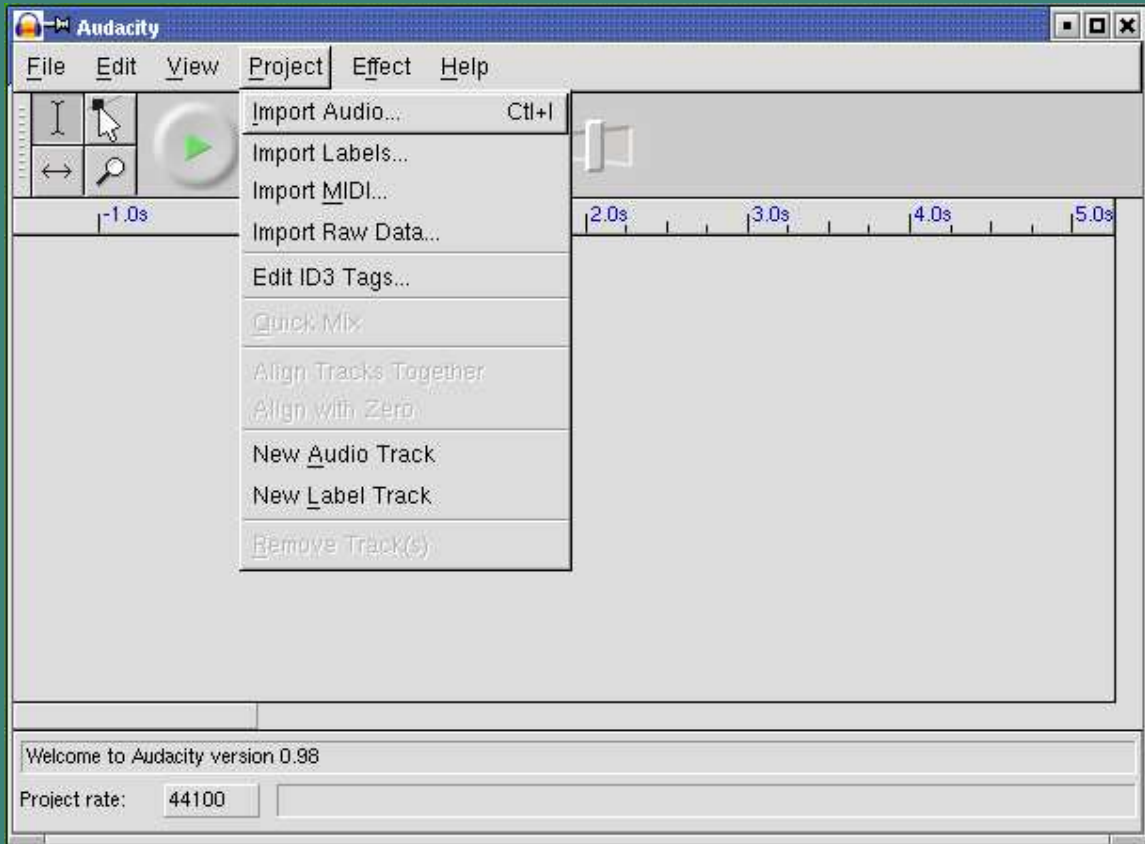


Audacity is great free multitrack audio software, available for all popular platforms including Linux. This is a short tutorial that you can follow on your own machine, which should leave you with a complete music track.

