

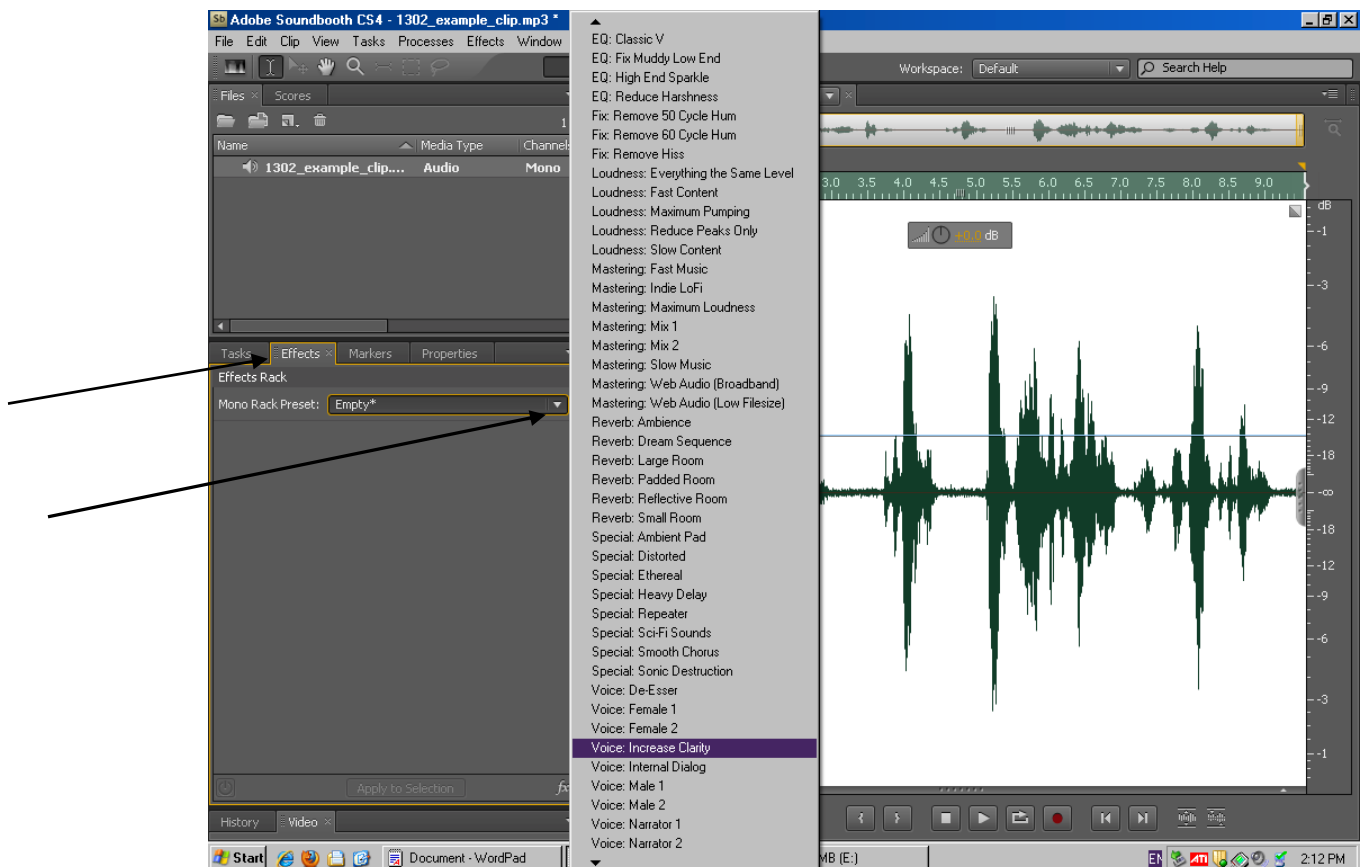
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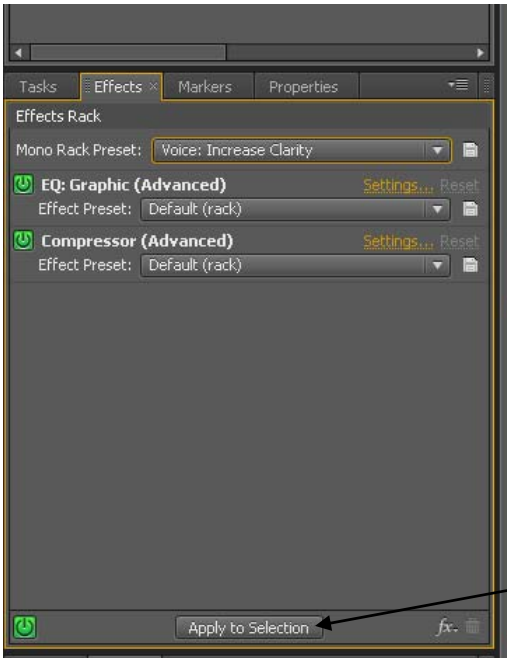
Editing a vocal track to improve clarity

