

# Installing Audacity and LAME



When you utilize Audacity, you will need to download both the Audacity .exe and the Lame add-on. The reason for downloading Lame is that Audacity, while it is an excellent sound editing program, does not have the ability to create MP3 files on its own. Rather, it creates WAV files.

- **Why use MP3 files instead of WAV files?**

The advantage of MP3 files—as opposed to WAV files—is that they are not as large as other audio file formats, which make them easier to transport or upload to your online course. They are also the primary file format for Audio Podcasting, so if students are listening to a Podcast, it will have to be in MP3 format. The free Lame encoder provides Audacity with the ability to create MP3 files.

# Download Audacity and LAME

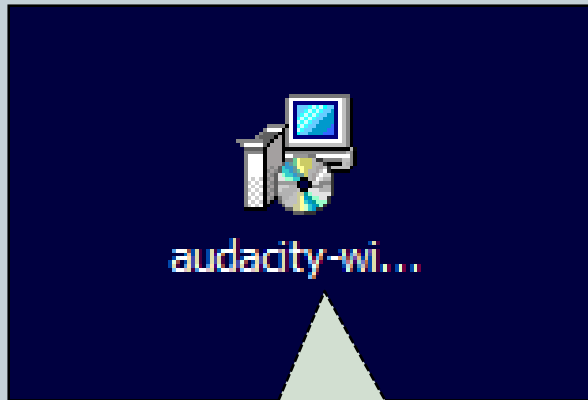


- **Download Audacity and LAME Files to the Computer Desktop**
  1. Download Audacity “for Windows 98/ME/2000/XP/Vista” from:  
<http://Audacity.sourceforge.net/download/windows>  
Filename: Audacity 1.2.6 installer (or newer)
  2. Download LAME “For Audacity on Windows” from:  
<http://lame.buanzo.com.ar/>  
Filename: libmp3lame-win-3.97.zip (or newer)

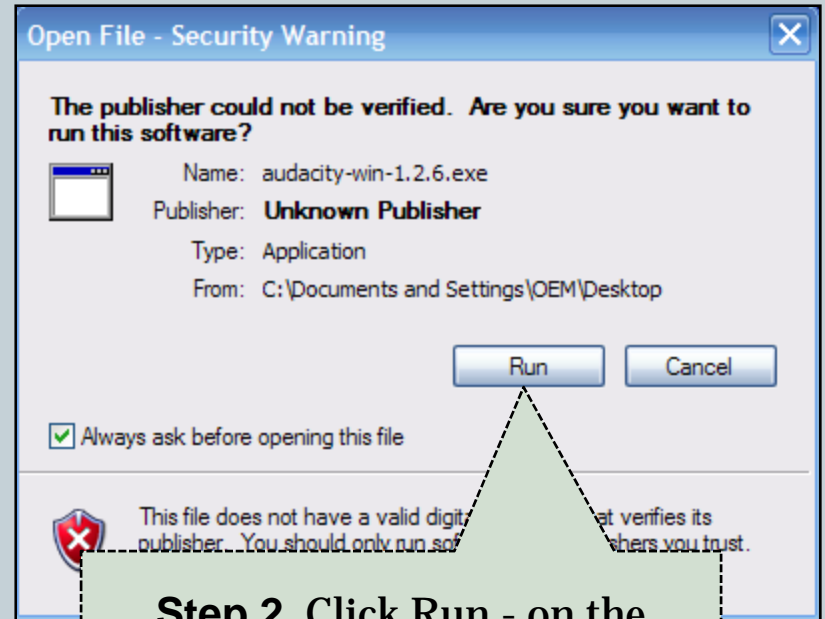


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**Step 1.** Double click on the Audacity 1.2.6 installer.