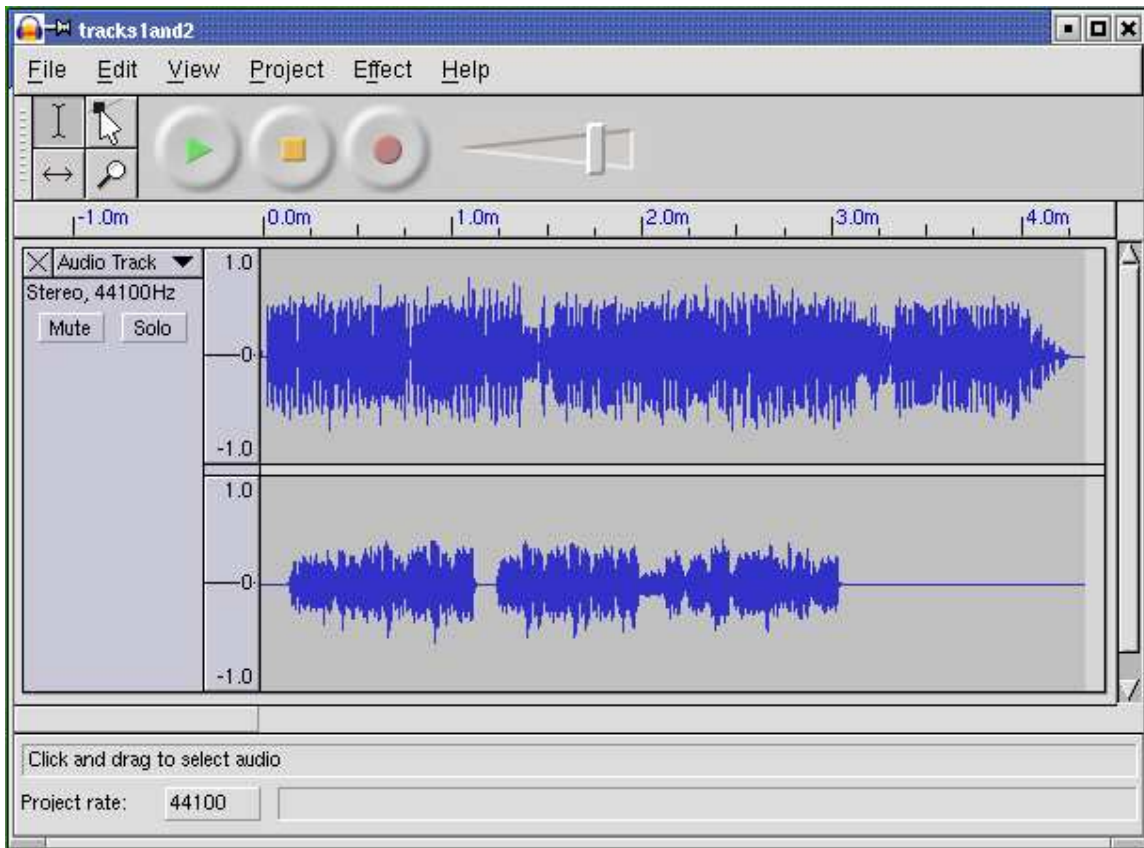
First, download [tracks 1 and 2](#) and [track 3](#) and save them to your hard drive. Then get these files into Audacity one at a time using *Project - Import Audio*:



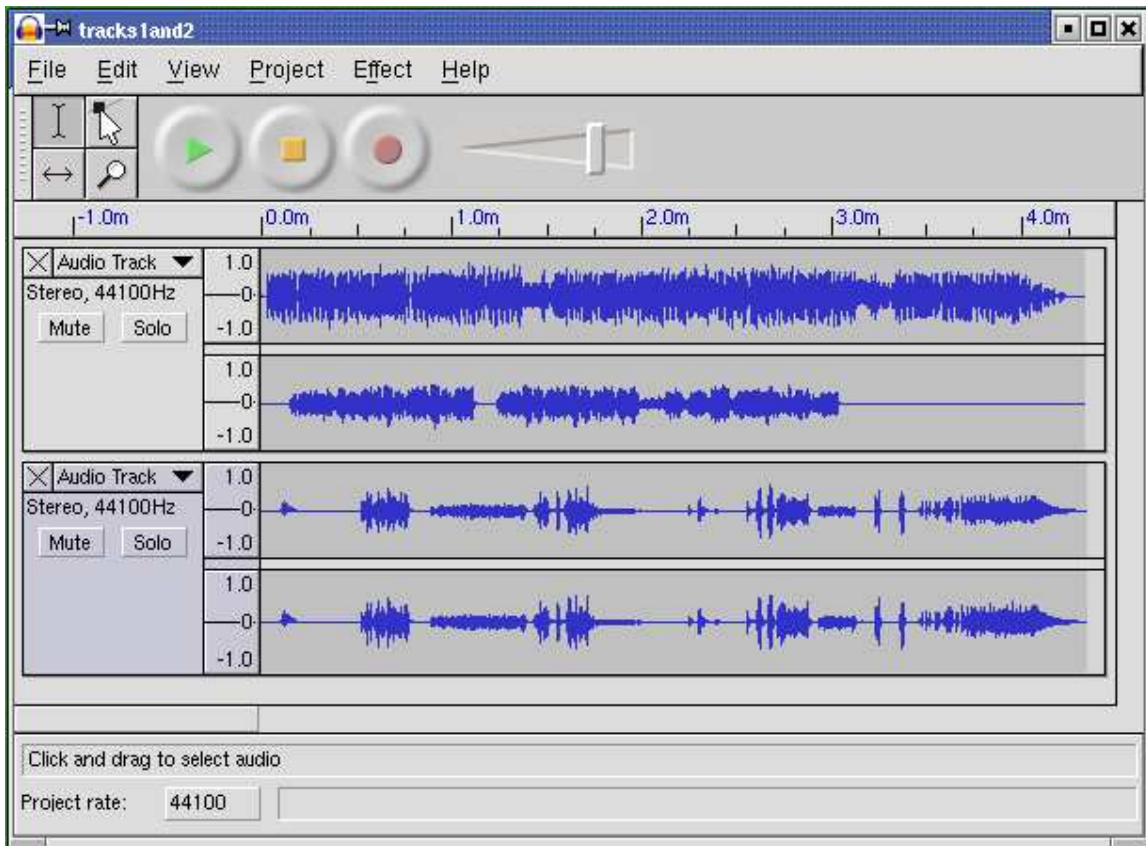
