

3. How to download the LAME MP3 encoder from the Internet.

At the end of this lesson you will be able to execute the procedure for downloading the LAME MP3 encoder by launching the web browser, and calling up the Google search engine to locate the Audacity download page. The Audacity download page will open up and you will then be able to click the download button to download the LAME MP3 encoder to your PC.

Step One:

Similar to lesson one, call up the Google search engine, type '**download Audacity**' into the Google search text box and hit return.

When the next page opens, select the Audacity **Download** button. A new page will open showing two options to choose from - the Audacity Stable release and the Audacity Beta release as shown in figure 3.1.



Figure 3.1 Stable and Beta Audacity downloads.

Select the stable release 1.2.6 for Windows.

Alternatively to go direct to the download "**LAME MP3 encoder**" page type <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/windows> into the URL address bar and hit return.

Step Two:

Look for the heading Optional Downloads and click the link “**LAME MP3 encoder**”.



Figure 3.2 Downloading LAME MP3 encoder

Step Three:

A new page opens up, for Windows click the “**Lame download page**” link as shown in figure 3.3.

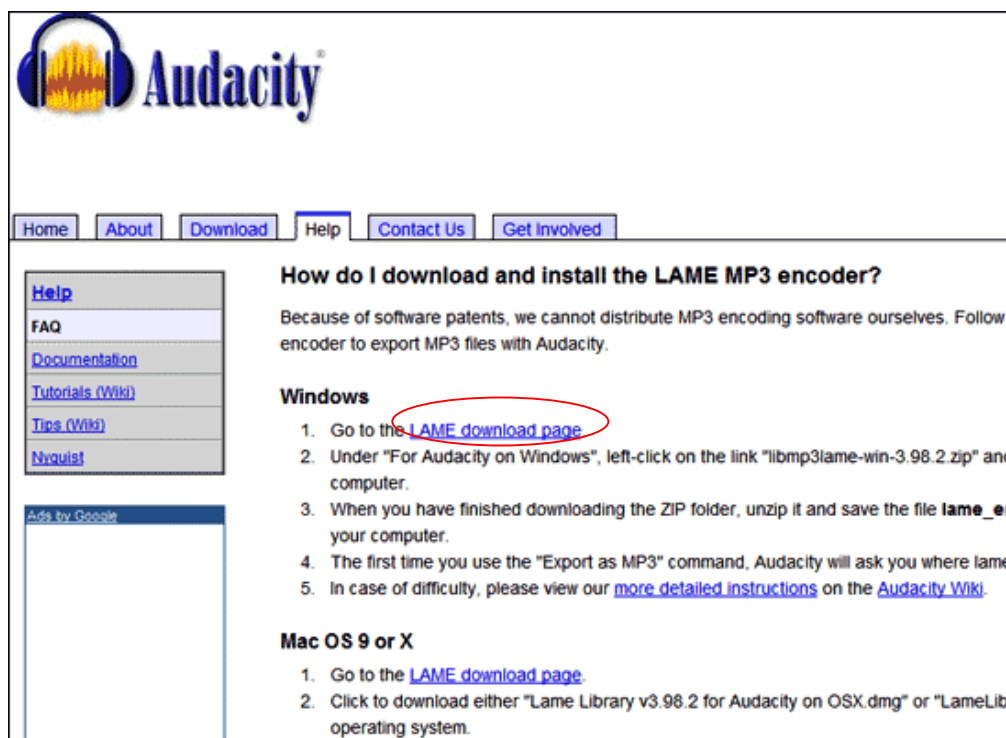


Figure 3.2 Downloading LAME MP3 encoder

Step Four:

A new page opens, scroll down to the heading “For Audacity on Windows” and click the “Lame v3.98.2 for Audacity on Windows.exe” link.

