Opening Audacity and Getting Started

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Open Audacity by going to Start > All Programs > **Audacity.** If you are on a Mac, Audacity will be in your Applications folder.



Audacity Preferences

To change options such as your recording or playback devices, quality of recordings, and more, go to **Edit** > **Preferences**. Most of the time, unless you are using a USB microphone or headset, you will leave the settings as **Default**.

Audacity Preferences	
Audio I/O Quality File Formats Spectrograms Directories Interface Keyboard Mouse	
Playback	
Device: Microsoft Sound Mapper - Output	•
Device: Microsoft Sound Mapper - Input	-
Channels: 1 (Mono)	-
Play other tracks while recording new one Setures Play there why (Play new track while recording a)	
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Cancel	OK

Installing LAME MP3 Encoder

Under the **Preferences** window, under the File Formats tab, you can also locate the **LAME MP3 Encoder**, which will need to be done before you can export your recording as an MP3. Click "**Find Library**" and locate the place where you saved the LAME MP3 Encoder. If you have not already downloaded this, please refer to the "**Downloading and Installing Audacity"** tip sheet.

 Make a copy Read directly f 	it the file before editing (safer) rom the original file (faster)
Uncompressed Ex	Solt Format
WAV (Microsoft),	Signed 16 bit PCM
OGG Export Setup	10
MP3 Export Setup	
MP3 Library Versio	In: LAME v3.98
Bit Rate:	128