If Audacity has been installed with Ogg Vorbis support then you should see this:



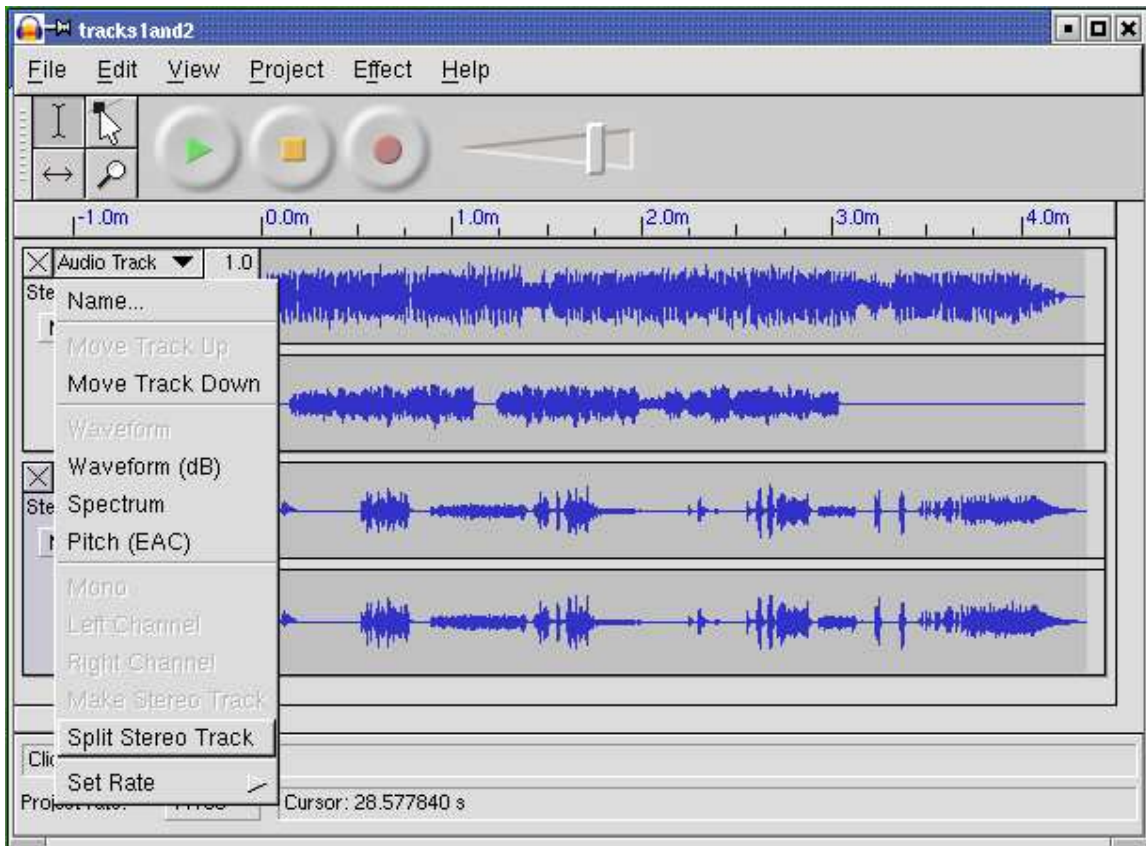
Now the first two tracks have been imported, click the play button (the green triangle in a circle). You should hear drums and bass in the left channel, and keyboard on the right.



