

## Use Audacity to Make one long MP3 song from several songs

**Purpose:** Some video producing sites such as Animoto may only let you add one song, which will not be long enough if you add a lot of pictures.

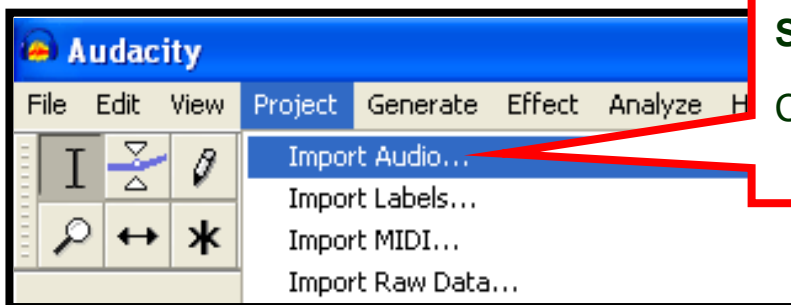
You can create one sound track with several songs or loop the same song to use in a program like this.

This is also a way you can record a narration of your voice to play in the video with or without your music. (In some programs, this is only way you can get narration in your video.)

**Step 1:** Download the song or songs you want to use.

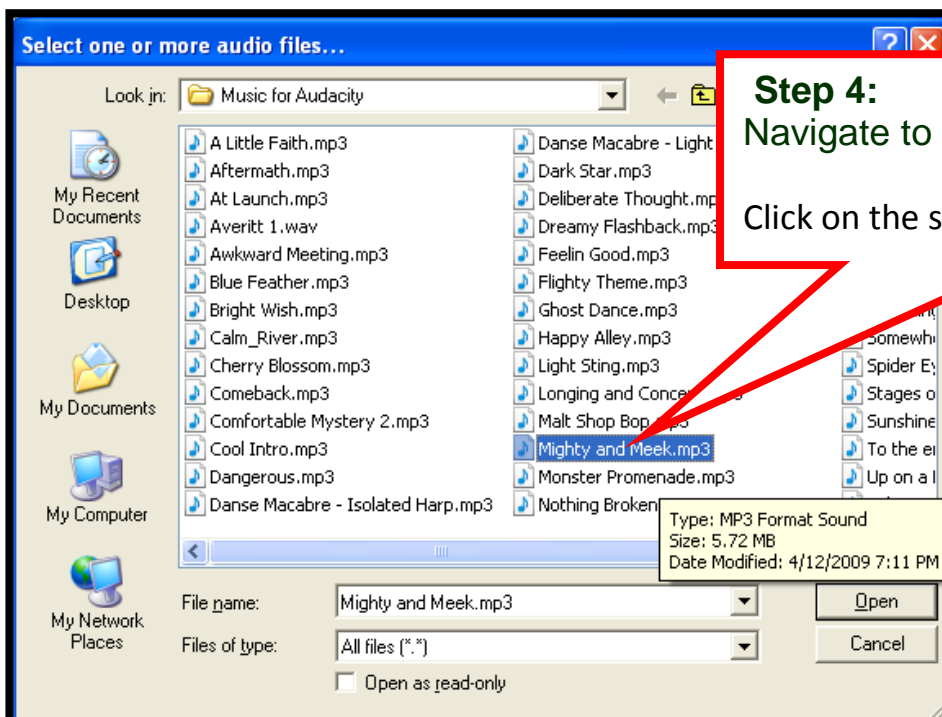
You can download music for your videos at [Freeplay music](#) or use [Creative Commons](#) if you are going to post on the web

