

DJs In Reno

Intro Edit Maker PDF

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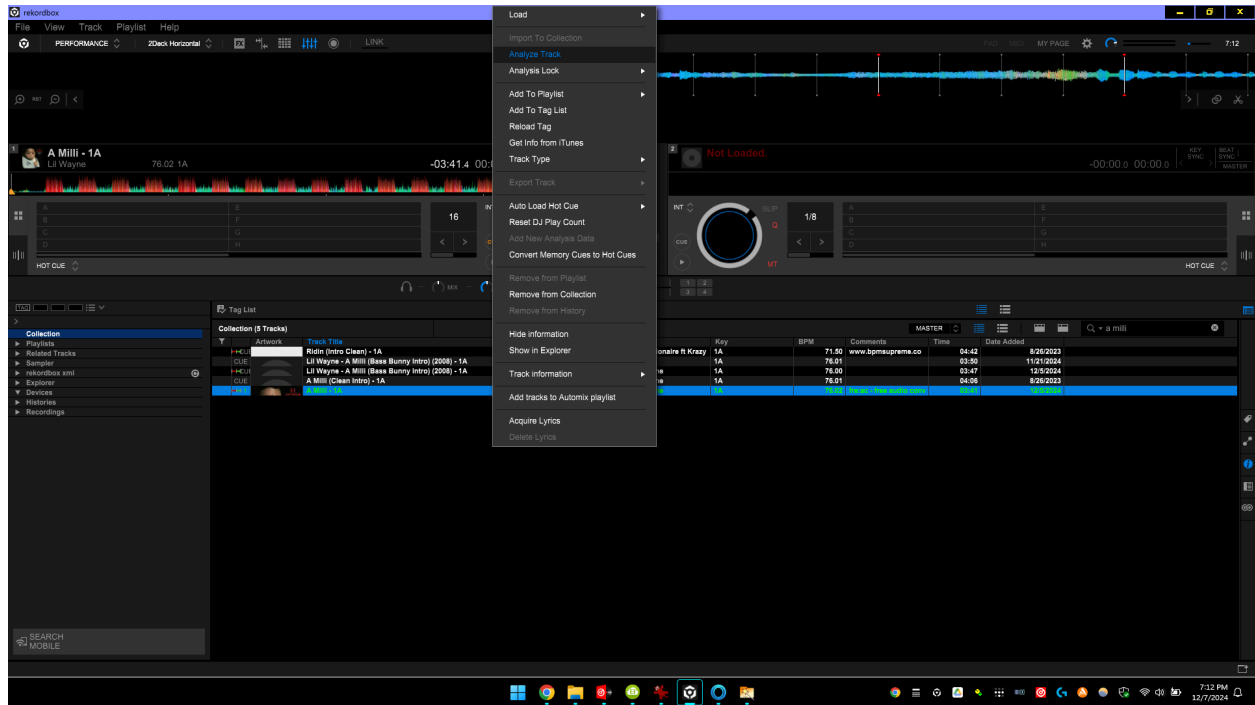
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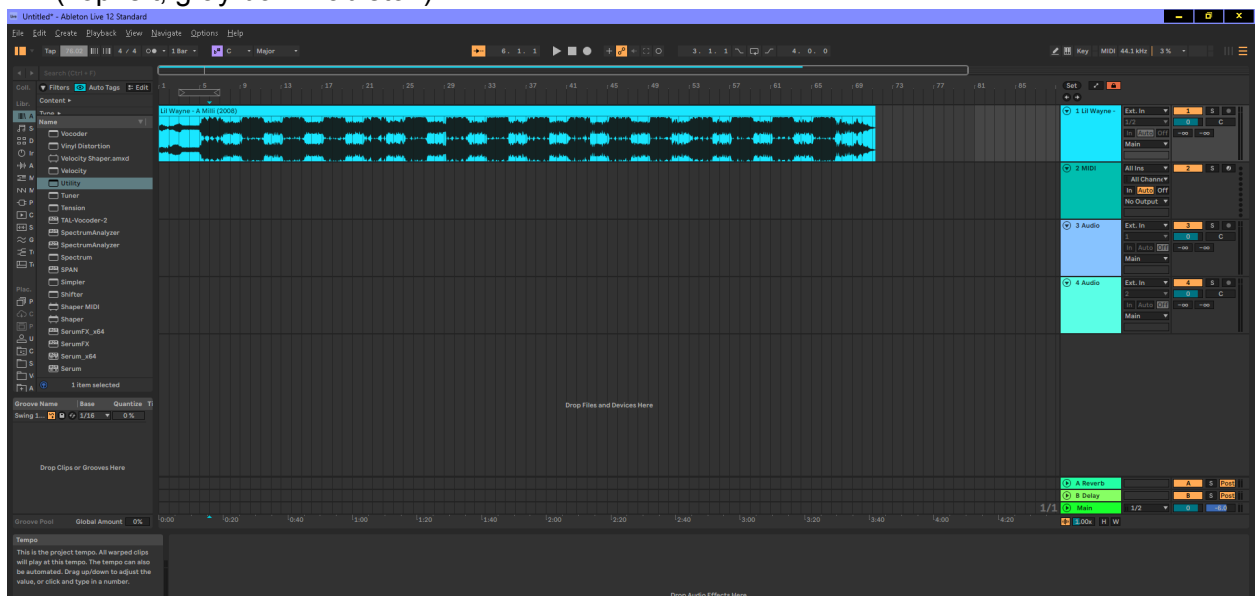
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Step 1: Set up

