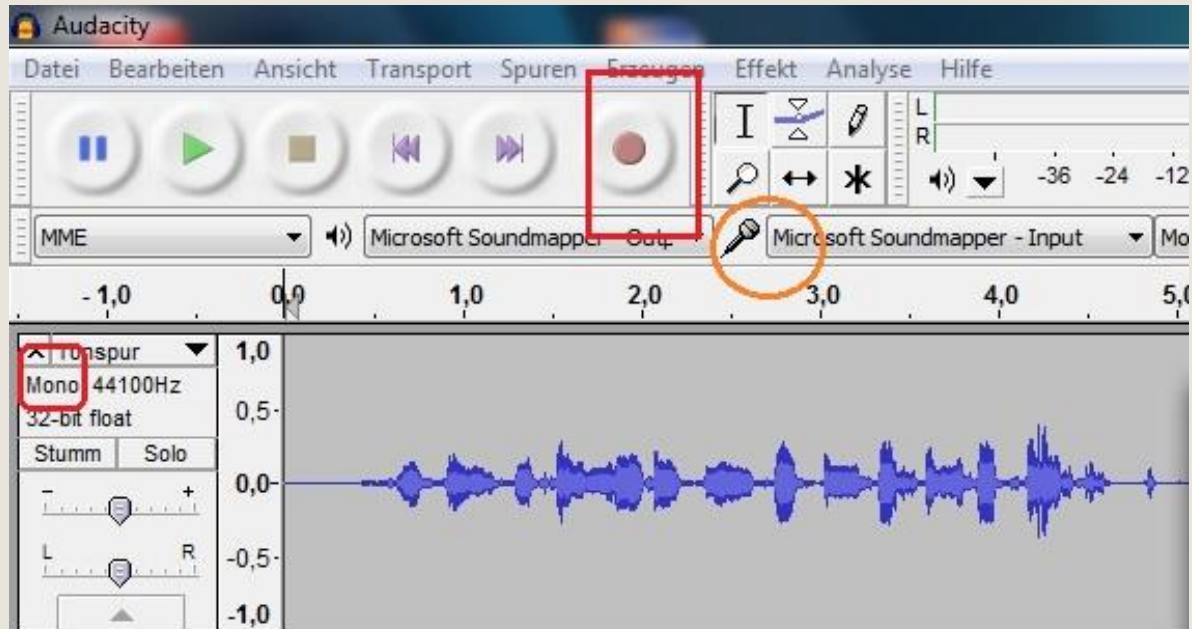


Soundtracks for audio description – basic guide

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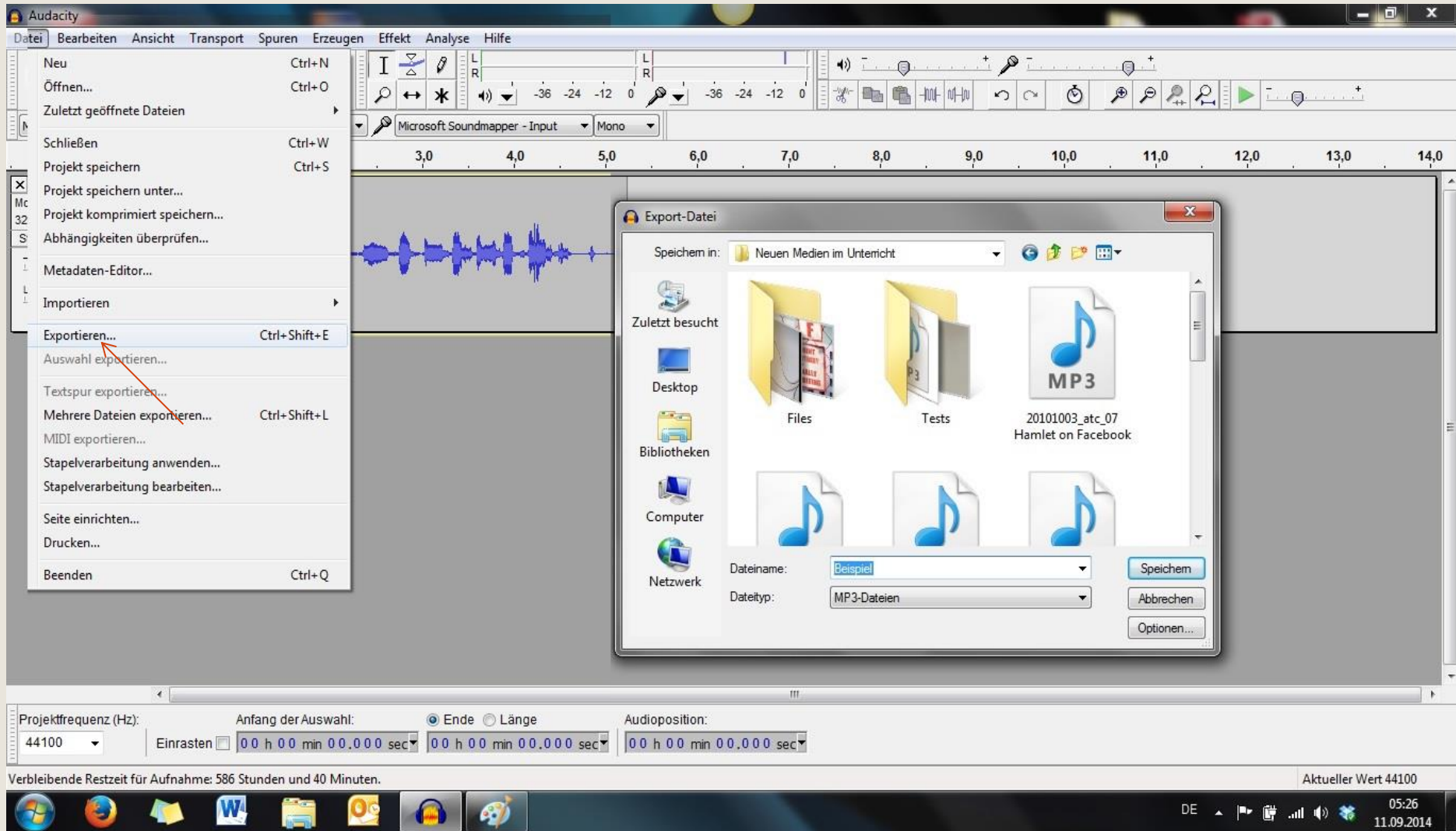
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AUDACITY 1: BASIC RECORDING



Audacity is a free open-source software programme that allows for relatively complex audio recording.

AUDACITY 2: SAVING