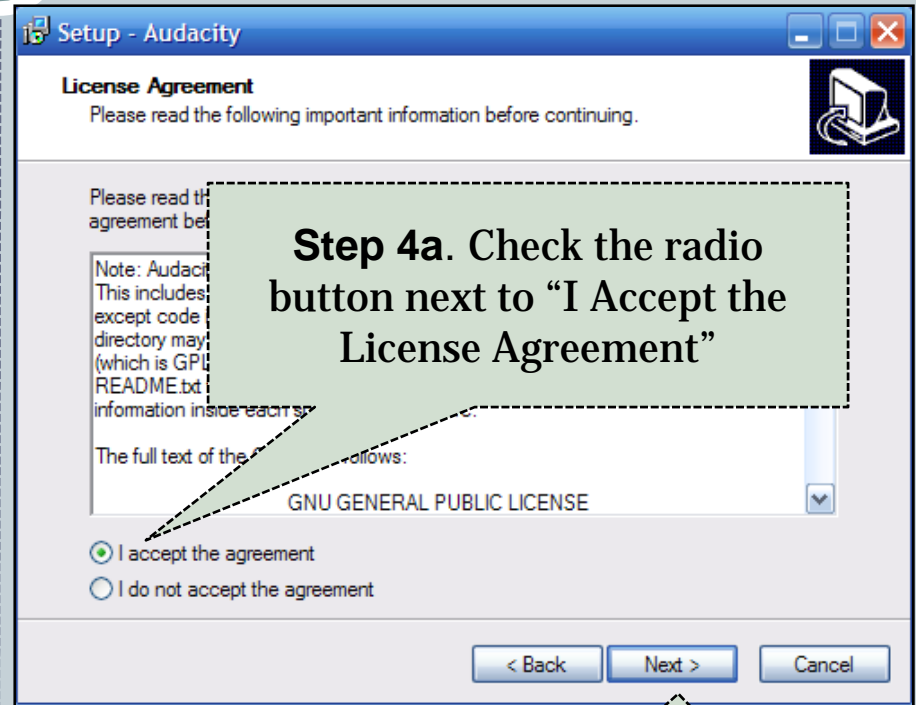


**Step 2.** Click Run - on the "Open File- Security Warning" prompt.

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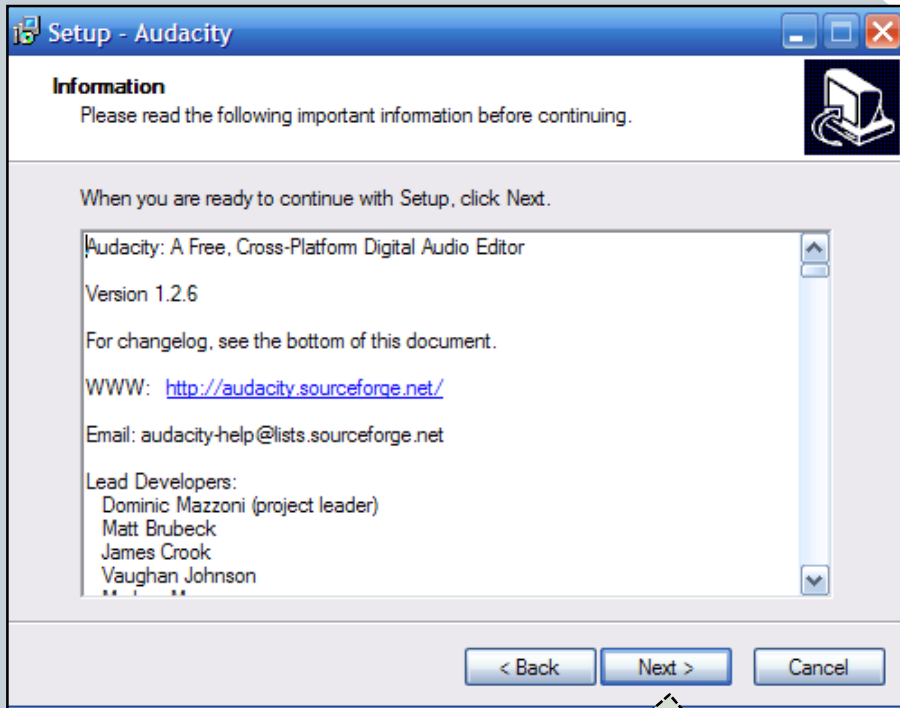


**Step 3.** Click Next - on the "Setup – Audacity" window.

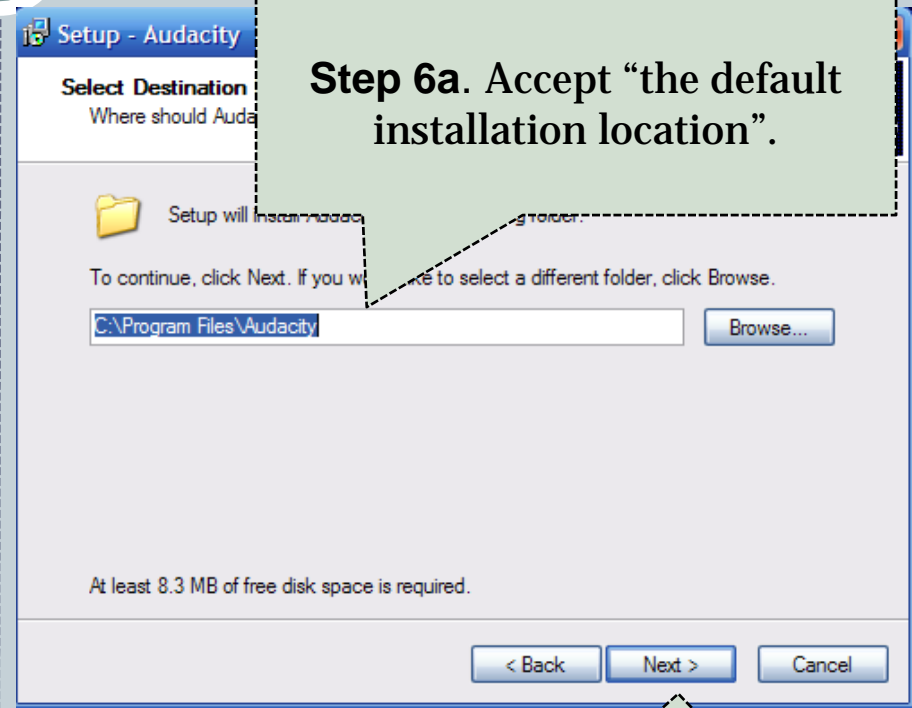


**Step 4b.** Click the Next

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**Step 5. Click Next - on the "Information" window.**