- Drag and drop your mp3 into rekordbox, Right click to reanalyze the track (Only if the bpm is off).
- In this example, we will be using Lil Wayne - A Milli.
- Ensure that rekordbox is set to analyze the correct pitch range. (48-95 for hip hop / slower bpms, or 70 - 180 for faster tracks like house).
- You will generally know if it's the correct setting if the down beat (snare, clap, etc) falls on the 2nd beat).

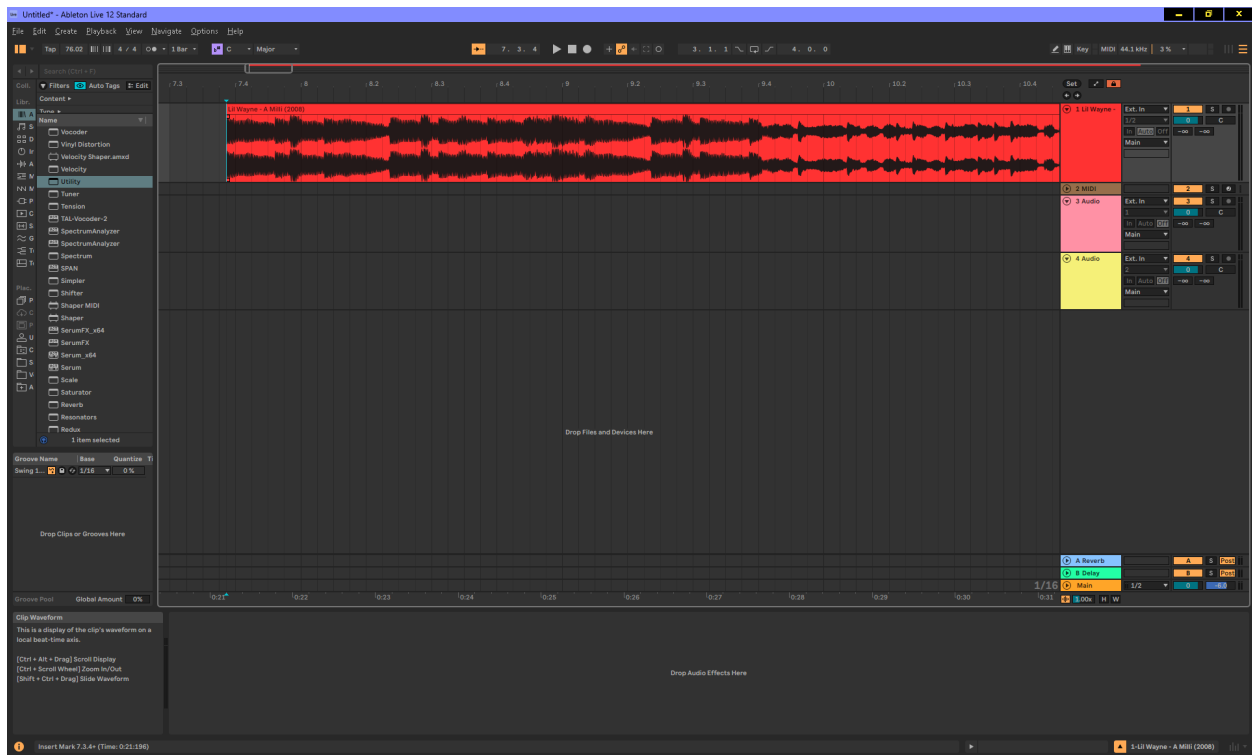


- Next, drag and drop your file into Ableton, and set the Ableton Project Tempo to the Tempo of your mp3 file.
- (Top left, gray box in ableton)