AUDACITY 3: COMBINING SOUND FILES

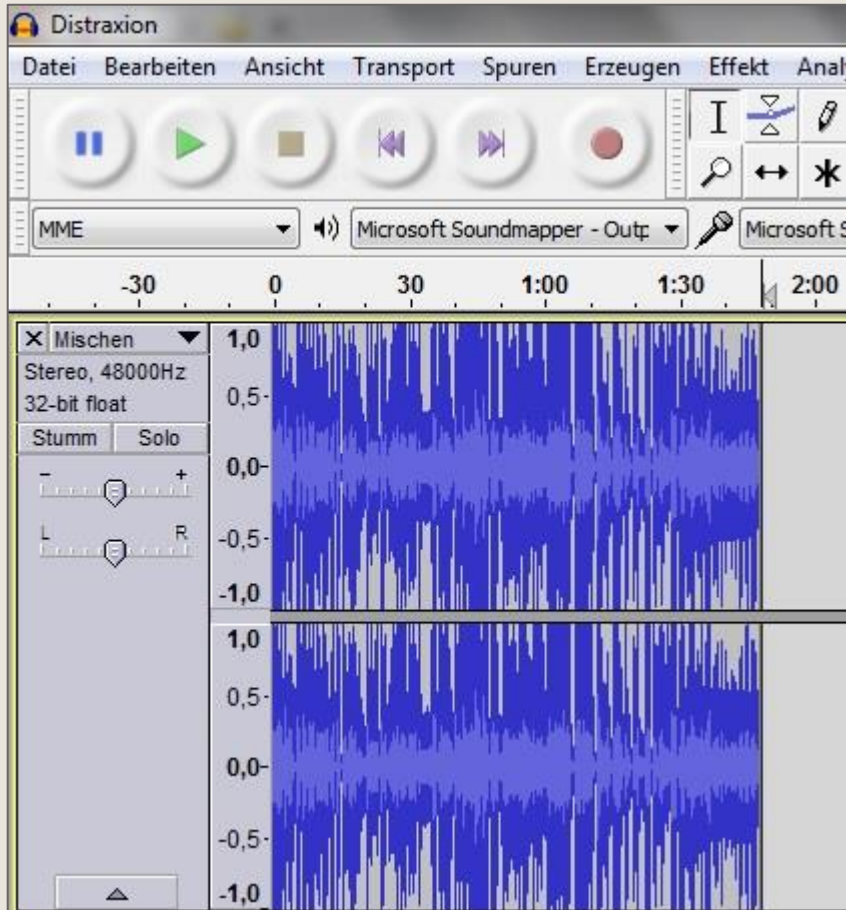
The screenshot displays the Audacity 3.0 software interface. The top menu bar includes 'Datei', 'Bearbeiten', 'Ansicht', 'Transport', 'Spuren', 'Erzeugen', 'Effekt', 'Analyse', and 'Hilfe'. The transport controls show a play button, a stop button, and a previous button. The main workspace contains three tracks:

