

Download and setup Audacity for audio recording and editing

1. Download free, opensource Audacity from:

<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>

At the time of this writing, the stable version was 1.2.6

- a. Click the link to Download Audacity for the version you want.
 - b. On the resulting page, click the link to the installer for Windows
 - i. Save the file to your desktop when prompted
 - ii. Once the file is downloaded, double click it from your desktop and follow the instructions for installation
 - iii. Delete the downloaded file from your desktop once you have installed the file
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2. Download free LAME MP3 encoder. Return to the web page displayed in b. above:
 - a. Click on the link that says LAME MP3 encoder
 - b. Click on Go to LAME download page for windows
 - c. Click on any of the Mirror links to download the file
 - i. Save the file to your desktop
 - ii. Double click the file from your desktop and unzip / extract it to a location you can remember (I put mine in C:\program files\audacity).

 3. Point to the LAME MP3 encoder from Audacity
 - a. Run Audacity from Start > All programs
 - b. Click on the Edit menu > Preferences command
 - c. Click on the File Formats tab (if necessary)
 - d. Click on the button named "Find Library" in the MP3 export area of the tab
 - e. Click the Yes button when asked about finding the lame_enc.dll file
 - f. Point the resulting dialog box to the location to which you unzipped the encoder in 2-c-ii above and click the Open button.

Congratulations! You now have Audacity and the related MP3 encoder installed on your computer.