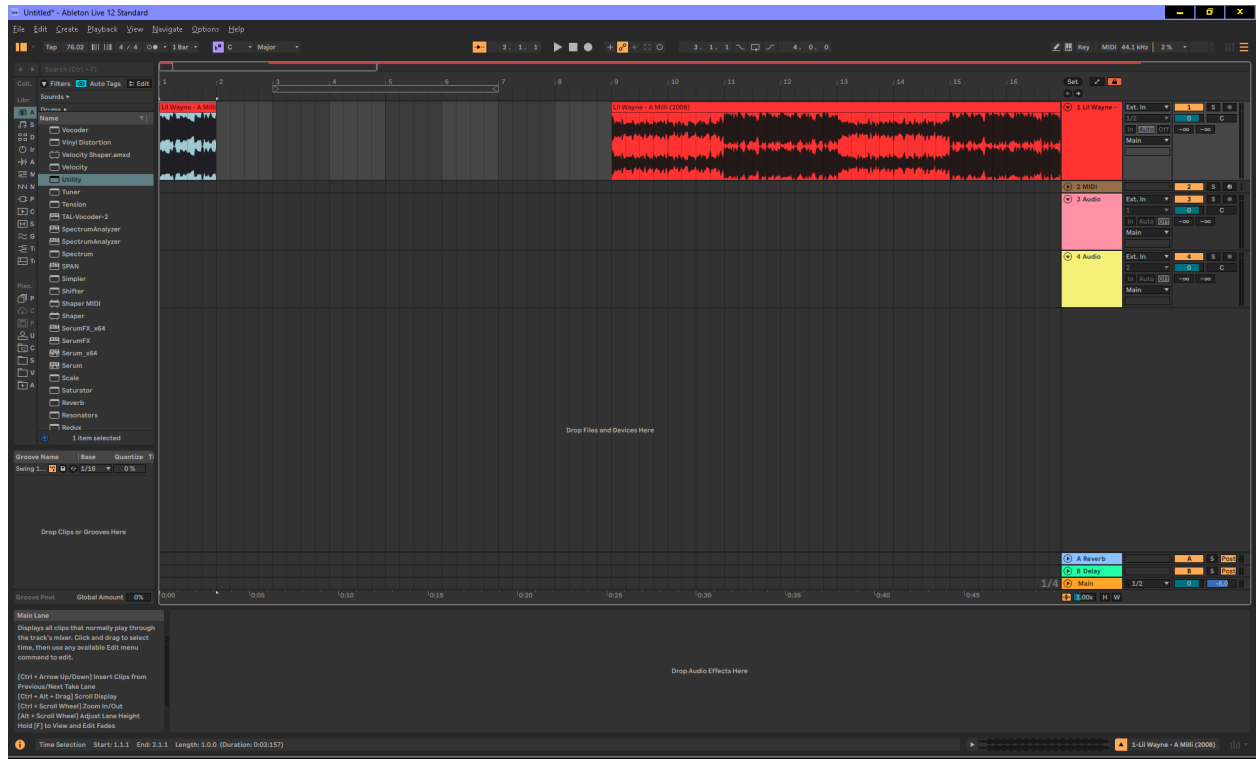
Step 2: Isolate the sample

- Find an instrumental section of the track that we will use to make our DJ Intro Edit.
- This section can be found at any part in the song.
- We want at least one Bar (Four Beats) of sub bass, drums, and instruments, but **no vocals**.
- In this example, the section that we care about is right in the beginning.
- Remove audio before the Transient of 808.
- Drag the left edge of the audio clip to the 1st transient of the 808.
- Be sure to zoom in and get it perfect!