- Distraction**: Stereo, 48000Hz, 32-bit float. The waveform shows a complex signal with a prominent peak around 1:30.
- witness_20**: Mono, 44100Hz, 32-bit float. The waveform shows a complex signal with a prominent peak around 1:30.
- Distraction**: Stereo, 48000Hz, 32-bit float. The waveform shows a complex signal with a prominent peak around 1:30.

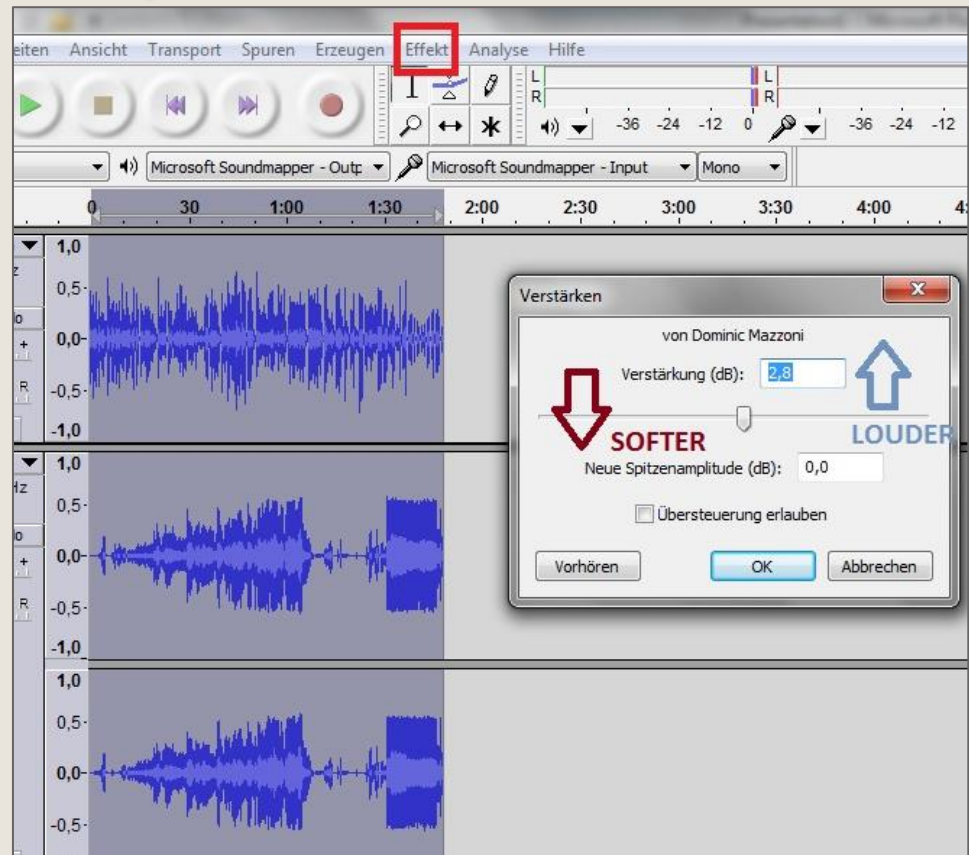
A context menu is open over the 'witness_20' track, listing the following options:

