Tutorial No. 2 – Configuring Audacity

Audacity is the program which we will use in ‚Step 1' to record audio from a microphone onto the computer so that we can save it to our Hard-disk.

Or it can also be used to transfer audio recordings from MD/audio CD's or cassette tape etc. to our computer.

However Audacity isn't initially set up exactly how we need it, so it's necessary to change some of the values in the Audacity configuration to make it compatible for the 'Reading Rattle'.

1) Start the Audacity program
2) Left click on 'Edit'
3) Find 'Preferences' in the drop down menu and left click on it

The Audacity 'Preferences' are displayed on the screen

4) Left click on 'Audio I/O'
5) Change 'Channels' to '1 Mono'
6) Left click on Quality
7) Change 'Default Sample Rate' to 22050Hz
8) Change 'Default Sample Format' to '16 Bit'
9) Left click on 'File Formats'
10) Left click on 'Make a copy of the file before editing' so that a spot appears next to it
11) Change 'Uncompressed Export Format' to 'Wav (Microsoft 16 bit PCM)'
12) Left click on the OK button

The Preferences disappear and you just need to exit the program and your configuration is saved.

You only have to do this once and Audacity will remember each time you start it which preferences you have chosen.

73es,

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