**Step 2:**  Open Audacity Software.



**Step 3:**

Click on **Project>Import Audio**



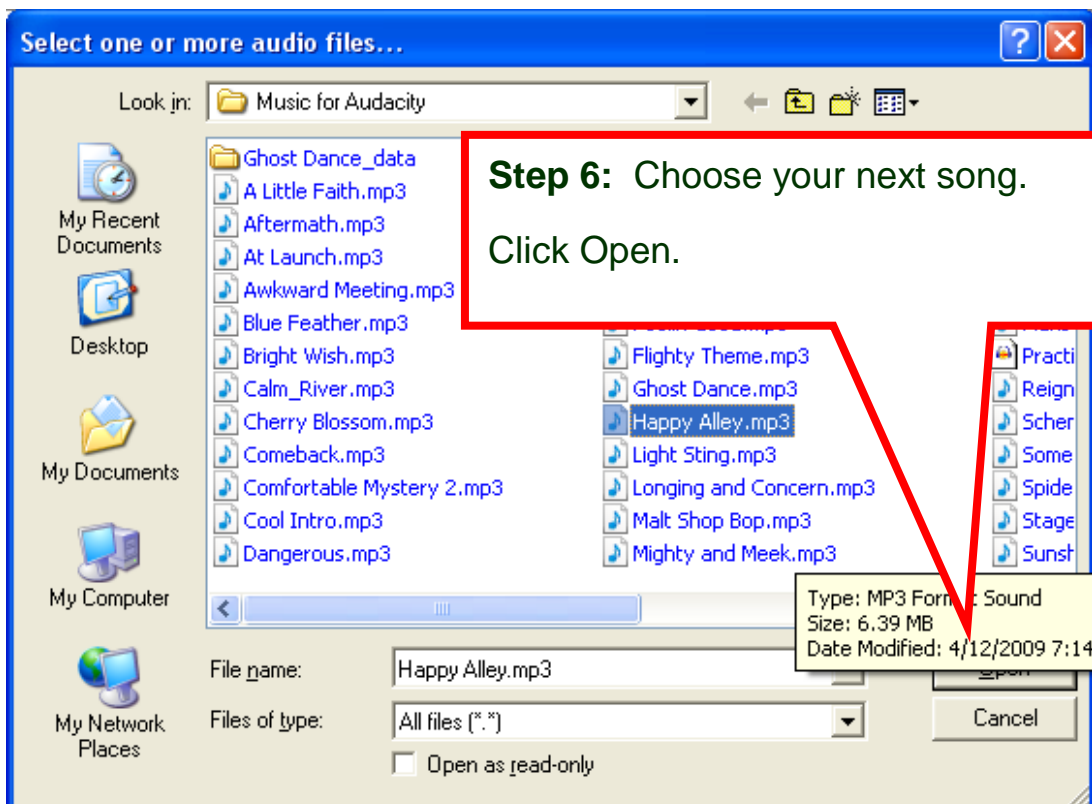
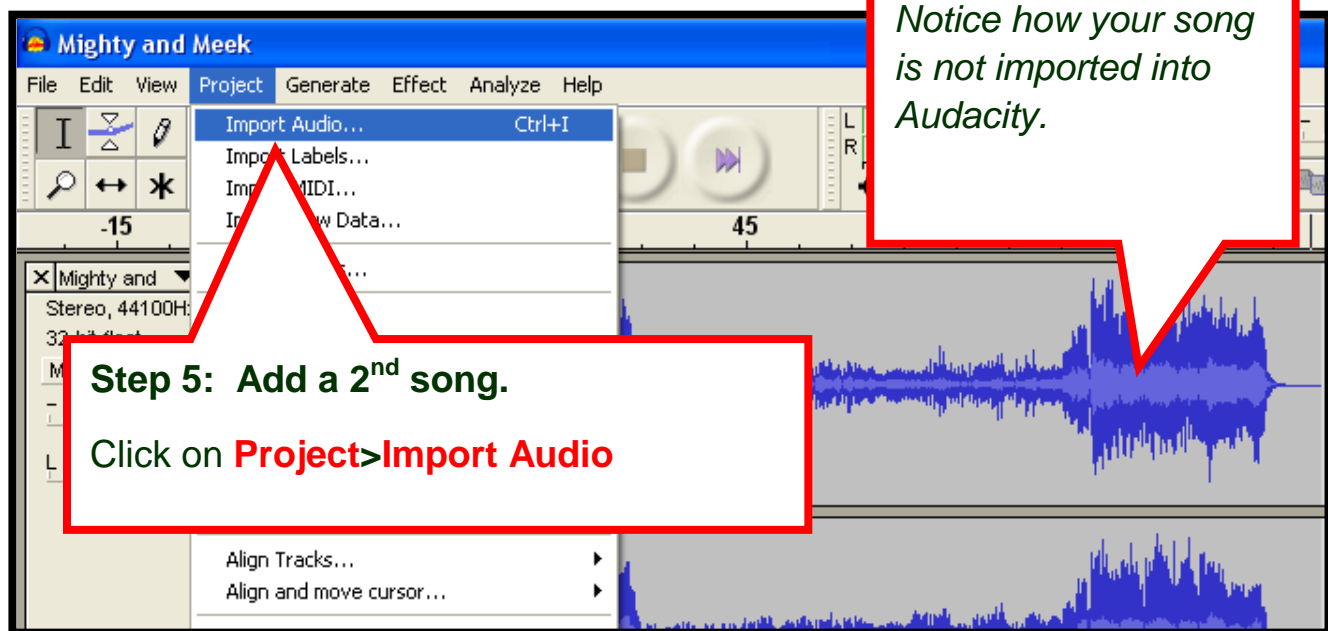
**Step 4:**

