

Q&A – Avidemux and Audacity
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Q – Ken: When you trim a video, and then save it, will there be a degradation of quality?

A – Sharan: No, if you retain the same configuration as the original, there is no degradation.

Which is why clicking the "i" button helps - it informs you of the original format, you can change the output to anything else or keep it the same

Q – Peter: What did the save error message mean?

A. Not sure what the original error message was, maybe when I do a repeat of this topic - we can look at it again.

Q - Dan: Looks like you can't combine 2 videos edited into one?

A. You can combine them, using the append option - did not have time to demo that.

Q - Joe: Any reason to use the older version of Audacity? Current version is 3.0.2.

A. No reason. That just happened to be the current version loaded. One upgrades only if you want the newer/fancier features. The major options are the same. Often the new version is a refactoring of the original source code.

Q - In Ubuntu 20.04 software, I don't see Avidemux as a package that can be installed from there. Are there instructions for installation from a package that can be downloaded?

A. Yes, in Ubuntu store - AVIDEMUX is not a snap package. The download version from avidemux.org works flawlessly on Ubuntu install.

Q – Mike: Can you convert music from radio to mp3

A. If you have a capture device from radio to the laptop input, e.g. audio jack from radio to headphone IN jack on laptop.

Q - Alex: In Avidemux saving a clip works well but cutting a clip necessitates using keyframes to determine the start and end points to ensure the original new file is not corrupt.

A. Correct

Q - Neil: Can Audacity record sound streaming on a website, YouTube, etc.?

A. Yes.

Q – Steve: The Elysium video resolution was 1280 x 720 which is an aspect ratio of 16:9. Why did the presenter's stat screen say 1:1?

A. I had my preferences set to 1:1" for compatibility reasons on different monitors.

Q – Barbara: I just listened to the Avidemux presentation which was excellent. My question is there a way that in the video editing I can actually talk into a microphone and insert my voice into a video clip of a previous home made video. Thanks

A. Recommend recording the audio clip separately and then using the more fancy video editing tools to insert the audio track.