

My Reflection on Creating My First Podcast with Audacity Software

This was my very first podcast and my very first time using 'Audacity' software.

Creating a podcast was a requirement for one of my courses. I decided to make a podcast on a topic that I have tremendous experience in: cold calling.

I'd never used Audacity before, although I had heard of it, but was eager to commence with this project. I spent time writing and rehearsing a script. Would my voice be better if it sounded upbeat, or calm and mellow? I wanted to sound 'right'. I watched numerous YouTube videos on how to create a podcast with Audacity, and listened to a few podcasts, that made me realize tone isn't as important as content.

Creating this podcast would have been much easier if I had an experienced guide beside me. I was amazed at how many features the software had. It was challenging. One of the disadvantages of distance education, especially for someone living in a remote area, is the inability to collaborate with peers and subject matter experts effectively.

I didn't have a microphone and had hoped it wouldn't be necessary, so I spoke into my laptop, and the result was rather shaky or grainy voice recording. I didn't realise that I could connect my phone to my laptop and use that as a substitute microphone. I later found copyright-free audio but struggled to cut and join the music with my recorded voice. I had to learn a lot, within a short time.

After this project, I spent more time tweaking my Audacity settings and watching how-to videos, and was able to create a second Audacity recording of myself telling a children's story. Thankfully, my second Audacity venture was more successful than my first.

But I'm proud of my first attempts at podcasting. I look forward to learning more 'bells and whistles' in Audacity and using them in my eLearning projects.

I hope to produce top quality podcasts in future.

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