Navigate to the music you saved.

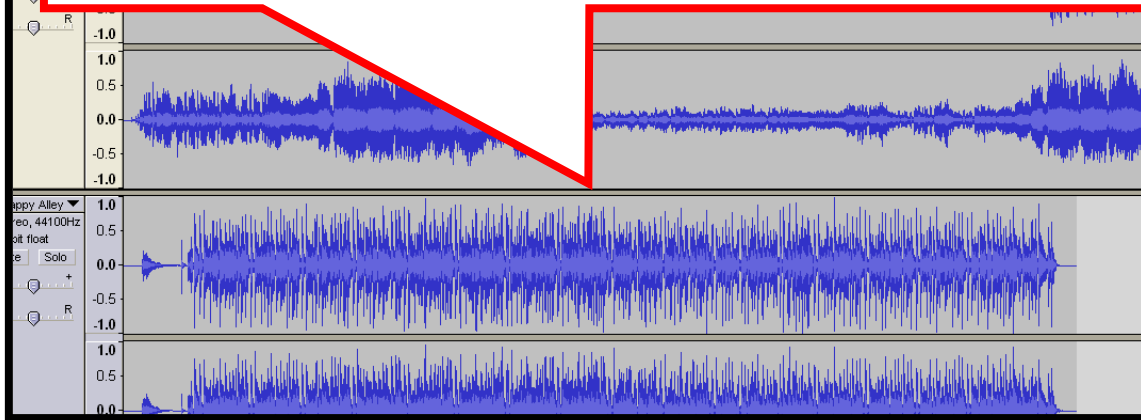
Click on the song and click **Open**

**Note:** The example above shows music that was saved ahead of time in a folder for student use in projects.

- Now you are ready to add either the same song or another song.