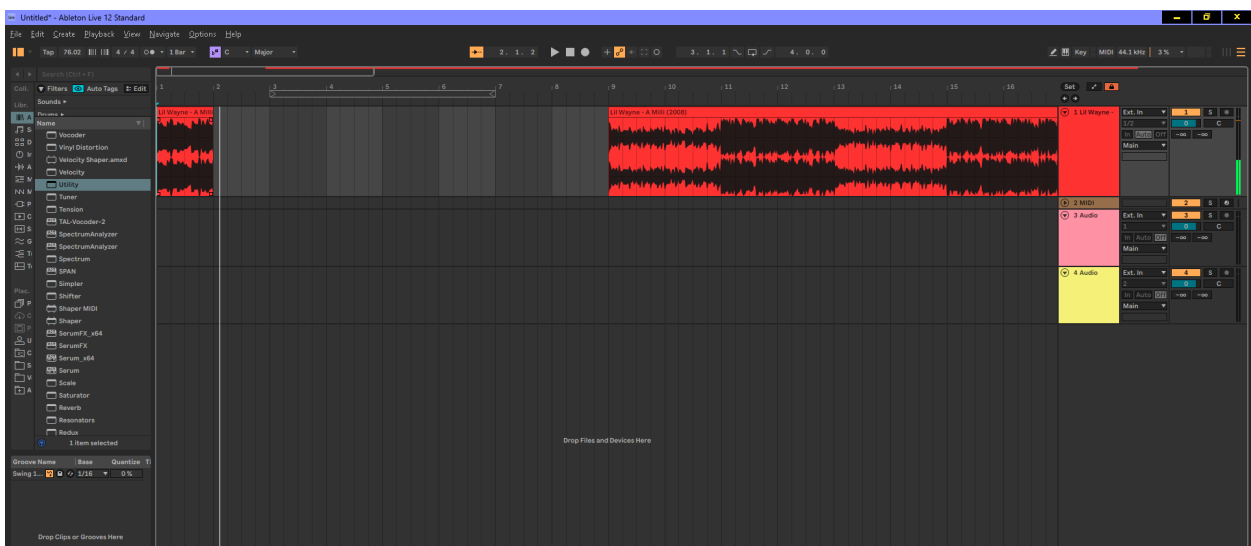
Step 3: Align the Verse with Bar 9

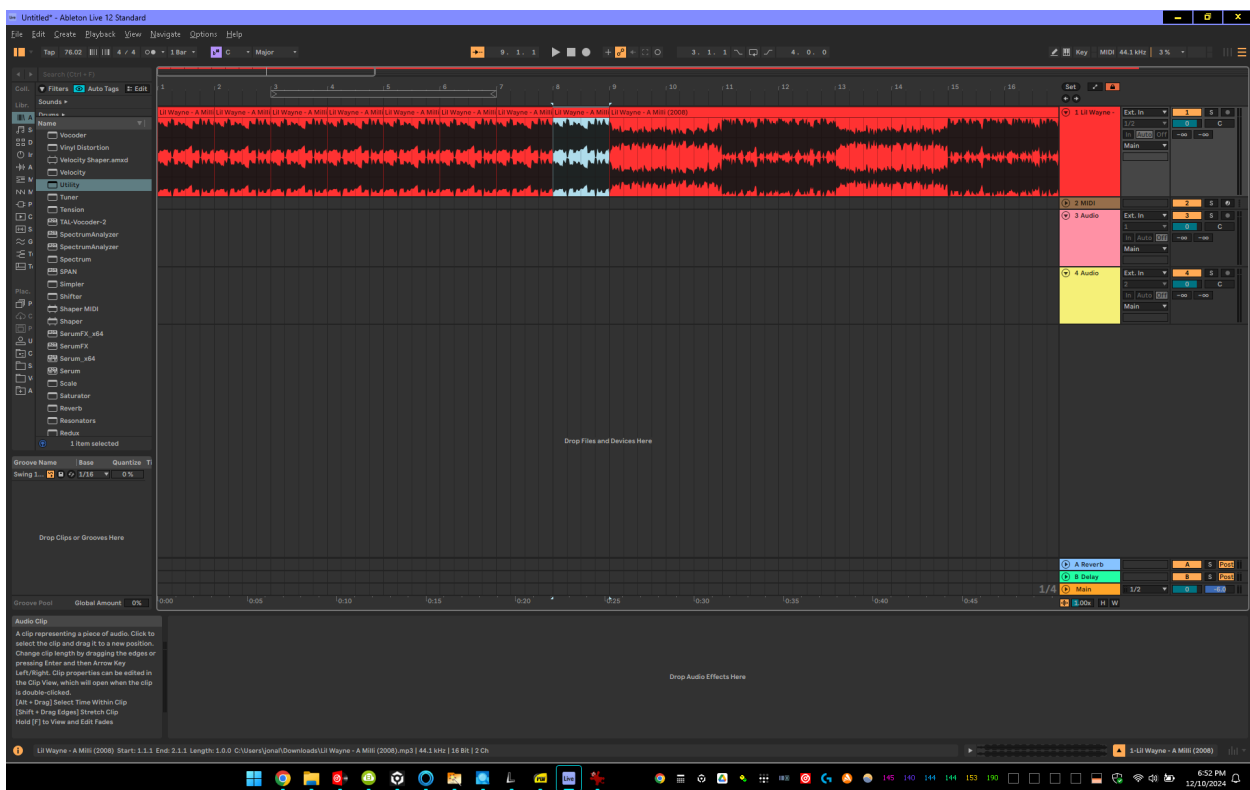
- Since a DJ Intro Edit is 8 Bars long, we want our verse to begin on Bar 9.
- CTRL + E will split clips in Ableton. Simply drag and drop the verse clip onto bar 9.
- Be sure to align the verse perfectly with bar 9.
- Then, drag and drop the 808 intro bar that we isolated in the last step to the beginning of the track.