**Step 6b. Click the Next**

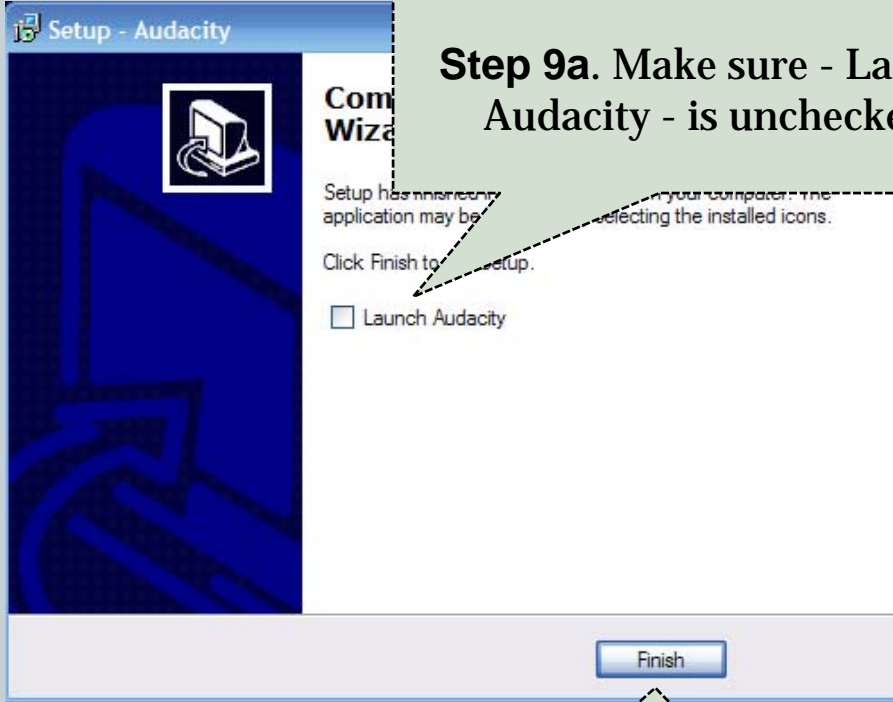
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**Step 7a. Make sure both boxes are checked.**

**Step 7b. Click the Next**

**Step 8. Click Install**

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**Step 9a. Make sure - Launch Audacity - is unchecked.**

**Step 9b. Click Finish**

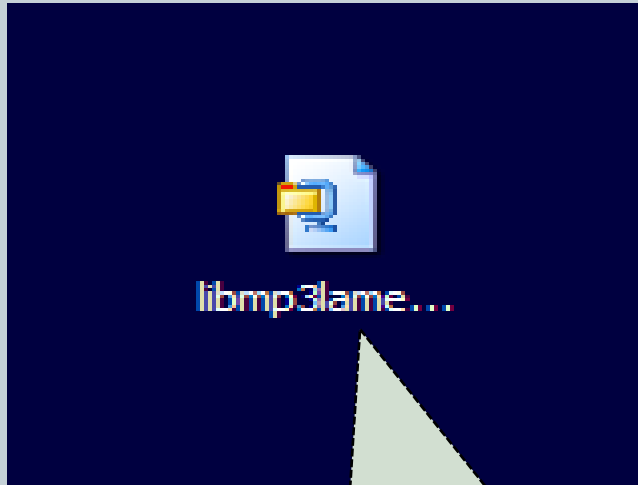


**Audacity Desktop Icon**



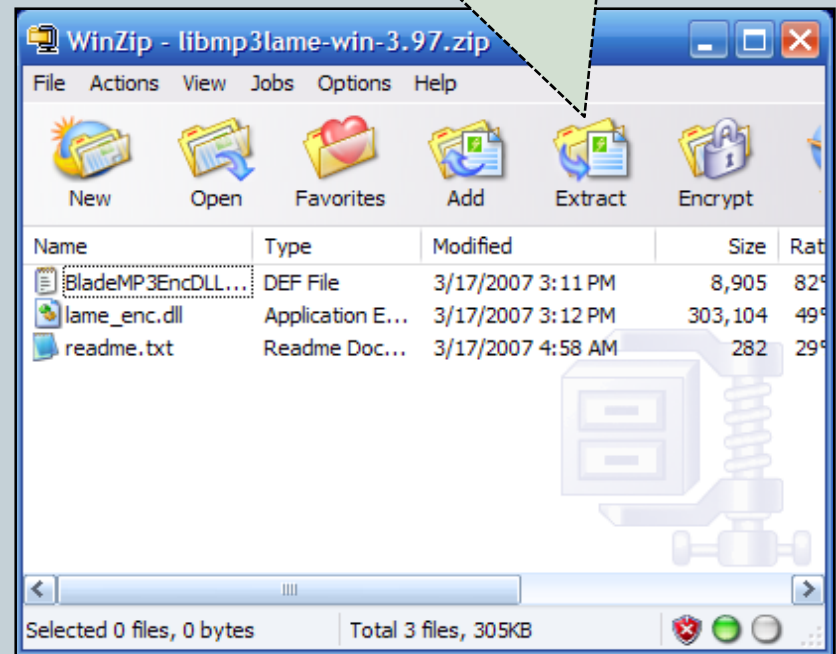
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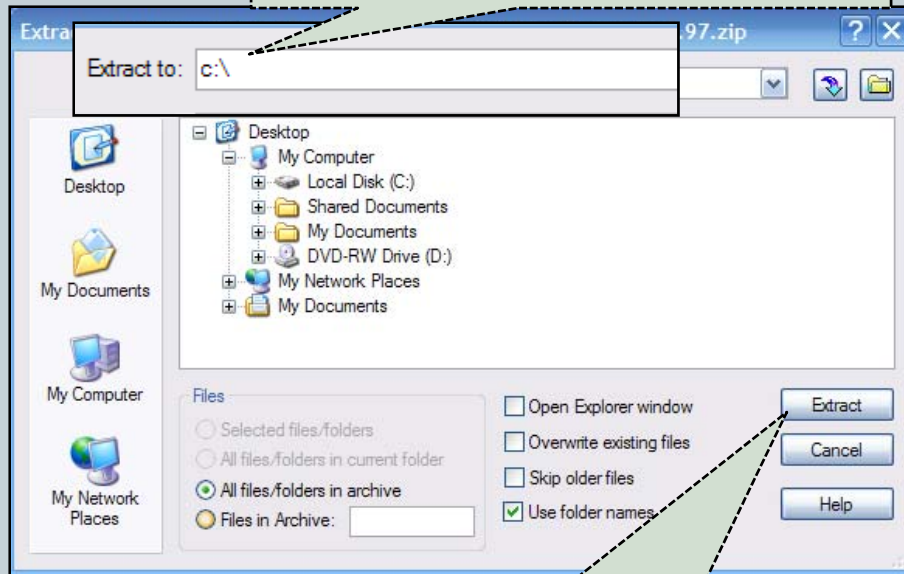
**Step 1.** Double click on the libmp3LAME-win-3.97.zip file.