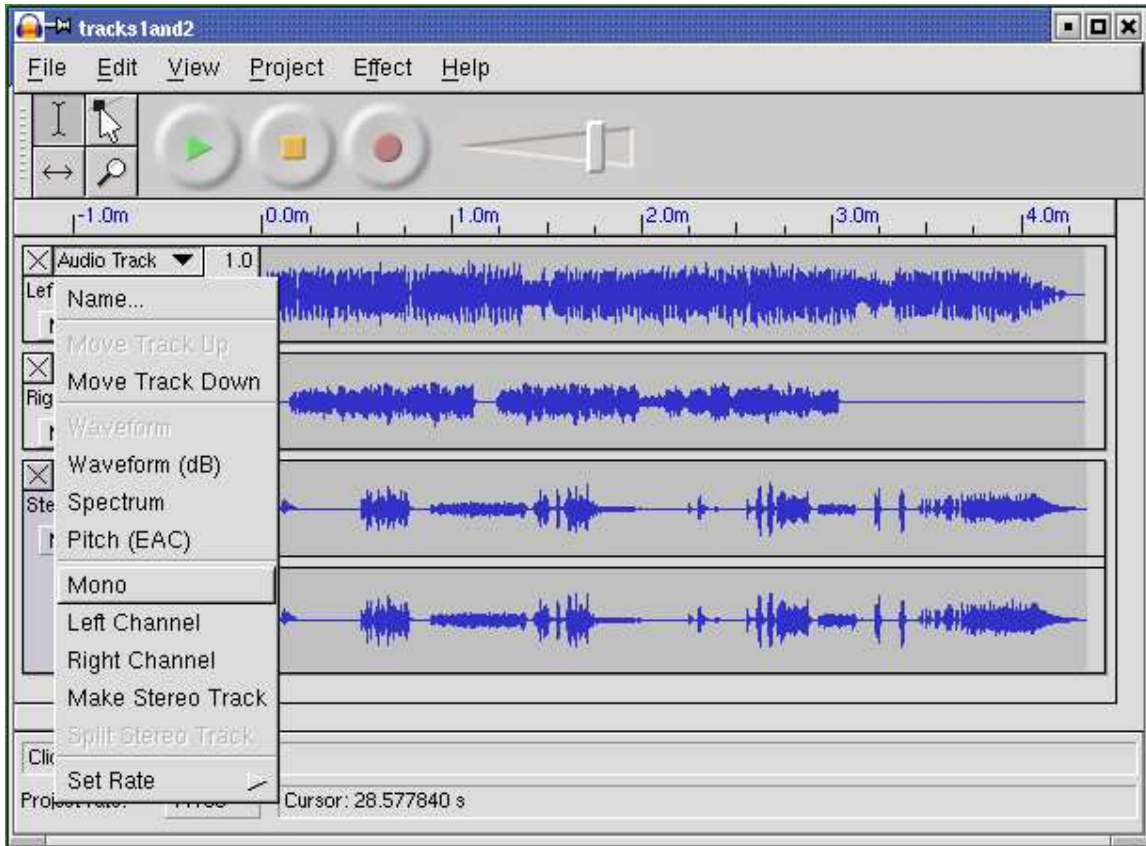
Repeat the process to import track 3, which is a stereo guitar track. Your Audacity window should then look like this.