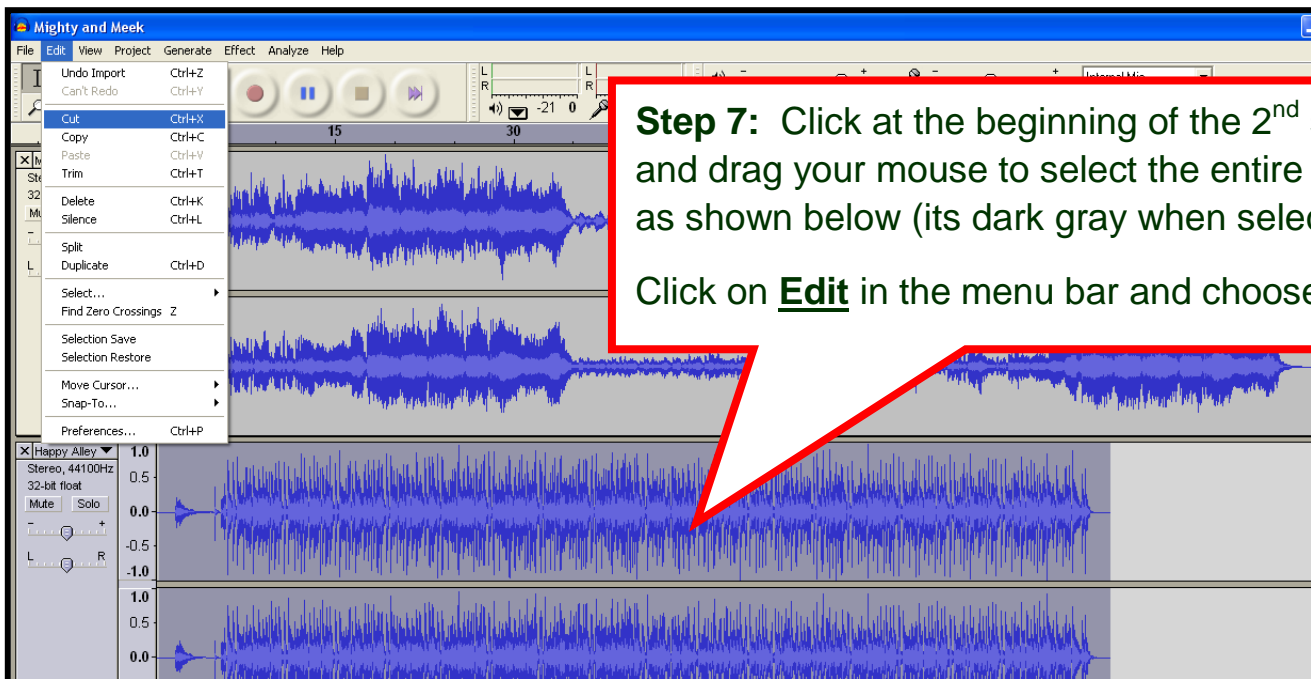


Notice how your 2<sup>nd</sup> song comes up in a different session below. You have 2 separate songs. You will need to cut and paste the 2<sup>nd</sup> song next to the 1<sup>st</sup> song.



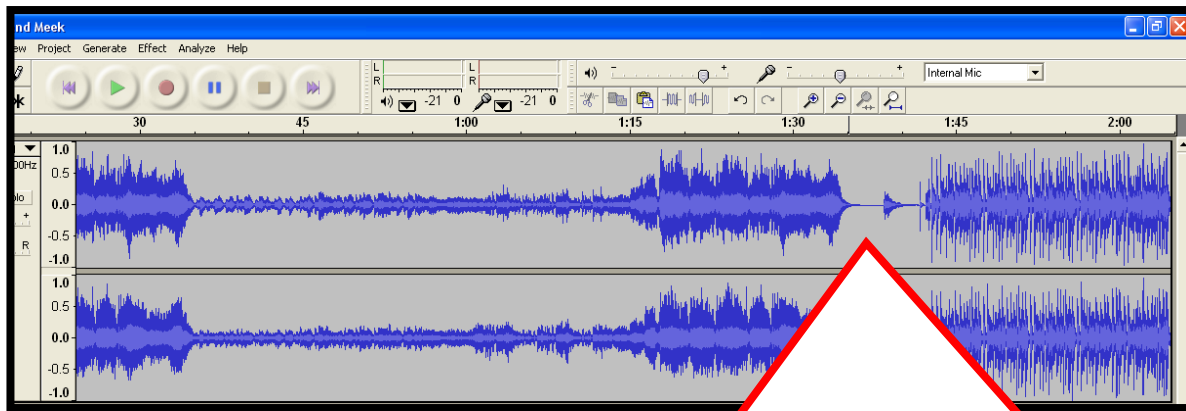
**Step 7:** Click at the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> song and drag your mouse to select the entire song as shown below (its dark gray when selected)

Click on **Edit** in the menu bar and choose **Cut**.



**Step 8:** Click at the end of your first song. You will see a dark black vertical line. Click on **Edit>Paste**





*Notice how both songs are now in the same session (row.)*

**You can add Voice Narration:** You can also use a microphone and record your voice to mix with the music for your video. You can set it to play before, during or after your songs.



Click on the **Red circle** and read your passage.

Click on the **yellow** square icon to **stop**.

Click on the blue lines to pause, press again to resume.