**Step 2.** WinZip or zip file extractor will open - Click Extract .

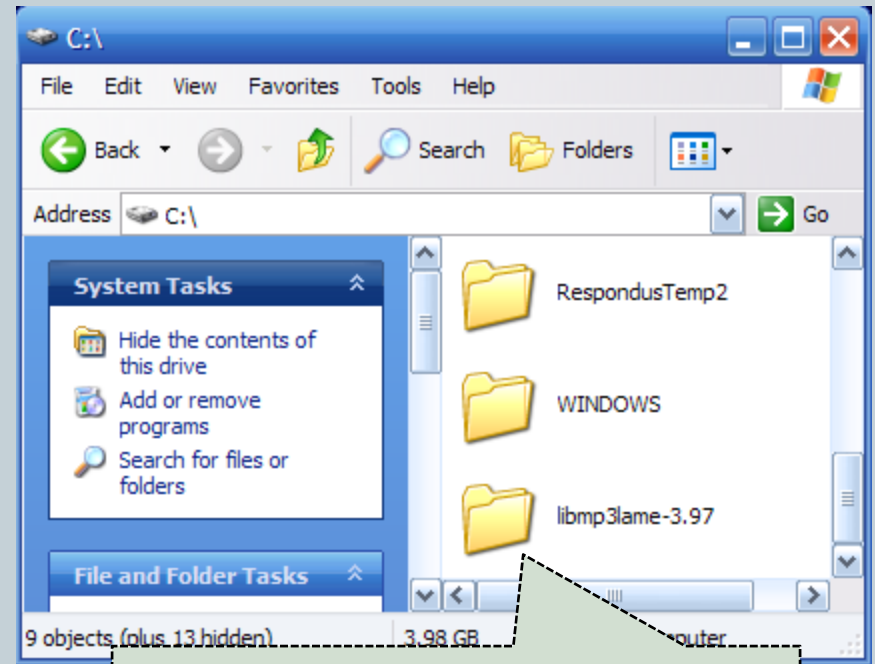


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**Step 3a.** Extract the contents of the zip file to C:\



