The software saves automatically as an *aup* file format. PowerPoint does not recognise this file format. To use your sounds in PowerPoint click on *file* and then *export as WAV* file.