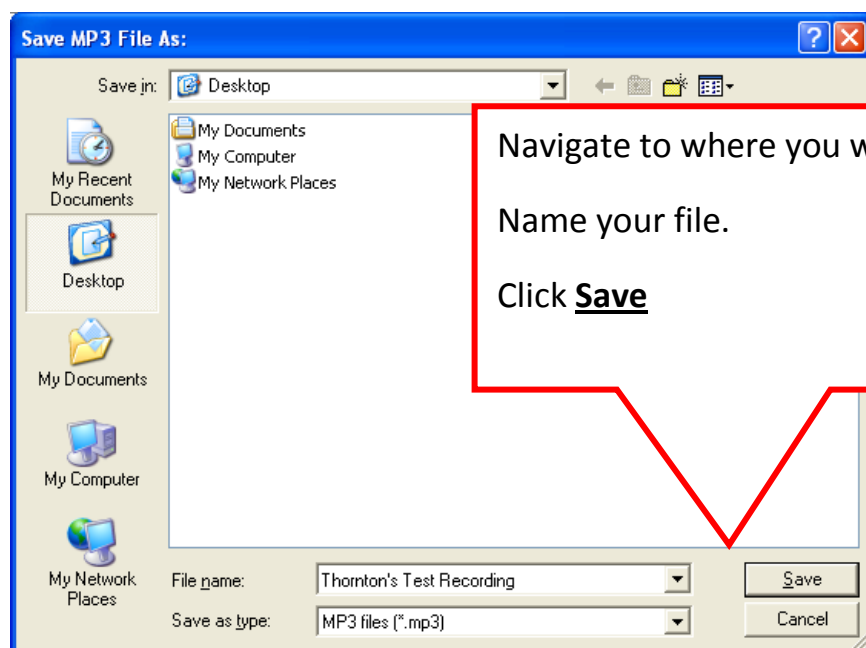
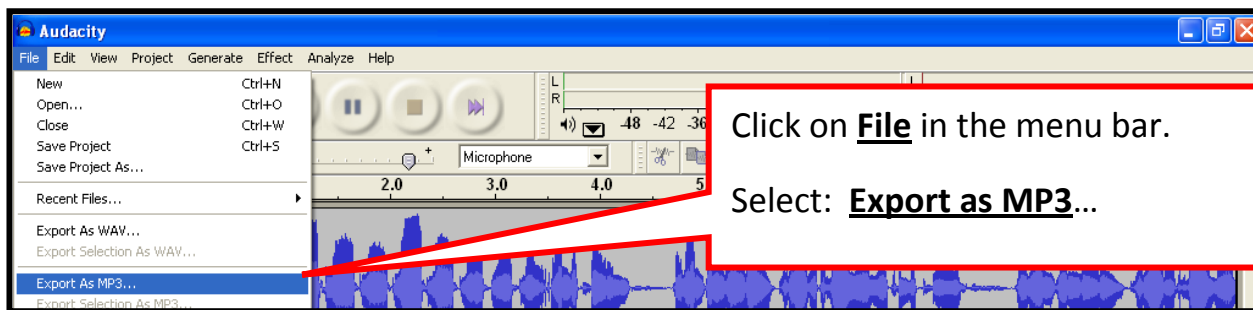
Click on the green arrow to play.

Highlight the selection and drag it beneath the song that you want it to play. Note: You can add this in between your songs as well. Once you bring in all your music and record your voice (if desired) you are now ready to export this as one MP3 file.