The following was used to improve the quality of a voice recording that sounded muffled. The gentleman has a southern accent and is difficult to understand. Note that many effects were tried. This handout explains how to apply the effects. Which effect or combination of effects to use depends upon your recording. It is best to try effects individually and save each edited track as a separate file. Then preview and compare before making a decision. This handout was written on a Windows XP machine. Soundbooth is also available on the Macs.

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1. From the start menu, select Adobe Web Premium > Adobe Soundbooth CS4
2. Select File > Import. Select file and drag the name of the file into the wave form display panel .
3. Select what to edit. Select Edit > Select All to select entire track or highlight the selection of the track to correct.
4. Select the Effects tab
5. **OPTION ONE:** Press the down arrow under Mono Rack Preset. Select Voice Increase Clarity.





6. For this exercise, the Mono Rack Preset: Voice: Increase Clarity was left at default. EQ:Graphic and Compressor were not changed.

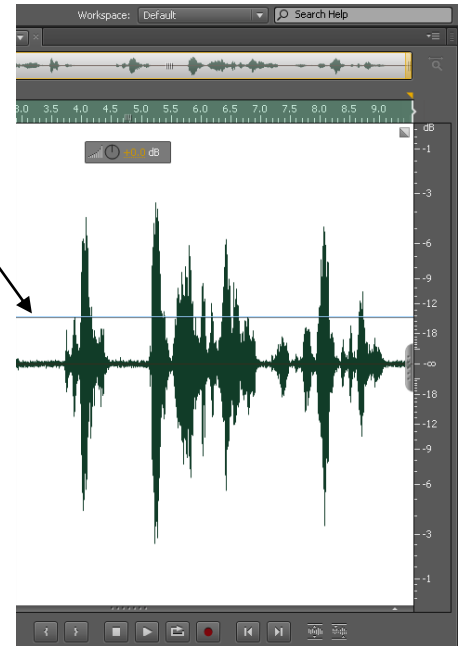
7. Press play at the bottom of the track window to preview.



8. **Reminder:** use the Edit >UNDO command from the top line menu if not happy with the results.

9. Select Apply to Selection when satisfied.

10. Also, try changing the volume. Drag the keyframe ruler (blue horizontal bar) up or down to increase/decrease decibels. Keyframes change audio volume and score parameters over time.



Another adjustment is to select Louder and/or Equalize Volume Levels.

12. When satisfied, select Save As and select a different file name to differentiate this track from the original.

13. OPTION TWO:

14. From the original file, select what to edit.

15. Select the Effects tab

16. Press the down arrow under Mono Rack Preset Voice:Narrator 1 and then try Voice:Narrator 2

17. Repeat steps 7-12.

18. OPTION THREE AND FOUR:

19. From the original file, select what to edit.

20. Right click; select Processes>Hard limit OR try Processes>Normalize

21. Repeat steps 7-12.