

# How to Download and Install Audacity

## Download Audacity



- 1) You can [download Audacity here](#). Audacity is available for Windows, Mac and Linux. This tutorial is geared towards Windows users, but everything should be similar even if you're on a Mac or using Linux.

*This is the Audacity download page*

- 2) **Choose your operating system** (Windows, Mac, Linux).

- 3) Click on the **Audacity 1.2.6 installer** link at the top of the page (Note: the version number may be higher when you download).

- 4) **Your download should start shortly.** If your download does not start, click on the direct link.

- 5) Now **find the installer** file that you just downloaded and **double-click on it** to start the installation and follow the instructions.

## Download LAME MP3 Encoder

- 1) [Click here](#) to go to the **LAME MP3 Encoder** download page.
- 2) **Click on the link for your operating system** to download this software that works with Audacity to create your MP3 files.
- 3) Click on the link that is called **“Lame V3.98.2 for Audacity on Windows”** or something similar, and the encoder will be downloaded to your computer.
- 4) Open the .exe file and run through the setup.

### How do I download and install the LAME MP3 encoder?

Because of software patents, we cannot distribute MP3 encoding software our encoder to export MP3 files with Audacity.

#### Windows

1. Go to the [LAME download page](#).
2. Under "For Audacity on windows", left-click the link "Lame v3.98.2 for Au on your computer. **Do not right-click the link to the .exe file.**

#### For Audacity on Windows:

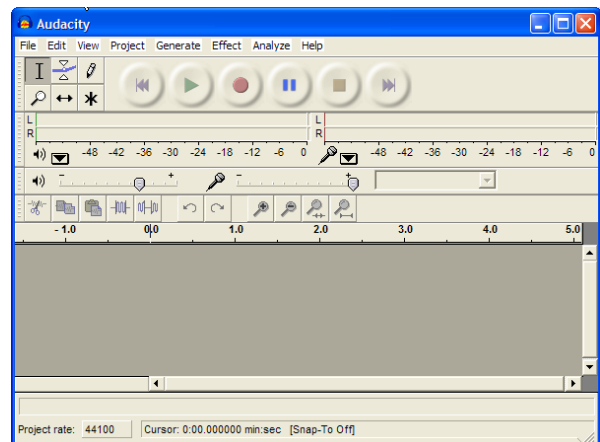
[Lame v3.98.2 for Audacity on Windows.exe](#)

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## Using Audacity

- 1) Open Audacity. If you're using Windows, go to **Start>All Programs>**.
- 2) Now that we've downloaded, installed, and opened Audacity, let's take a look at how to set it up and start recording.



## Recording, Editing, & Adjusting Levels

\*Be patient, these may take a few minutes to load.\*

- 1) See animated tutorial on [Recording Setup](#) 🎧
- 2) See animated tutorial on [The Editing Tools](#) 🎧
- 3) See animated tutorial on [Basic Editing and Trimming Your Audio](#) 🎧
- 4) See animated tutorial on [Saving Your Project and Exporting the MP3](#) 🎧