- Neue Spur erzeugen
- Stereospur in Mono umwandeln
- Spuren zusammenführen** (highlighted)
- Samplefrequenz der Spur ändern...
- Spur(en) entfernen
- Alle Spuren stummstellen
- Stummstellen aller Spuren aufheben
- Spuren ausrichten
- Cursor ausrichten/bewegen
- Spuren synchron halten
- Textmarke bei Auswahl hinzufügen
- Textmarke während Wiedergabe
- Textmarken bearbeiten...
- Spuren sortieren

AUDACITY 3: COMBINING SOUND FILES



Be aware of volume issues!



Adding new soundtracks for
playback

This page describes *how to play external audio track with video*.

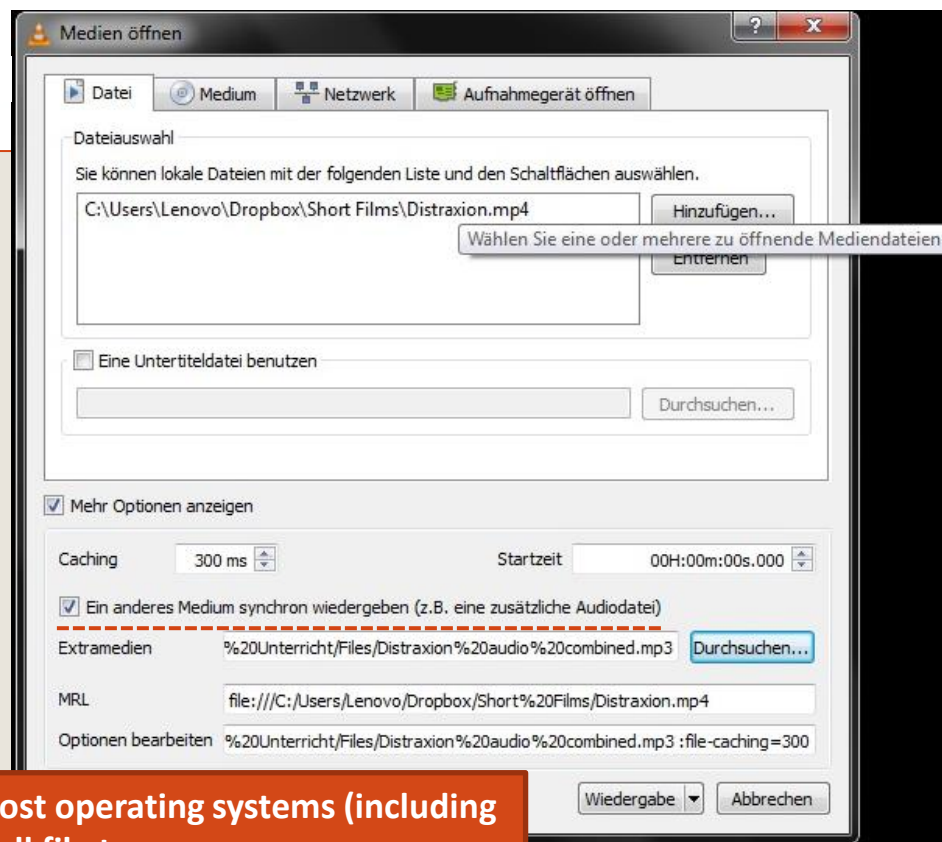
ADDING A NEW SOUNDTRACK WITH VLC

- Go to **Media -> Open Multiple Files....**
- In the *Open Media* window, click **Add....**
- In the *Select one or multiple files* window, select the desired video file. Click **Open**.
- In the *Open Media* window, tick **Show more options**, then tick **Play another media synchronously**. Click **Browse....**
- In the second *Open Media* window, click **Add....**
- In the *Select one or multiple files* window, select the desired file that contains the audio which will be played on top of the video previously selected. (The file that contains the audio can be a video file.) Click **Open**.
- In the second *Open Media* window, click **Select**.
- In the first *Open Media* window, click **Play**.
- Go to **Audio -> Audio track -> Track 2**.