Step 4: Copy Paste

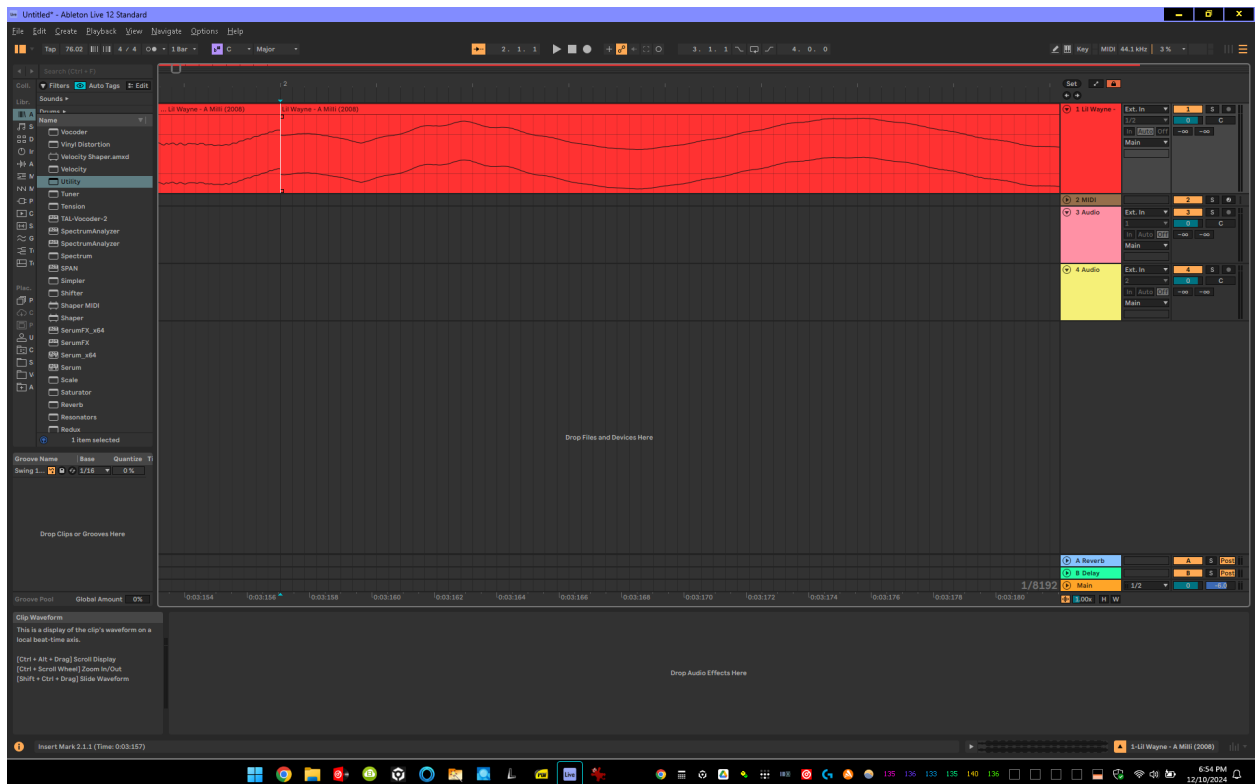
- Select the bar that we isolated in step 2, press CTRL + B to copy + paste up until the Verse!



