Packages - Privacy Issue #3286

[tenacity] Audacity fork minus the spyware

2022-05-14 08:00 PM - gap

Status:	unconfirmed	% Done:	0%
Priority:	bug		
Assignee:			
Category:			

Description

This package is already in the AUR, is popular, and appears to be libre.
It is a fork of Audacity after the relatively recent hostile takeover and series of fiascos, including adding spyware to Audacity and potentially violating the GNU GPL.
I think due to these reasons that it's also likely to replace audacity in the official Arch repos at some point.
(The version of audacity in the repos at the moment is currently unaffected by these issues, but might be once the package is updated, if that ever happens instead of it being replaced by tenacity.)

History

#1 - 2022-05-14 08:06 PM - gap

See also: https://github.com/tenacityteam/tenacity/issues/52

#2 - 2022-09-11 10:48 PM - bill-auger

spyware does not violate the GPL; but it would conflict with the FSDG

IIRC, that was a phone-home feature; and it is optional - i assume that the arch package does not have that anti-feature enabled

#3 - 2022-09-11 10:48 PM - bill-auger

- Status changed from open to unconfirmed

- Tracker changed from Packaging Request to Privacy Issue

#4 - 2022-11-01 05:22 PM - gap

Audacity 3.2 has a "Get more effects..." button in an effects sidebar that links to the Audacity online manual, which itself links to plugins, some of which are nonfree.
There is also a "Share Audio" button on the top bar that links to the https://audio.com service; I have no idea whether this service is SaaSS or raises other freedom or privacy concerns.

https://wiki.audacityteam.org/wiki/Release_Notes_3.2

Added a new Effects button to the tracks menu, allowing you to place realtime effects.
Further information can be found on https://support.audacityteam.org/audio-editing/using-realtime-effects

Added a quick audio sharing feature.
More info can be found on https://support.audacityteam.org/basics/sharing-audio-online

As for Tenacity, it appears to have been deprecated and AFAICT the Audacity package Parabola imports from Arch has the phone-home anti-features disabled at build-time anyway.