**Step 3b.** Click Extract

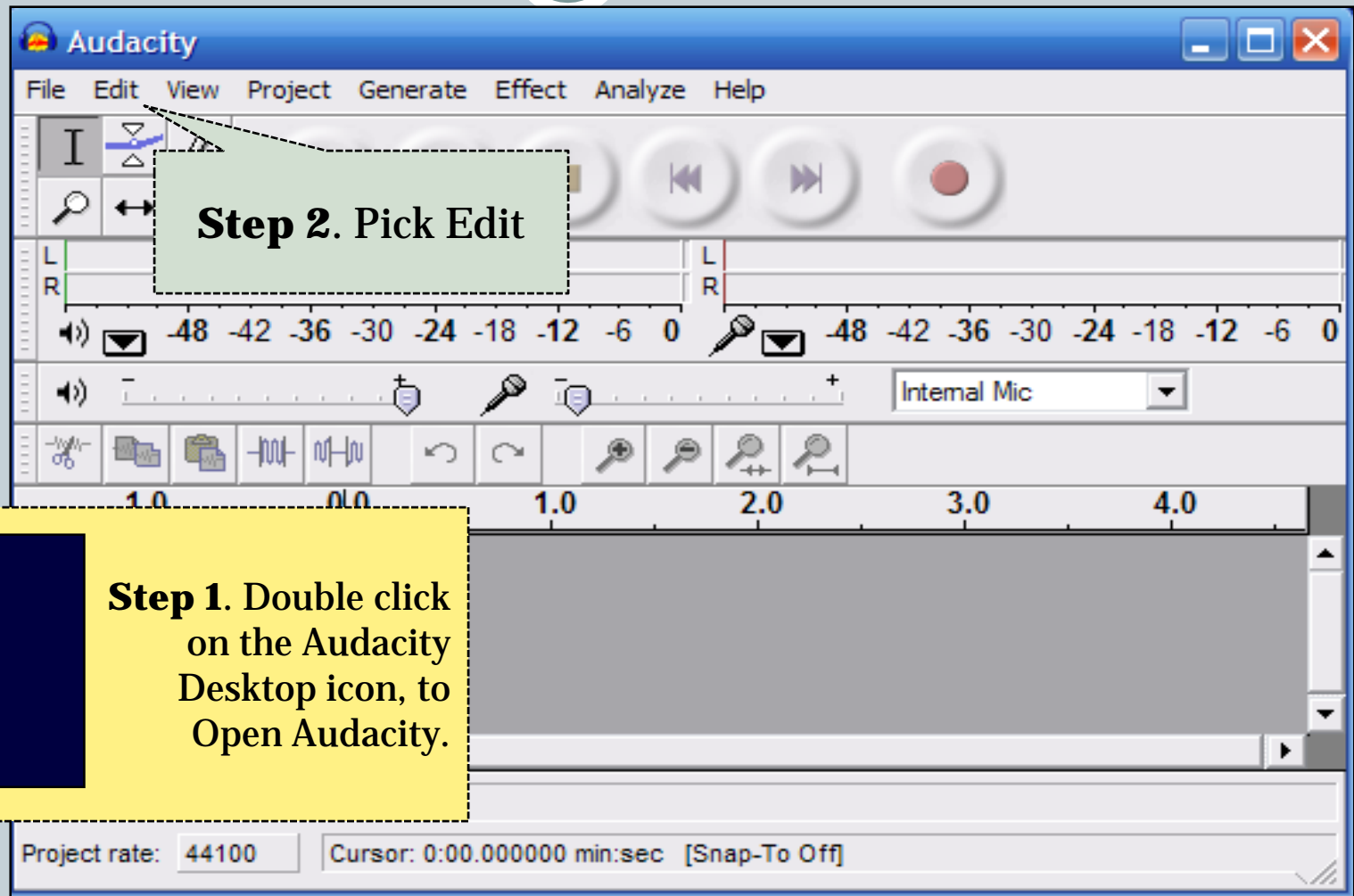


The LAME\_enc.dll will be extracted into a newly created folder named C:\libmp3LAME-3.97