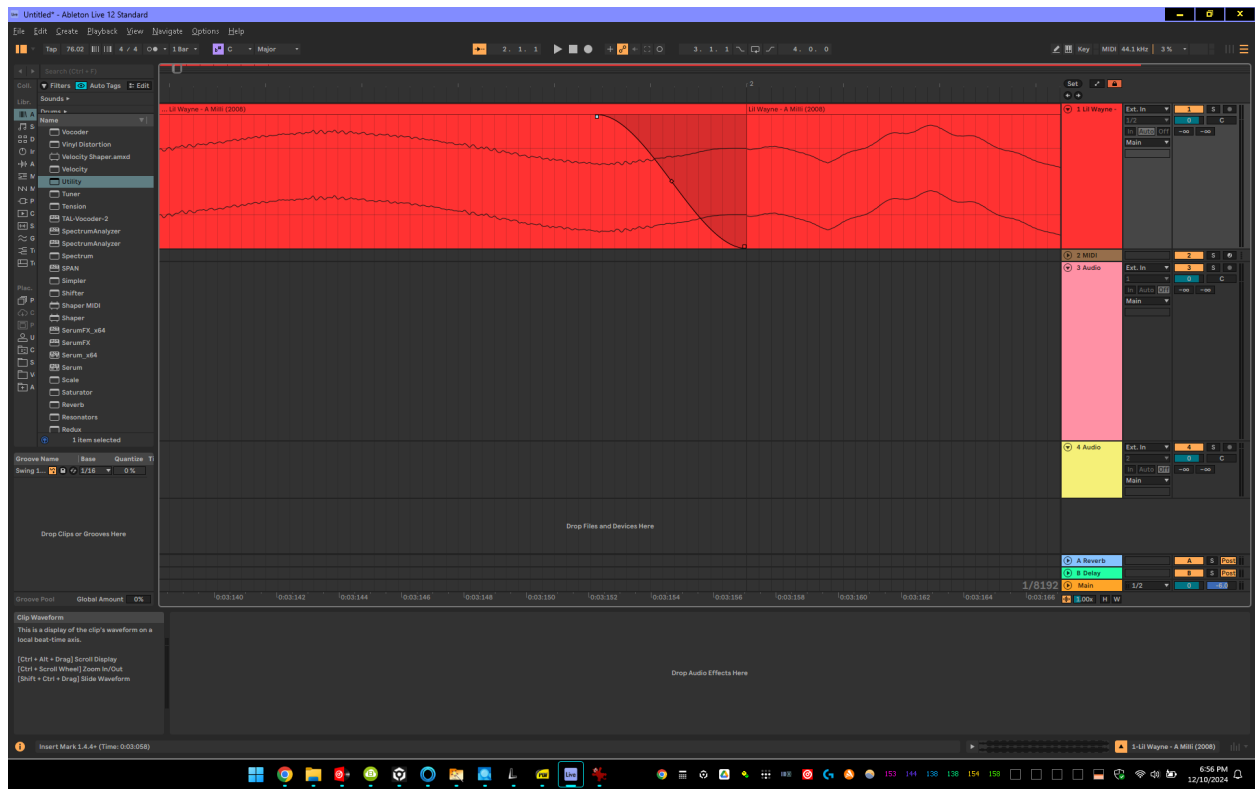


Step 5: Clean Up

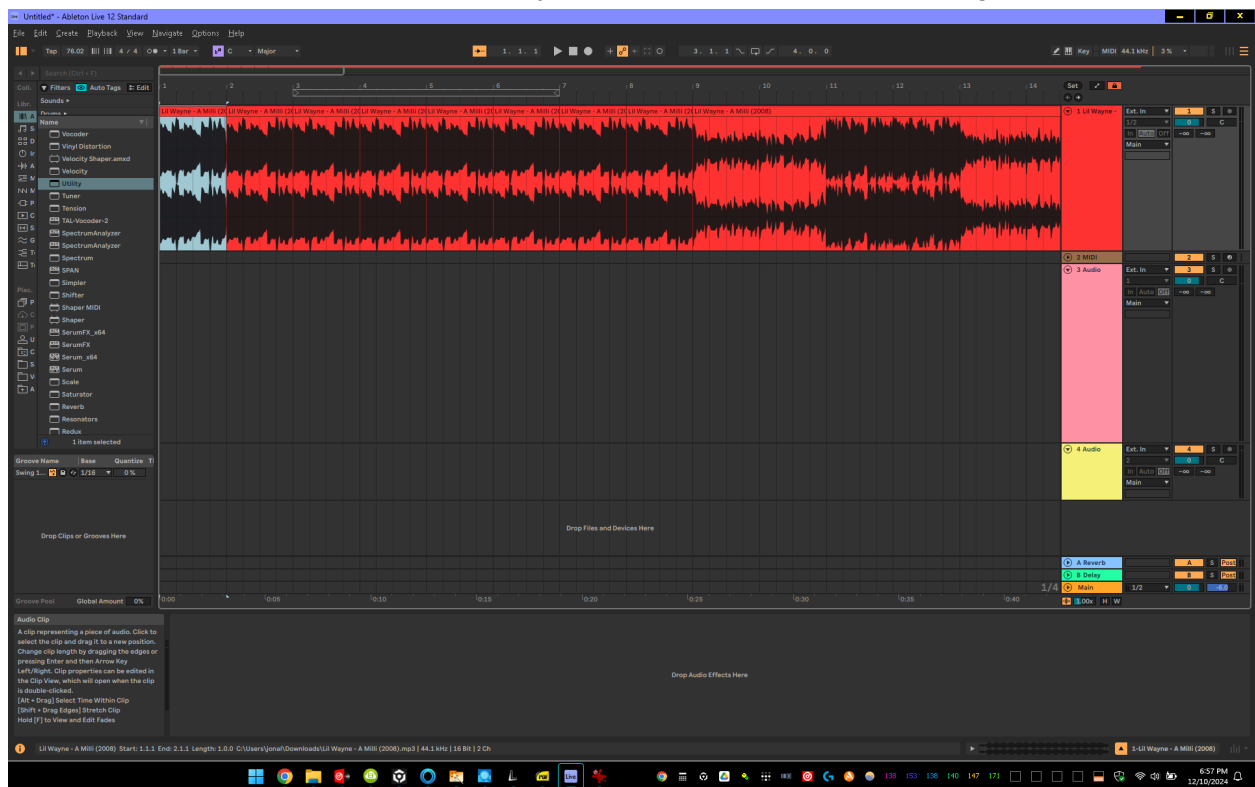
- Zoom all the way into the sample level, where bar 2 begins.