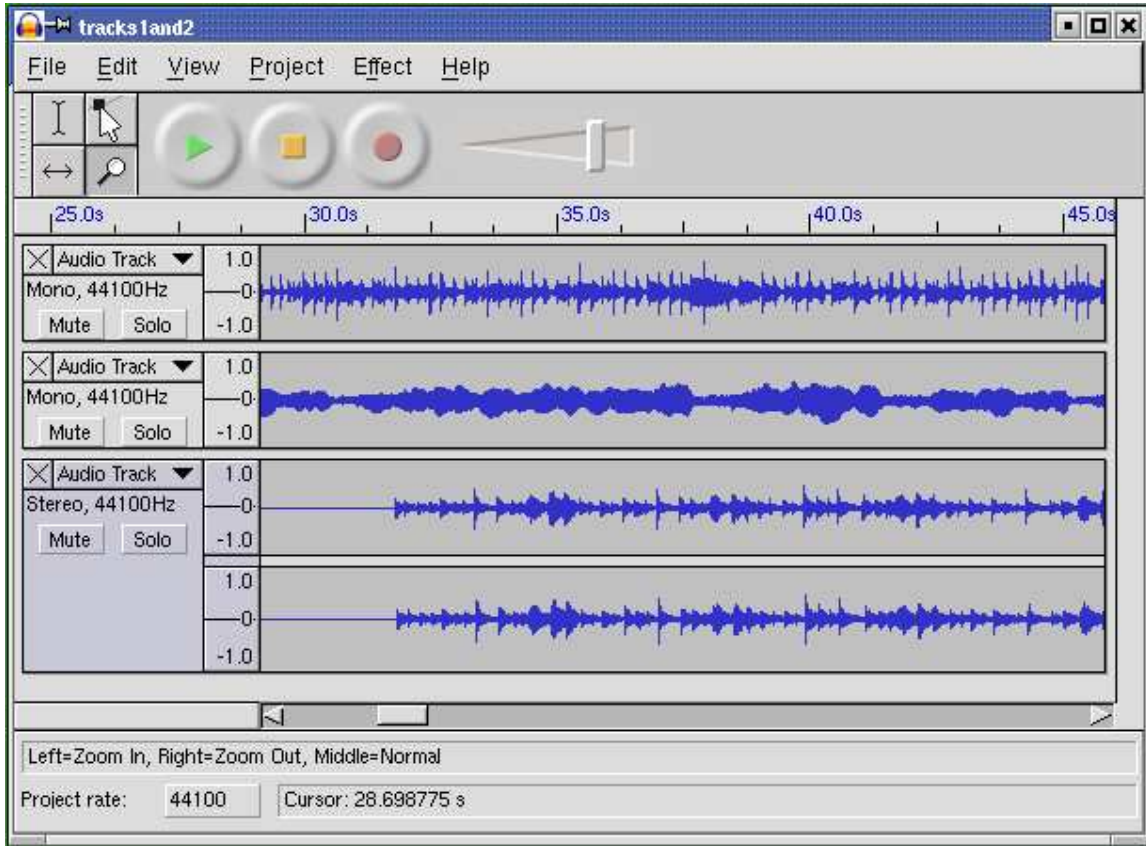
Because the first two tracks are really separate mono recordings, let's use the *Split Stereo Track* option on the track label. That's the button with the small black triangle above the Mute and Solo buttons.



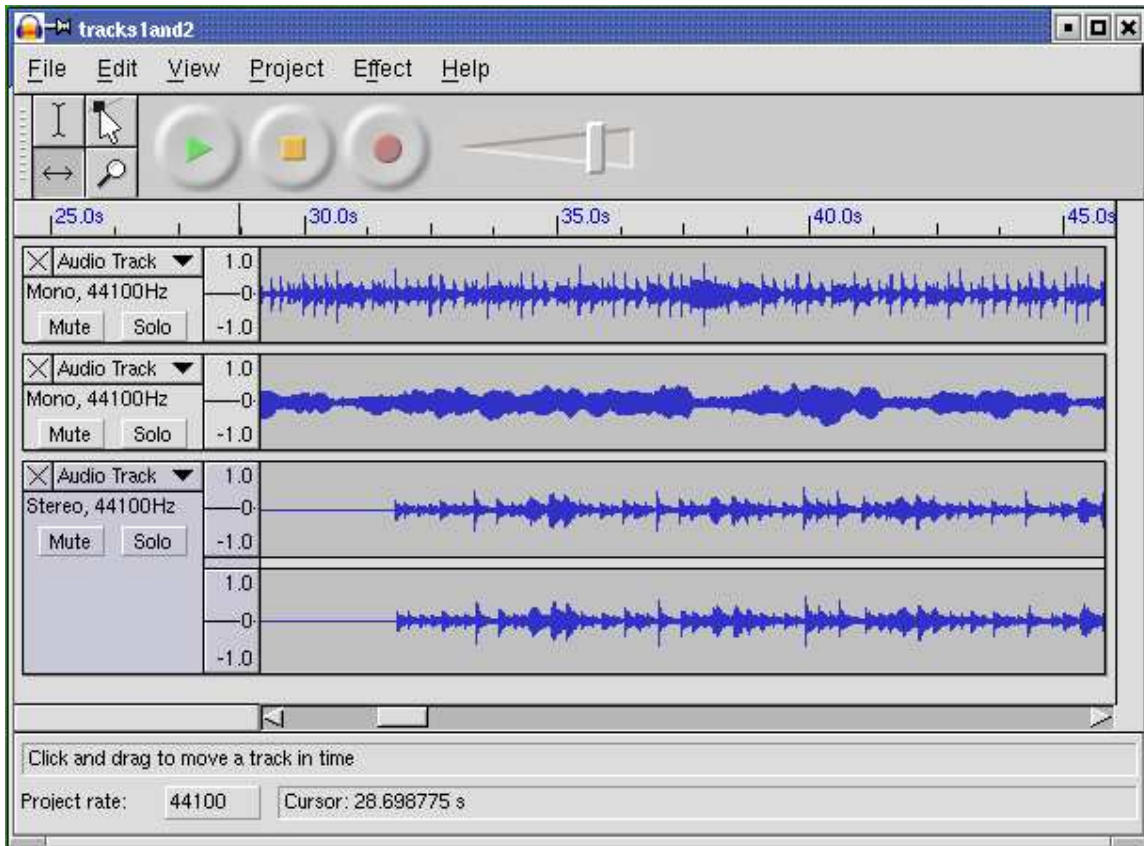
Then instead of having each mono track on its own channel, let's put them back in the centre of the stereo image where they belong.