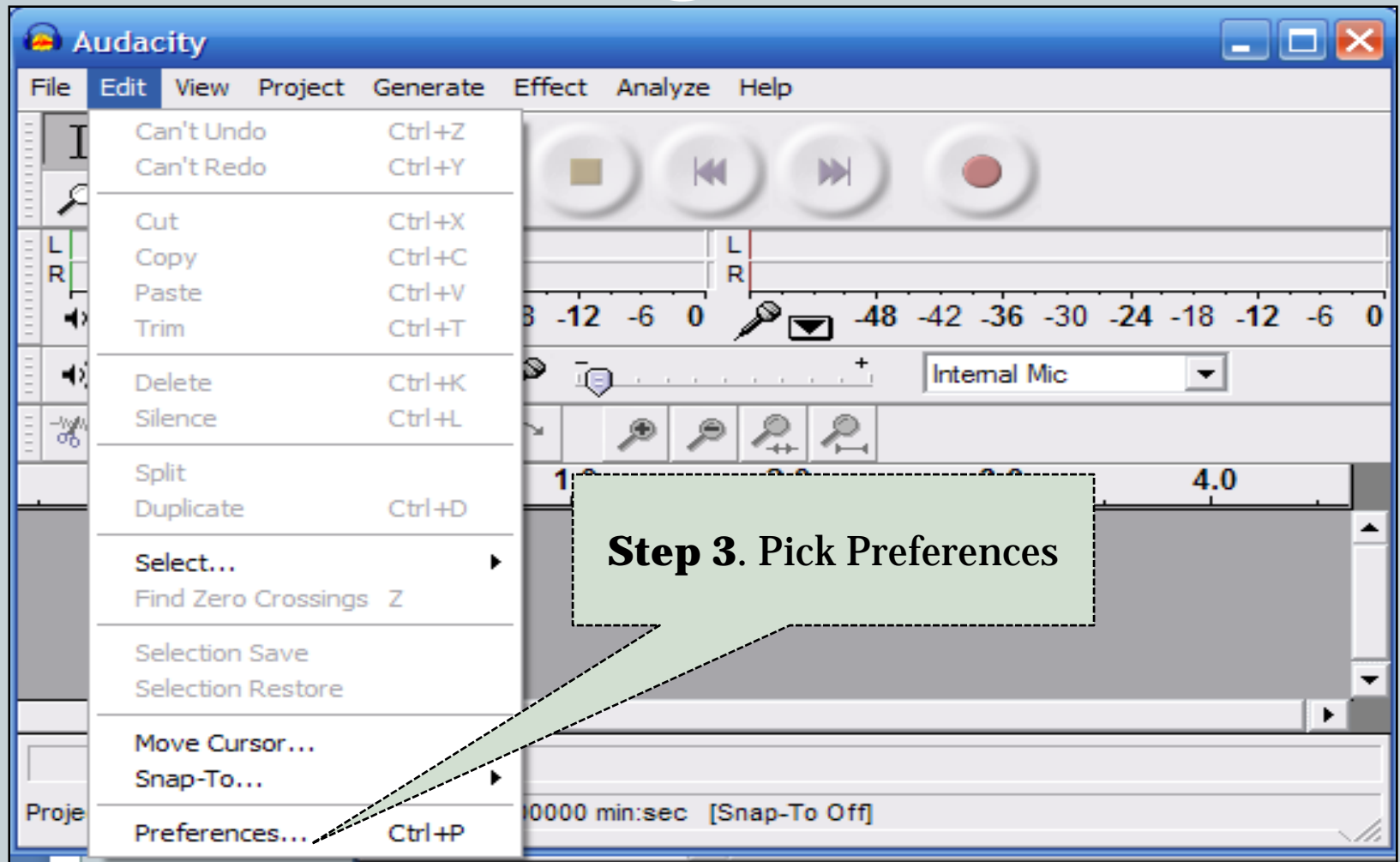


# **Configure Audacity to use the LAME**

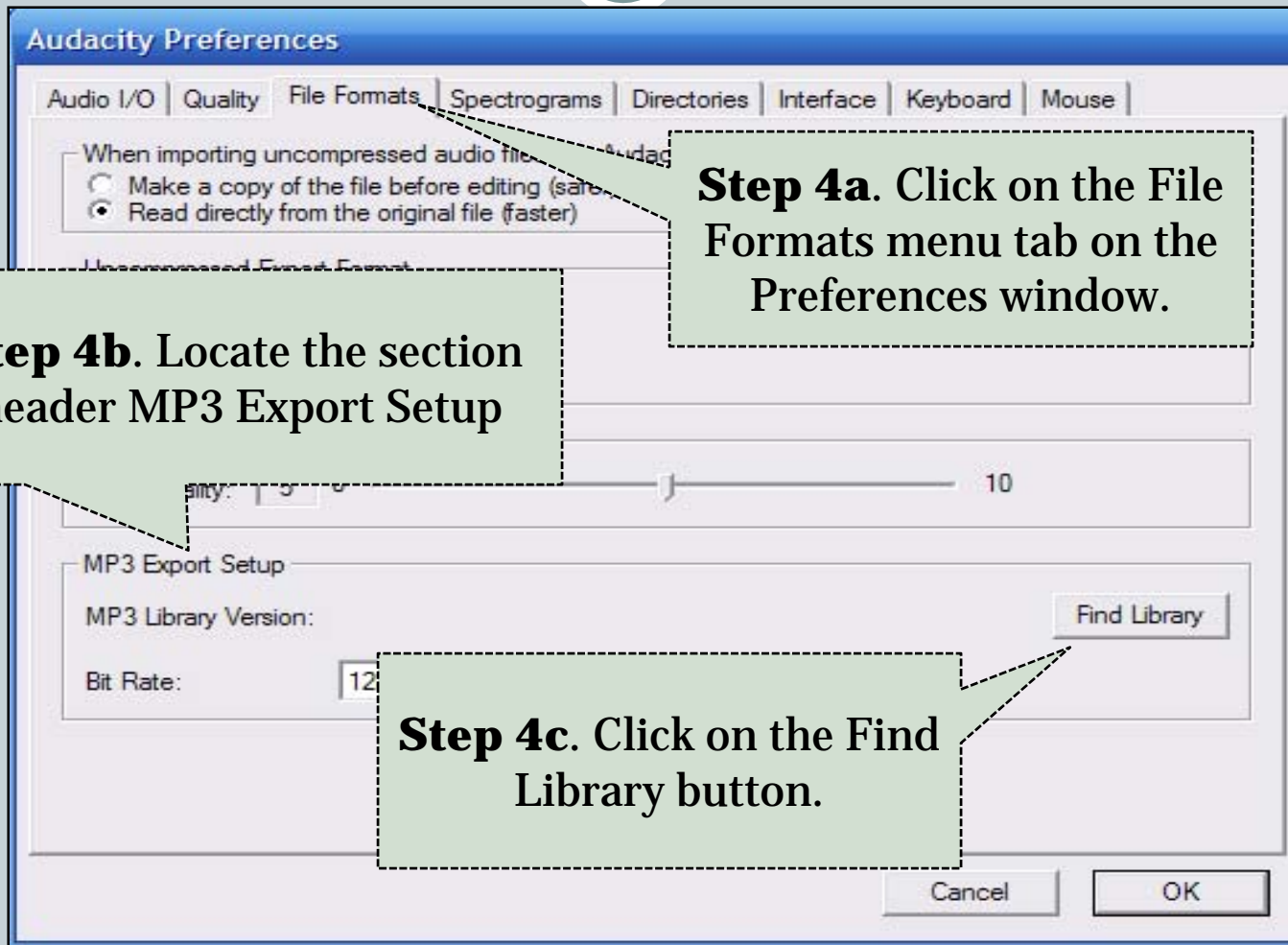
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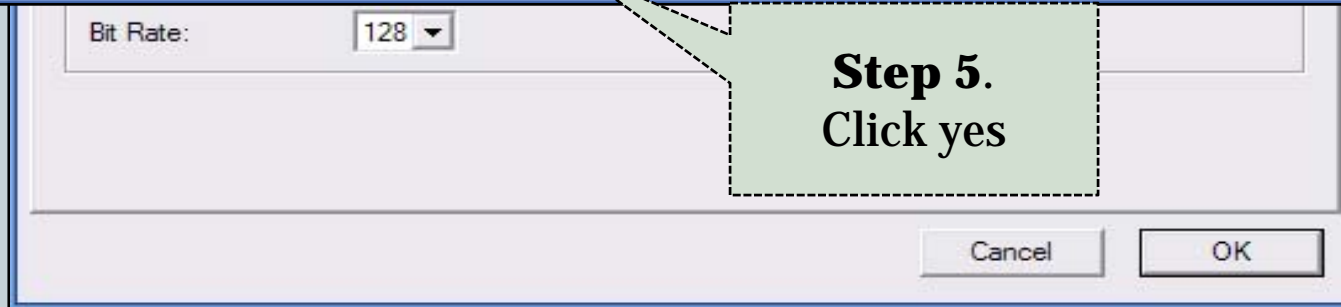
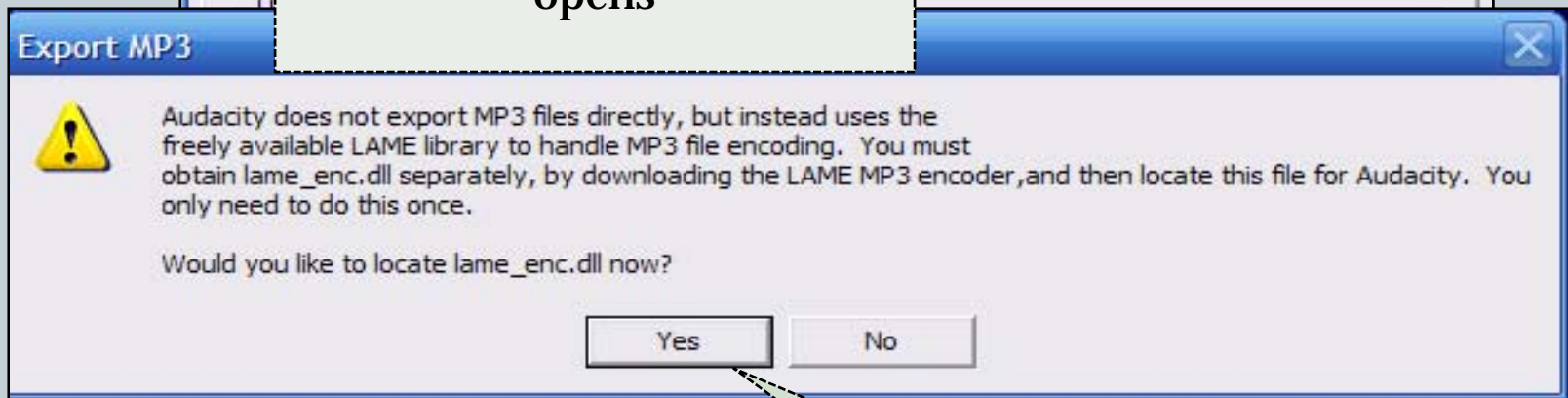