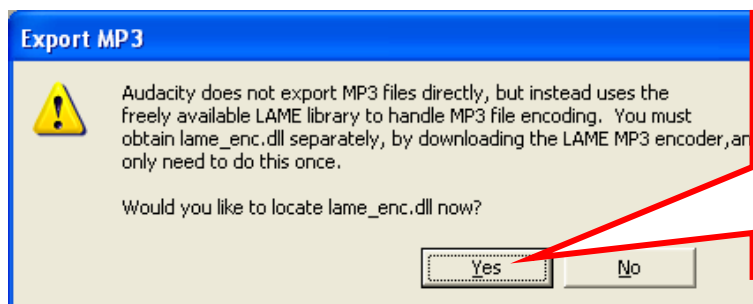
## Export your Recording as an MP3 file

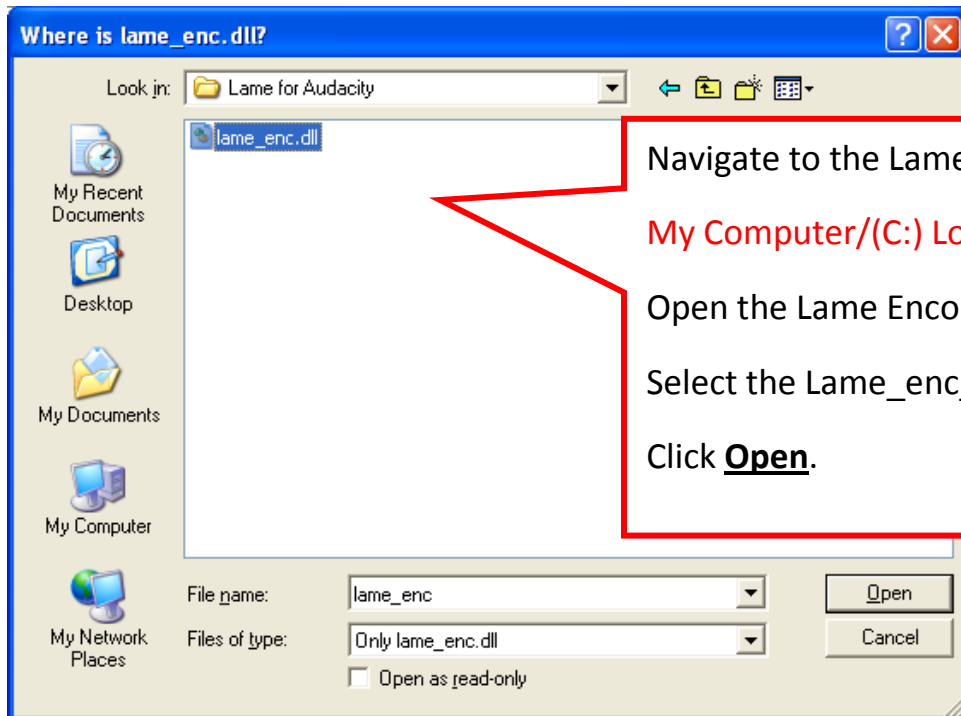
If you are **outside** the district, first download the Lame Encoder so you can export Audacity audio files as Mp3 FILES. <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/windows>

**Inside** the district- machines have the Lame Encoder but you have to navigate and select it the first time you export a file as an MP3 file.



If you get this message and you have installed the Lame Encoder at home or are at school, follow these steps:





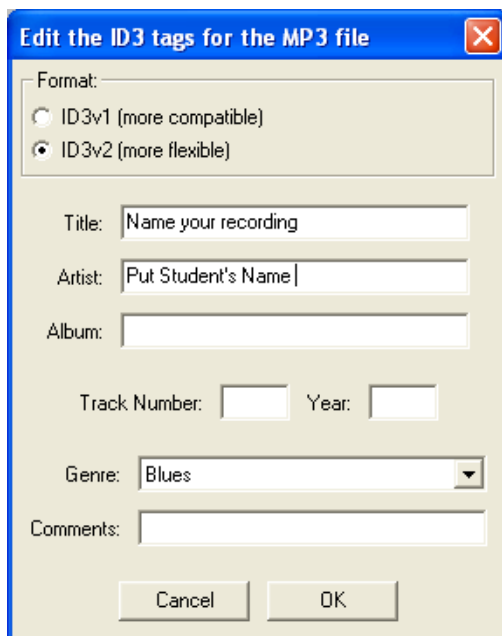
Navigate to the Lame Encoder Folder.

My Computer/(C:) Local Disk /Program Files

Open the Lame Encoder folder.

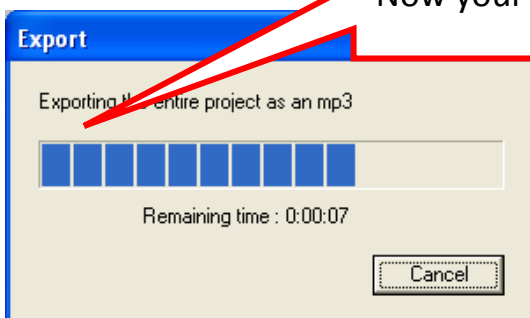
Select the Lame\_enc\_dll file

Click **Open**.



Name your recording here if you want here with more details, but not necessary.

Click **OK**



Wait for the export to complete.

Now your file is saved.

With Audacity still open, locate the MP3 file and play to make sure it turned out like you wanted.

*Meanwhile, it will return you to the recording again (which has already been exported.)*

Now you can go ahead and close Audacity.

**Important Note:**

When you close Audacity- it will ask you if you want to save your changes before closing.

**Say No-** If you don't want to save the recording as an Audacity project in case you want to go back and edit this later.

**Say Yes-** If you think you might want to go back and edit this project by adding more songs or voice.