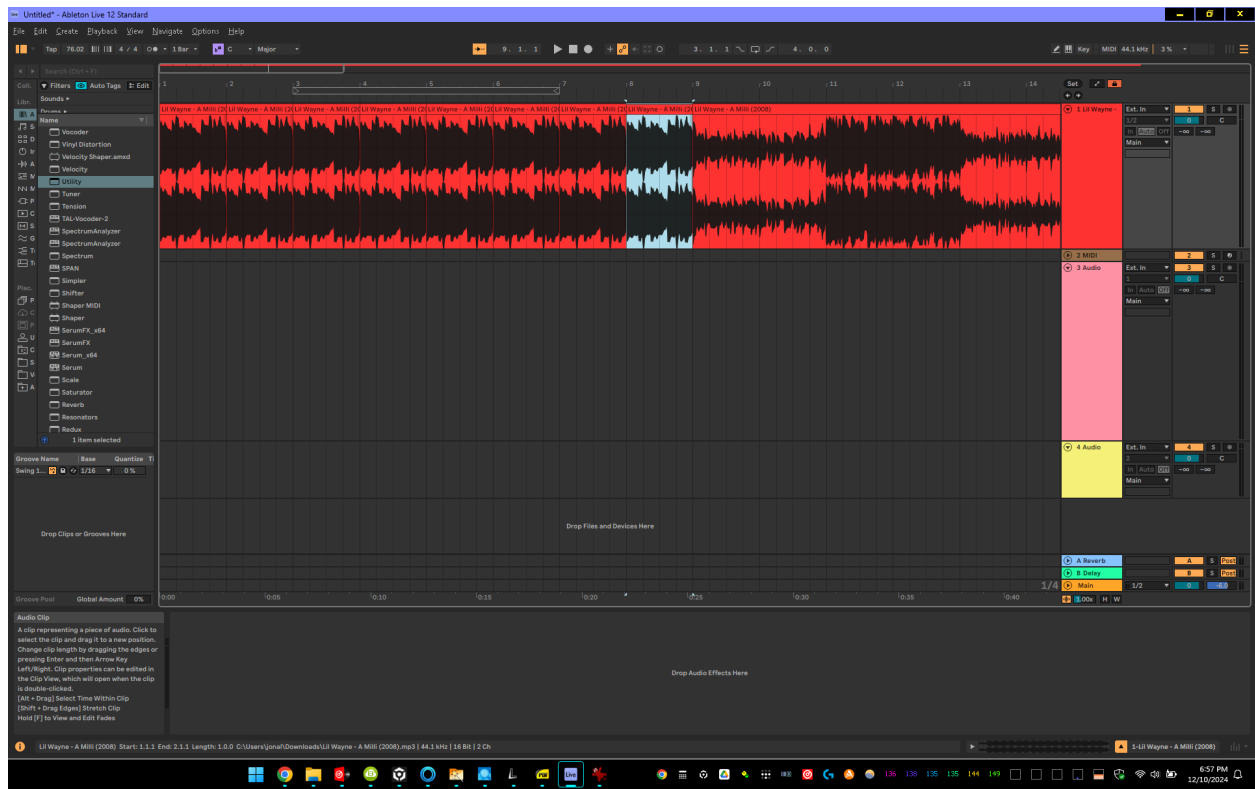


- Notice the little gap in between each bar, creating a small pop.
- Simply drag and drop the transient shaper (little square on top), left a bit into the 1st bar.