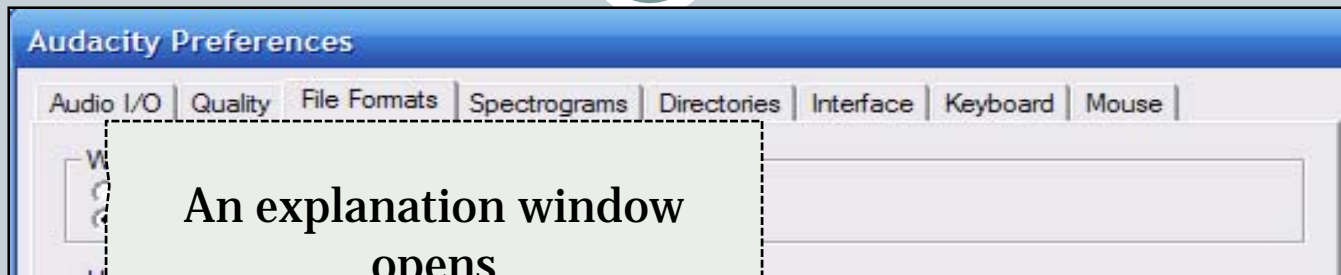
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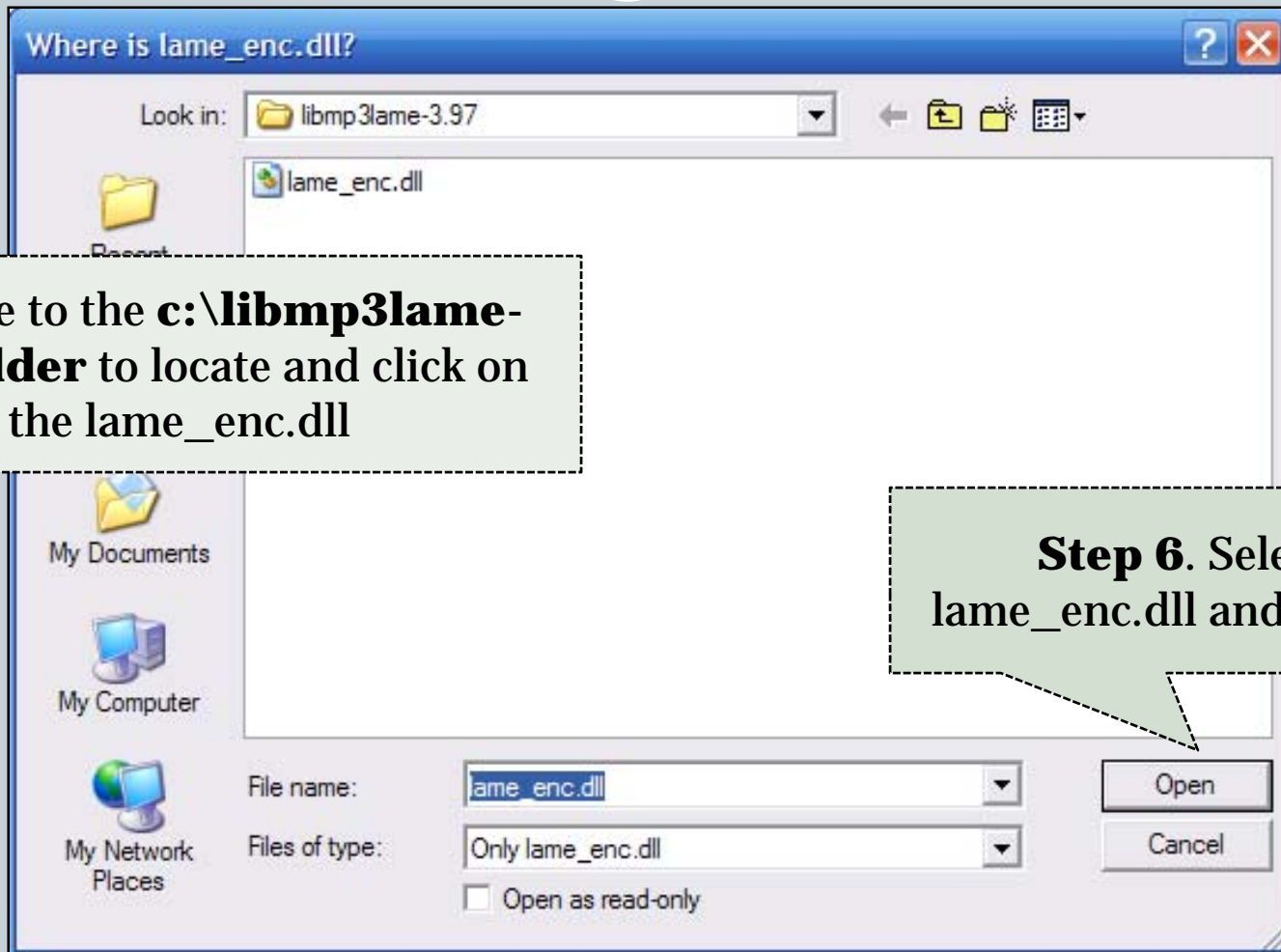
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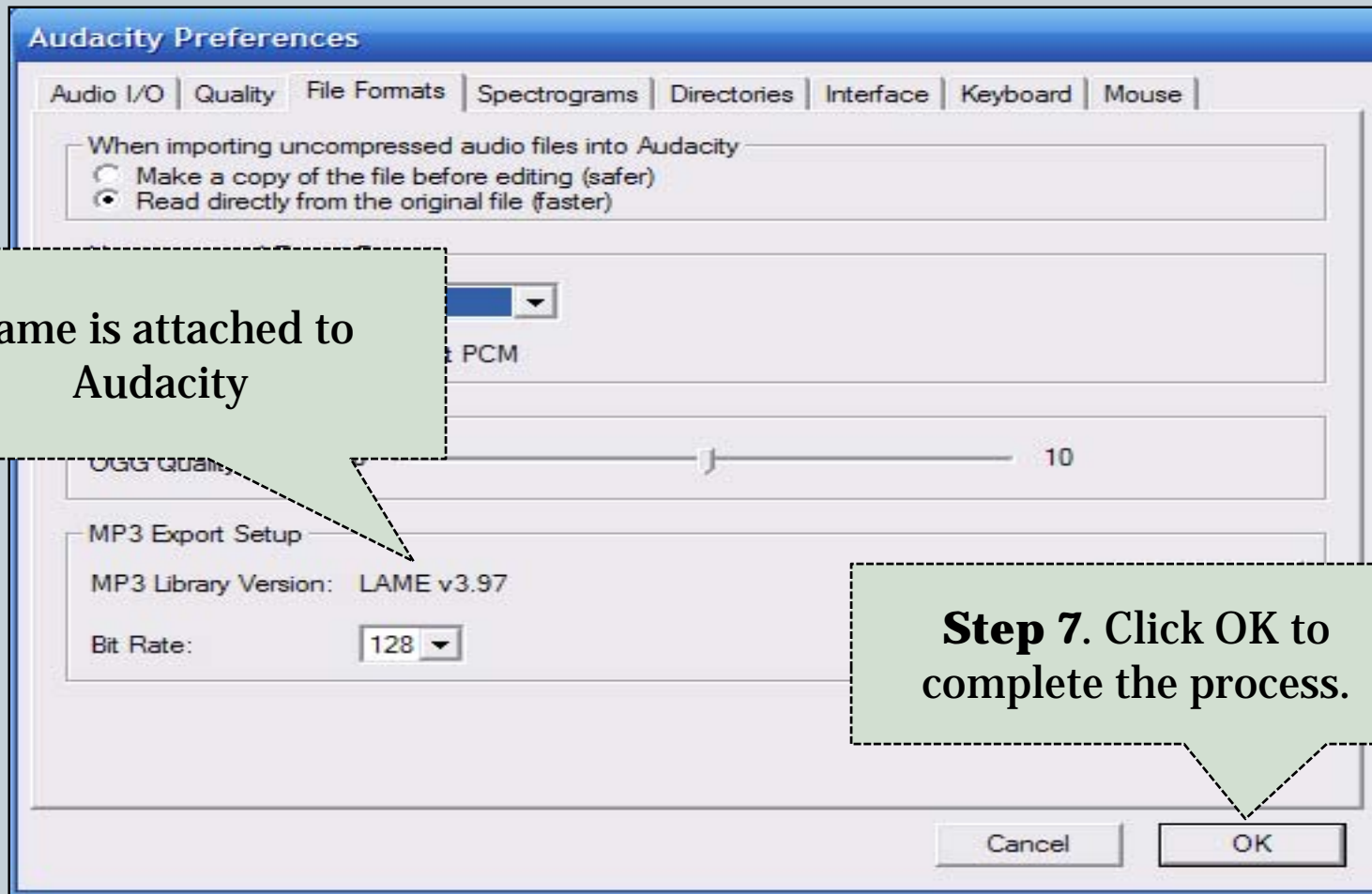
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Navigate to the **c:\libmp3lame-3.97 folder** to locate and click on the **lame\_enc.dll**

**Step 6.** Select the **lame\_enc.dll** and click **Open**

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Lame is attached to Audacity

Step 7. Click OK to complete the process.