VLC media player

Medien Wiedergabe Audio Video Untertitel Werkzeug

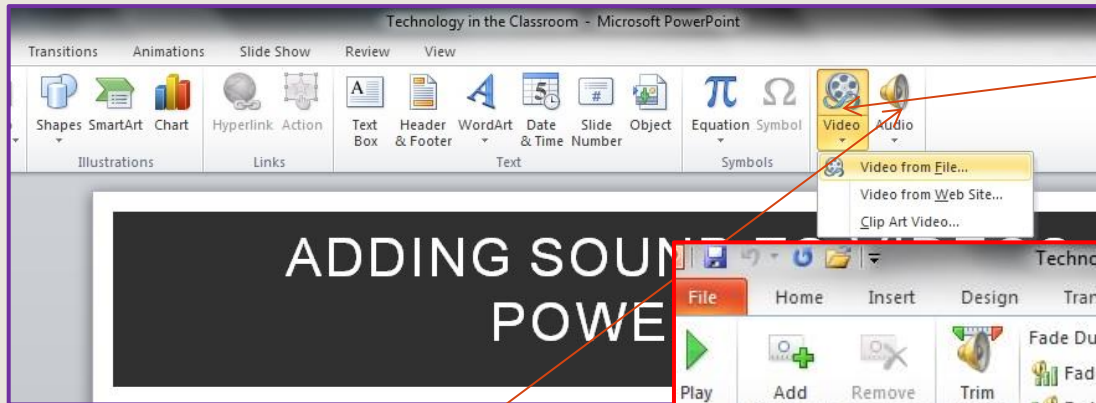
- ▶ Datei öffnen... Ctrl+O
- ▶ Mehrere Dateien öffnen ... Ctrl+Shift+O
- ▶ Ordner öffnen... Ctrl+F
- ▶ Medium öffnen... Ctrl+D
- ▶ Netzwerkstream öffnen... Ctrl+N
- ▶ Aufnahmegerät öffnen... Ctrl+C
- ▶ URL aus Zwischenablage öffnen Ctrl+V
- ▶ Zuletzt geöffnete Medien öffnen ▶
- ▶ Wiedergabeliste in Datei speichern... Ctrl+Y
- ▶ Konvertieren/Speichern... Ctrl+R
- ▶ Stream... Ctrl+S



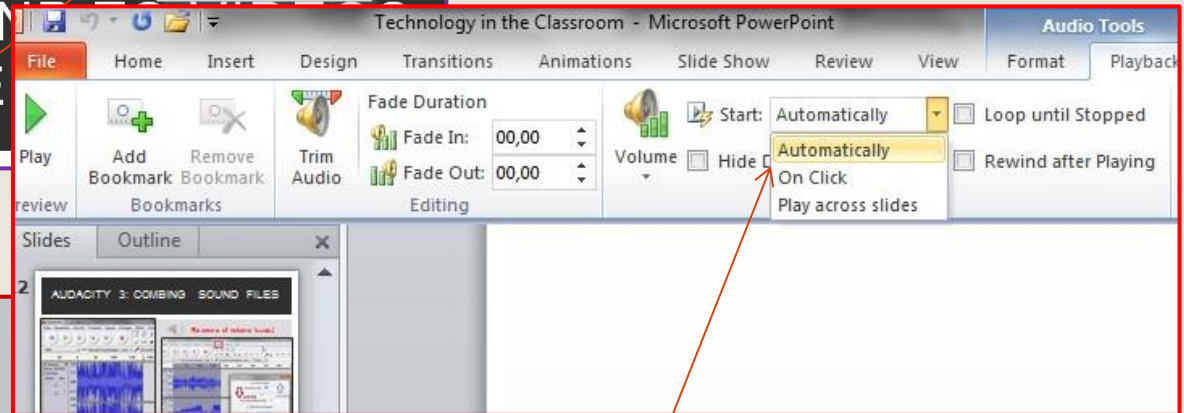
VLC is a free, open-source programme that works on most operating systems (including Android tablets) and plays almost all file types.

ADDING SOUND TO VIDEOS: POWERPOINT

1) Insert a saved video into the powerpoint (MP4 is a reliable format)



2) Insert a saved audio file (.mp3 or similar) into the powerpoint



3) You can then adjust the timing to make sure the film and sound are in sync, and decide whether the new version should play automatically or when clicked.