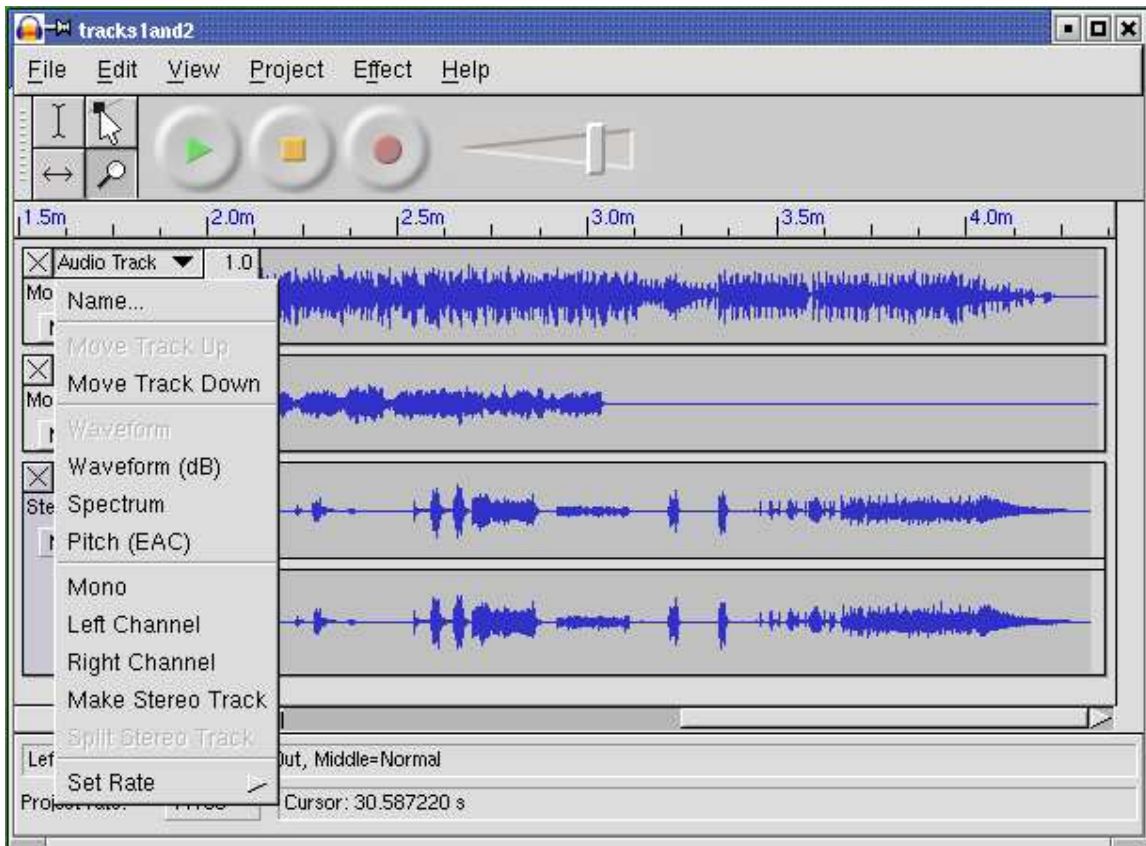
Around thirty-one seconds in to the music, there's a common problem. Because of the latency of computer hardware, the stereo guitar track is running a little behind the other two tracks and so the timing is all wrong. First, let's zoom in to the problem area using the magnifying glass tool.



