**About Audacity**

Audacity is a free, easy-to-use and [multilingual](http://audacityteam.org/wiki/index.php?title=Changing_the_current_language) audio editor and recorder for Windows, Mac OS X, GNU/Linux and other operating systems. You can use Audacity to:

* Record live audio.
* Convert tapes and records into digital recordings or CDs.
* Edit Ogg Vorbis, MP3, WAV or AIFF sound files.
* Cut, copy, splice or mix sounds together.
* Change the speed or pitch of a recording.
* And more! See the complete [list of features](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/about/features).

## Download

Select your operating system to download the latest version of the free Audacity sound editor.

**1.2 Series**

Latest versions:

[**[Windows](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/windows)Windows**](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/windows)   
http://audacity.sourceforge.net/images/download_spacer.png1.2.6

[**[Mac](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/mac)Mac OS X**](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/mac) **http://audacity.sourceforge.net/images/download_spacer.png** 1.2.5 (Intel)  
http://audacity.sourceforge.net/images/download_spacer.pngor 1.2.6 (PPC)

[**[Linux](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/linux)Linux/Unix**](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/linux) **http://audacity.sourceforge.net/images/download_spacer.png** 1.2.6 (in source code)

[**1.3 Series (Beta)**](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/features-1.3-a)

Latest versions:

[**[Windows](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/beta_windows)Windows**](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/beta_windows)  1.3.13  
http://audacity.sourceforge.net/images/download_spacer.png***best version for*** [***Windows 7***](http://wiki.audacityteam.org/wiki/Windows_7_OS) ***and [Vista](http://wiki.audacityteam.org/wiki/Windows_Vista_OS)***

[**[Mac](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/beta_mac)Mac OS X**](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/beta_mac) **http://audacity.sourceforge.net/images/download_spacer.png** 1.3.13 (Universal Binary)   
http://audacity.sourceforge.net/images/download_spacer.png***best version for OS X 10.6***

[**[Linux](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/beta_linux)Linux/Unix**](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/beta_linux) **http://audacity.sourceforge.net/images/download_spacer.png** 1.3.13 (in source code)

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

Follow these instructions to use the free LAME encoder to export MP3 files with Audacity.

### Windows

1. Go to the [LAME download page](http://lame.buanzo.com.ar/).
2. Under "For Audacity on Windows", left-click the link **"Lame v3.98.3 for Audacity on Windows.exe"** and save the file anywhere on your computer. **Do not right-click the link to the .exe file.**
3. Double-click **"Lame v3.98.3 for Audacity on Windows.exe"** to launch it (you can safely ignore any warnings that the "publisher could not be verified").
4. Follow the "Setup" instructions to install LAME for Audacity. Do not change the offered destination location of "C:\Program Files\Lame for Audacity".
5. The first time you choose "File > Export as MP3", Audacity will ask for the location of **"lame\_enc.dll"**. Navigate to "C:\Program Files\Lame for Audacity", select "lame\_enc.dll", then click "Open" and "OK". In Audacity Beta, choose "File > Export", select "MP3 Files" in "Save as type", then export should proceed immediately.
6. If you prefer the Zip option for the LAME download, save the zip file to anywhere on your computer, extract "lame\_enc.dll" to any location, then show Audacity where to find it as in Step 5 above.
7. In case of difficulty, please view our [more detailed instructions](http://audacityteam.org/wiki/index.php?title=Lame_Installation#Windows_Instructions) on the [Audacity Wiki](http://audacityteam.org/wiki/).

### Mac OS 9 or X

1. Go to the [LAME download page](http://lame.buanzo.com.ar/).
2. Click to download either **"Lame Library v3.98.2 for Audacity on OSX.dmg"** or **"LameLib-Carbon.sit"**, according to your operating system.
3. Double-click the .dmg to extract "Lame Library v3.98.2 for Audacity on OSX.pkg" to Finder, or use Stuffit to extract "LameLib" from the .sit (either of these may happen automatically).
4. Double-click the .pkg to install **"libmp3lame.dylib"** in /usr/local/lib/audacity, or save **"LameLib"** anywhere on your computer.
5. The first time you choose "File > Export as MP3", Audacity will ask for the location of "libmp3lame.dylib" or "LameLib". Navigate to that location, then open the file and click "OK". In Audacity Beta, choose "File > Export", select "MP3 Files" in the list of file types, then export should proceed immediately.
6. In case of difficulty, please view our [more detailed instructions](http://audacityteam.org/wiki/index.php?title=Lame_Installation#Mac_Instructions) on the [Audacity Wiki](http://audacityteam.org/wiki/index.php).