

**AES PNW Section  
February Meeting Notice**

**This meeting has been  
postponed because of snow.**

**We will reschedule at a later date.**

**Posted: 8:10pm, Wednesday**

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**March Meeting**

The March meeting will be held on March 7th at Shoreline College.

"Cables: Fact? Fiction? or Fraud?"

Presented by Steve Lampen, Belden

and

Kurt Denke, Blue Jeans Cables

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**A Digital Audio Workstation**

**Presented by Steve R. Hastings**

**Software Engineer, DTS, Inc**

**7:30pm, Thursday, February 24, 2011**

**Microsoft Studios**

**Building 127**

**4420 148th Ave. NE**

**Redmond, WA 98052**

[Directions to Microsoft Studios.](#)

Audacity® is free, open source software for recording and editing sounds. It is available for Mac OS X, Microsoft Windows, GNU/Linux, and other operating systems. It is a fully featured audio editor with the usual features that you have come to expect. It can function as a multitrack. There are plug-ins. It has a scripting language.

Why would you want a free editor? Maybe you're away, and don't have your regular DAW software with you. Since Audacity is cross-platform, chances are you can find it for whatever platform you have available. No, it won't run on CP/M or Apple DOS. If you have access to the internet, you can get Audacity. Since it's free, you get the full-meal deal in your download. There's no security dongles, no magic access procedure, no secret handshake. No crippled software until you pay the ransom. It works.

It's not ProTools®. It's not Audition®, Nuendo®, Digital Performer®, or any of a number of other programs. It's Audacity, it's free and you can get work done with it.

Steve Hastings, Software Developer at DTS Inc. will show us how to get Audacity, and will take it through its paces.

- Why cross-platform?
- Installation
- Open a file, demonstrate looking at/into that file, zoom, cut, paste, etc.
- Load a file, zoom in on areas.
- Tone Generation, look at the spectrum of that tone, then clip it and look again.
- Use the editor to fix a defect in a CD track
- Use the 'find zero crossings' feature to assist in editing
- Briefly explore using a scripting language for automation
- Other topics as may arise during the presentation.

## Free Software?

Free means just that: free of cost. But beyond that, it also means free, as in freedom. As a user, you have the freedom to use it, study it, study how it works, share it with others, and if you're of a mind to, modify it to work better, or to extend its capability, and to share that with others. Free doesn't mean cheap, or crippled. There are many other free and open source programs, including the Firefox web browser, the OpenOffice.org office suite and entire Linux-based operating systems such as Ubuntu.

## Learn more about Audacity...

Check Audacity's [Website](#), [Wiki](#) and [Forum](#) for more information. Download it yourself. The price is right.

If the notion of free, useful software appeals to you, then visit the [Free Software Foundation](#) on the web.

## Bob Moses

*AES PNW 2010-2011 Section Chair*

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