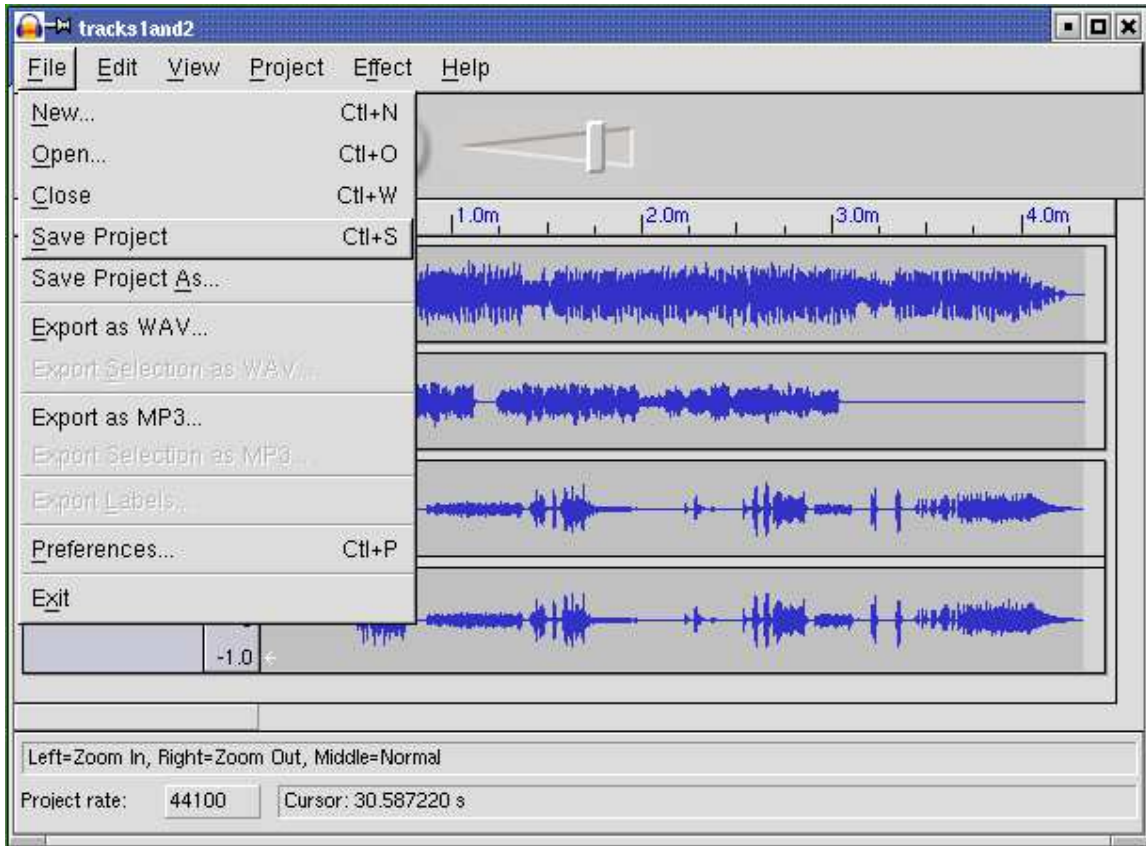
Click on the move tool (the double-headed horizontal arrow) and drag the guitar track to the left until it sounds right. You may have to play this section a few times to do it by ear, but moving the track about one second earlier should do it.



When you've got lots of tracks, you can use the Name button on the track label to help you remember which is which. It might save you deleting the wrong track later.



Now we've got the track in better shape, it's a good idea to save it as an Audacity project. As with any creative work, you'll probably regret it later if you don't save regularly!



Now you've saved a project file you can safely try further edits and effects. Then you can export your version of the music to a WAV file for burning to CD or encoding into Ogg Vorbis format. You can also export an MP3 file directly if you have the necessary libraries installed.