- Play this section again to make sure it sounds right.
- Then, Select the 1st bar, and Copy + Paste (Ctrl + B) to the 9th bar again.

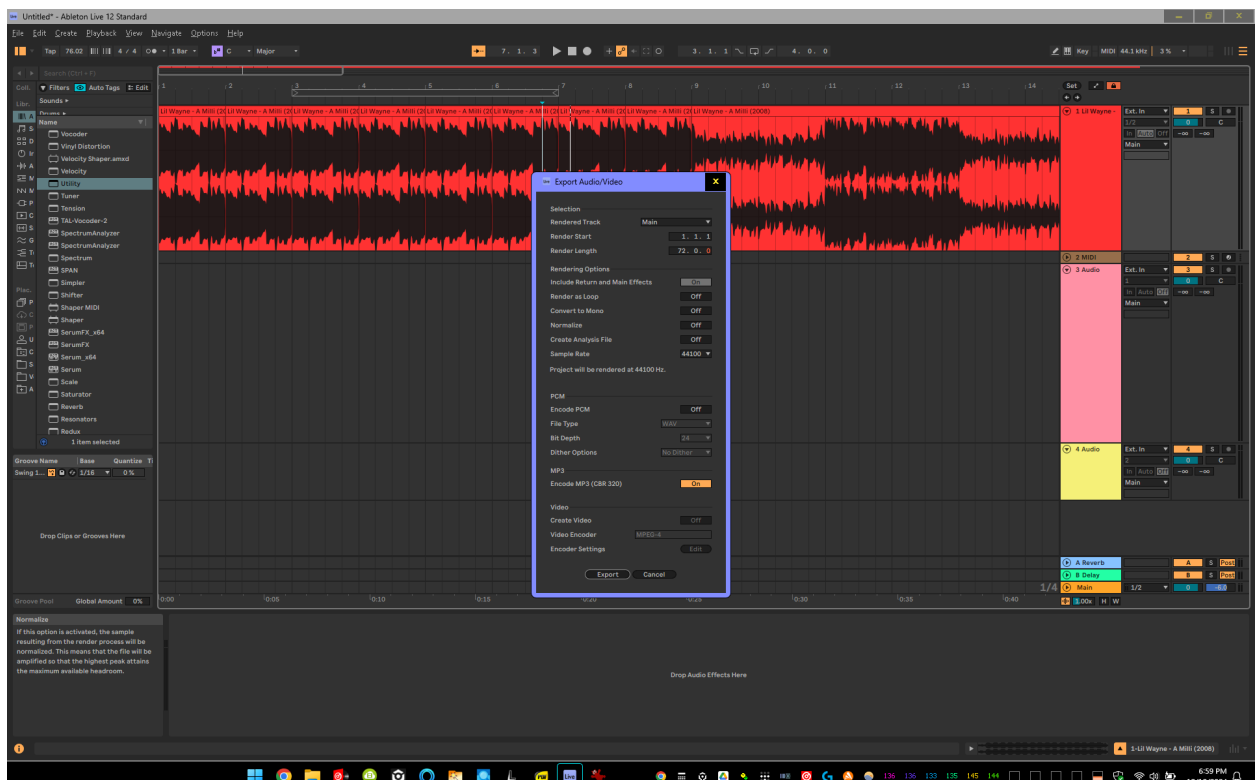




- Now, Play it over again, and make sure everything lines up correctly, and that it sounds good!

Step 6: Export

- Press Ctrl + Shift + R on your keyboard, to bring up the export menu.
- **ENSURE THAT NORMALIZE IS OFF!**



Additional Info:

- Making your own custom intro edits will set you apart from other DJs.
- It will also allow you to have intro edits that no one else has!
- Spek is a great free acoustic analysis tool that will show you the quality of your MP3s.
- This is a great way to test the quality of other intro edits. If you can't find a good one, make your own!
- Thanks for checking out this pdf! Be sure to check out my FREE PDF on harmonic Mixing, also!

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