

# Using Audacity

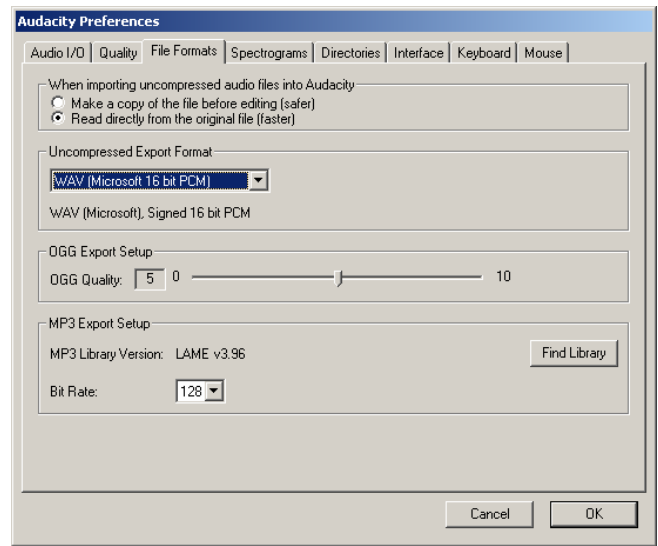
**Step 1: Download Audacity**, a cross-platform free sound editor, from <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>.

Windows - <http://snipurl.com/1wx46> / Apple <http://snipurl.com/1wx49>

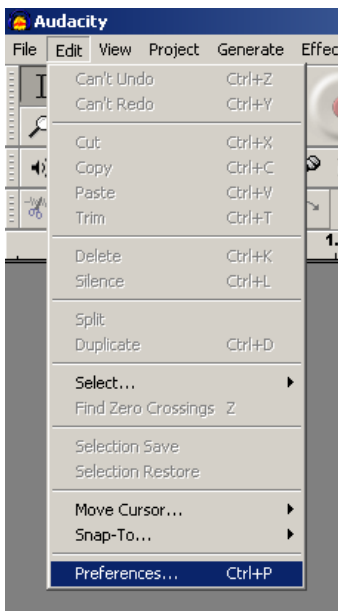
**Step 2: Download the LAME 3.96.1 MP3 encoder** at <http://snipurl.com/1wx41>

## Directions for installing and accessing the LAME library:

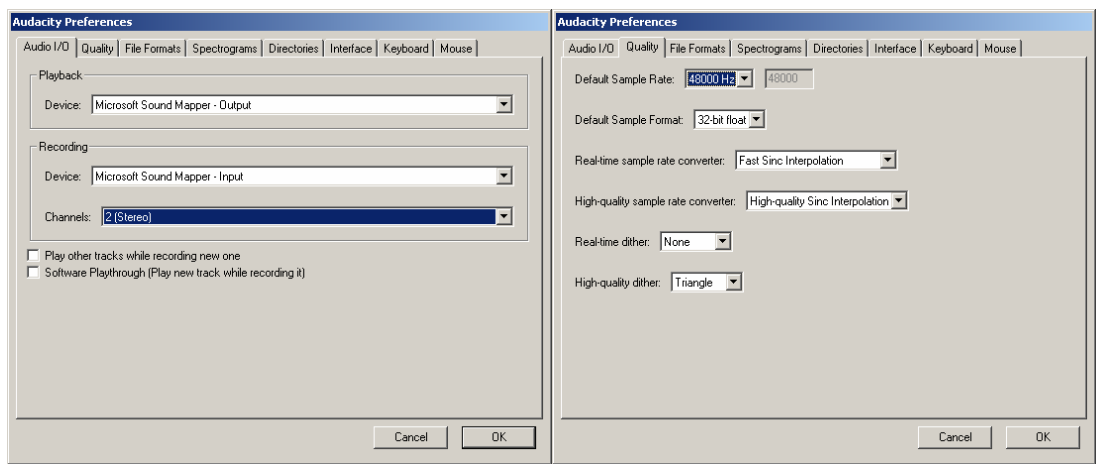
- Download the archive file from the site above, and open it in a utility like winzip, 7-zip, or some versions of Windows Explorer
- Take the lameenc.dll file and extract (uncompress) it to a directory on your hard drive. The directory where you installed Audacity would be a good idea. This is probably C:\Program Files\Audacity or similar.
- Open Audacity and go to Edit > Preferences.
  - Go to the 'File Formats' tab.
  - In the bottom of the window there is a section tabled 'MP3 Export Setup'.
  - Click on the link tabled 'Find Library'
  - This will ask you if you want to locate the lame encoder. Click 'yes'.
  - In the dialogue box, go to the folder where you put the lame-enc.dll file earlier, and select it.
  - Click OK.
- You should now be able to export files to the mp3 format.



## Step 3: Setting Preferences



1. Go to Edit > Preferences.
2. On the **Audio I/O** tab, select 2 (Stereo) Channels.
3. On the **Quality** tab, use 44100Hz as the default sample rate.

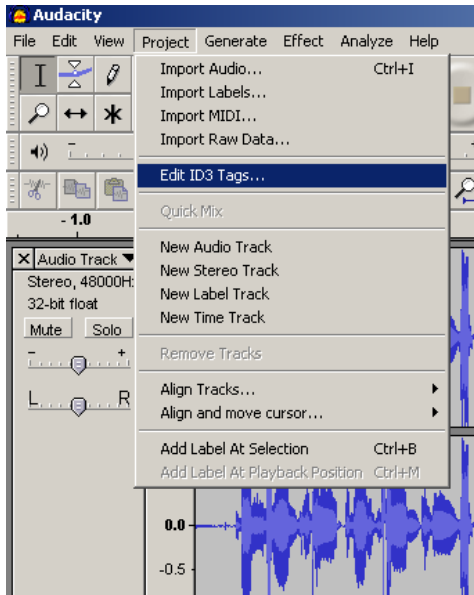


## Step 4: Learning how to use Audacity

Visit any one of the following sites to learn how to import, record, and edit audio files.

- Audacity Tutorial <http://snipurl.com/1wx4b>
- University of Wisconsin Madison Editing with Audacity <http://snipurl.com/1wx4h>
- How to Podcast with Audacity <http://snipurl.com/1wx4q>

## Step 5: Setting up your audio file for MP3 exporting



1. Go to Project > Edit ID3 Tags . . .
2. Fill out the Edit ID3 Tags (for MP3 exporting) information. Be sure to have ID3v2 selected.
3. Go to File > Export as MP3

