

## Configure Audacity to use your sound card

### Identify your sound card

Audacity by default uses the “Microsoft Sound Mapper™” to play and record sound. You will need to replace the default setting by identifying your sound card in the I/O preference settings.

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1. Double click on the Audacity desktop icon to Open Audacity.
2. Locate and click on the Edit Menu Option.
3. Open the Preferences option at the bottom of the Edit menu list.
4. Locate and Click on the Audio I/O menu tab on the Preferences window.
5. Click the down arrow under the heading Playback.
6. Choose your Sound Card from the list -  
(Note: most computers have only one sound card, but some have two. Choose the active sound card – you can identify the active card by looking in Sounds, Speech, and Audio Devices in Control Panel on your computer.)
7. Click the down arrow next to Device under the heading Recording.
8. Choose your Sound Card from the list -  
(Note: If you use a USB Microphone choose it instead.)
9. Click the down arrow next to Channels under the heading Recording.
10. Pick 2(Stereo) for the best recording quality.
11. Check the box next to – Play other tracks while recording new one.
12. Click OK – to close the Audio I/O preferences window.

**Audacity is configured to use LAME to export files in the MP3 audio format**