

# Audacity Installation Tutorial

Welcome to the Audacity Installation tutorial. In this tutorial we will download and install Audacity and the LAME MP3 Encoder.

- Go to the Audacity homepage at <http://audacity.sourceforge.net>.
- Click "Download Audacity 1.2.4b" link.
- Click "Audacity 1.2.4b Installer".
- You are then directed to a list of servers that host the Audacity installation file. Choose the server closest to your location, in our case, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Click the "Download" link. Make sure that you Save the file in a location where you can find it, such as your desktop.
- Click OK. (Figure 1)

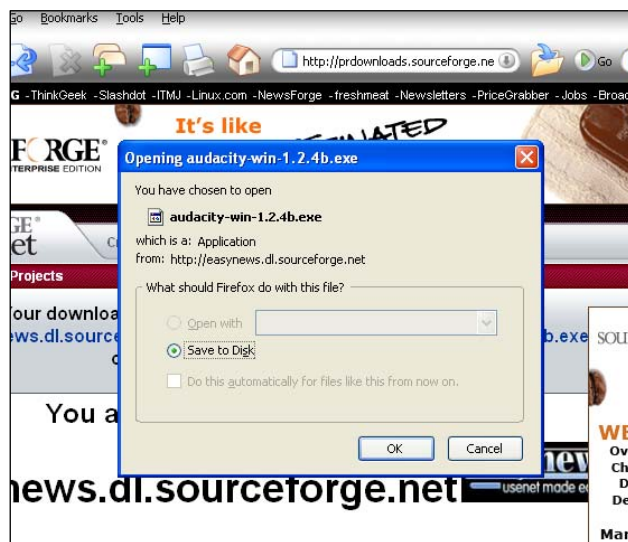


Figure 1

When the download has finished, you need to download the LAME MP3 encoder. A copy of this program is available on the e-Learning Center website.

- Click on any of the links that say "lame-3.96.1" to download the encoder.
- Make sure you have chosen to Save the file to your computer.
- Click OK. (Figure 2)



Figure 2

When your download has finished, click your browser's Close button and navigate to where you saved the Audacity Installer - ours is on the desktop.

- Double-click the audacity-win-1.2.4b installer item.
- The Audacity Setup Wizard opens. Make sure you have closed all other programs before proceeding any further.
- When you are ready to proceed, click Next.
- Click the "I accept the agreement" radio button.
- Click Next.
- An information page comes up. Click Next.

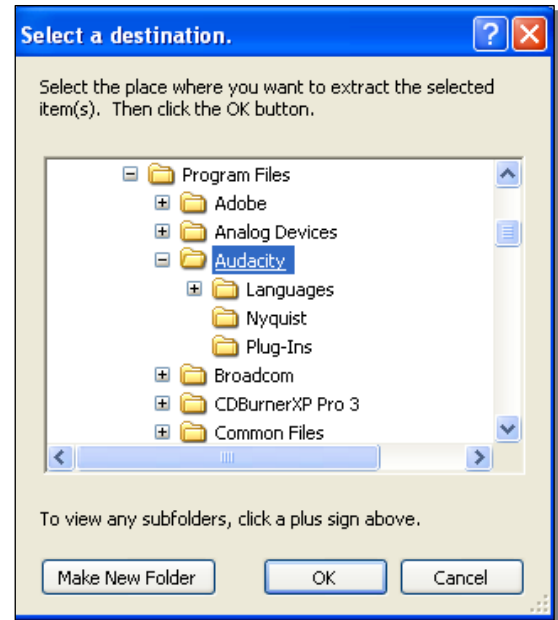
The Setup Program allows you to choose where Audacity will be installed. For convenience, just use the default location. Click Next.

The installation allows you to choose whether to add an icon to your desktop or not. Uncheck this box if you do not want an icon added to your desktop. Under Other Tasks, leave the box to Associate Audacity project files checked.

- Click Next.
- Click Install.
- Click Finish to launch Audacity.

Now let's install the LAME mp3 encoder.

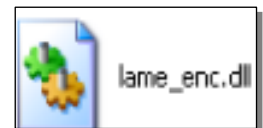
- Minimize Audacity and navigate to where you saved the LAME Encoder Zip File.
- Right Click the lame-3.96.1 zip file.
- Select the Extract All... menu item.
- Click Next.
- Click Browse.
- Click the Expand button next to My Computer.
- Click the Expand button next to the Local Disk (C).
- Click the Expand button next to Program Files.
- Click the Folder Icon titled Audacity to select the Audacity folder. (Figure 3)
- Click OK.
- Click Finish.



**Figure 3**

The Audacity folder opens. If you see this lame\_enc.dll in the folder, you know the extraction worked properly. (Figure 4)

- Click the Close button.
- Switch back to Audacity and select the Edit menu.
- Select Preferences.
- Select the File Formats tab.
- Click the Find Library button. You'll see a message about Exporting an MP3 and "Would you like to locate lame\_enc.dll now?"
- Click Yes. You will only have to do this once on your computer.
- Click My Computer.
- Double-click the Local Disk (C:) item.
- Double-click the Program Files folder.
- Double-click the Audacity folder.
- Select the lame\_enc.dll item.
- Click the Open button.
- Click OK. Audacity can now use the LAME Encoder to export MP3s.



**Figure 4**

Congratulations! You have now fully installed Audacity and the LAME MP3 Encoder. You can go back and delete the Audacity Installation File and the LAME 3.96.1 zip folder as they are no longer needed.