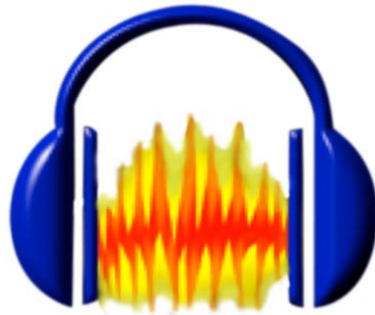


# Building an Open Source Rich Media Workbench



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# Overview

- Terminology
- The Need for Rich Media in Education
- The Need for Open Source Alternatives
- Image Editing with GIMP
- Audio Creation & Editing with Audacity
- Video Editing and Transcoding with AVIDemux

# Terminology: Open Source

- Free software is a matter of liberty, not price
  - Freedom to Run, Study, Redistribute, Improve
  - Community Mentality
- Source Code is freely and publicly available
- Security, Support, Sellable
  
- In short:
  - These software packages are available to you at no monetary cost and are legal

# Terminology: Rich Media

- Still images
- Audio recordings
- Video recordings
- Interactive simulations
- More than just words on a page...

# The Need for Rich Media in Education

- Meet the needs of different types of students
  - Auditory Learners
  - Visual Learners
  - Kinesthetic (Physical) Learners
  - Experiential Learners
- Provide tangible examples and analogies
  - A picture's worth 1,000 words
  - Teach a man to fish...

# The Need for Open Source Alternatives

- Commercial Products:
  - Are expensive
  - Often have features you don't need
  - Can lock you in to a proprietary system
- Open Source Alternatives:
  - Cost less
  - Are usually more interoperable
  - Give greater flexibility

# What is GIMP?

- GNU Image Manipulation Program
- <http://gimp.org>
- Comparable to Adobe Photoshop
  - Except Photoshop costs: \$699 (Upgrading \$199)
  - Essentially equivalent, especially for non-professionals
  - Can read/write Photoshop format
  - Scripting

# Getting and Using GIMP

## ➤ Installation

➤ <http://gimp.org/downloads>

➤ Follow instructions on page for your operating system

## ➤ Support

➤ <http://gimp.org>

➤ A complete user manual

➤ Tutorials

➤ Plug-ins for download



# GIMP Demo

# What is Audacity?

- <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>
- You can use Audacity to:
  - Record live audio
  - Convert tapes and records into digital recordings or CDs
  - Cut, copy, splice or mix sounds together
  - Repair and enhance audio files
  - And more!
- Comparable to Sony SoundForge (\$40) and Adobe Soundbooth CS4 (\$170)

# Getting and Using Audacity

## ➤ Installation

➤ <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/>

➤ Version options:

➤ 1.2.5/6 (Stable – *highly recommended*)

➤ 1.3.11 (Beta – *use with caution*)

➤ Click the link for your OS and follow the provided instructions

➤ If you plan to export MP3s, get the LAME plug-in

## ➤ Tutorials & Support:

➤ <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/help/>

# Audacity Demo



# What is AVIDemux?

- Audio Video Interleave Demultiplexer
- <http://fixounet.free.fr/avidemux/>
- A free video editor designed for simple cutting, filtering and encoding tasks
- (Somewhat) Comparable to iMovie, Windows Movie Maker and Adobe Premiere Elements

# Getting and Using AVIDemux

## ➤ Installation:

- <http://fixounet.free.fr/avidemux/download.html>
- Download the installer for your OS
- Install as you would any other software

## ➤ Tutorials & Support:

- <http://www.avidemux.org/admWiki/index.php>

# AVIDemux Demo



# Other Open Source Options

➤ Ubuntu Studio

➤ <http://ubuntustudio.org/>

➤ AV Linux

➤ <http://www.bandshed.net/AVLinux.html>

➤ VLC (the “Swiss Army Knife” of media players)

➤ <http://www.videolan.org/>



# Conclusion

## ➤ Rich Media

- Enhances the educational experience
- Makes content more accessible
- Bridges gaps that ink & paper never will

## ➤ Open Source Tools for Rich Media

- Help you do all of the above at no monetary cost
- Are abundant, available, and just as capable, if not more capable than commercial products