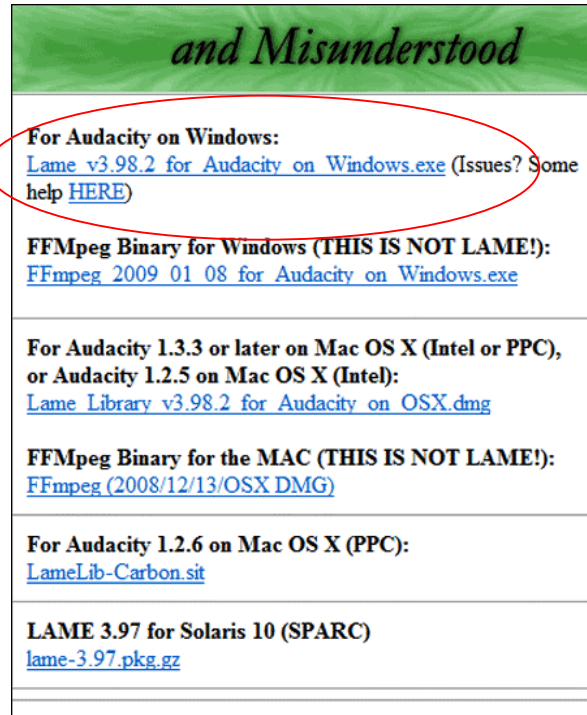


Figure 3.3 Downloading LAME MP3 encoder

Step Five:

The **File Download** dialog box appears, **save** the compressed lame file to the folder you created on your hard drive with the title “**downloaded_software**”.

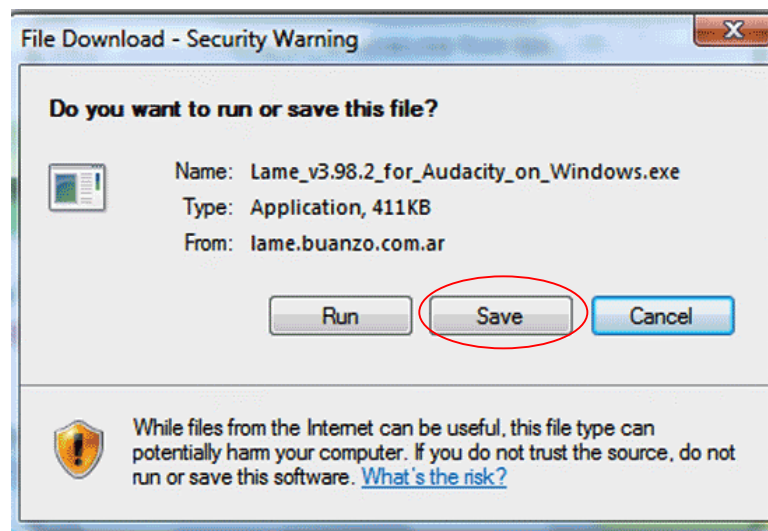


Figure 3.4 File Download dialog box.

Note: As mentioned in lesson one it is safer to **Save** the file to a folder on your computer and run a virus scan on it rather than **Run** and install the file directly from the Internet.

Step Six:

When the download is complete press the Close button

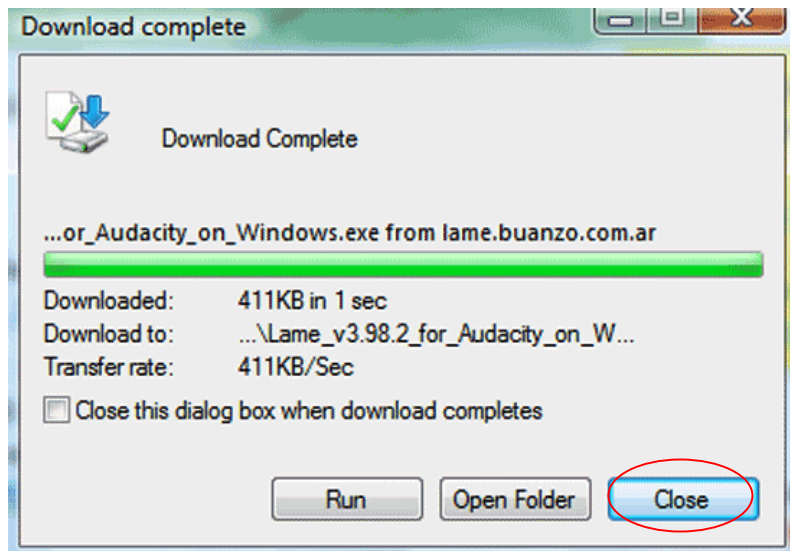


Figure 3.5 Download complete dialog box

In the next lesson we will install the Lame MP3 encoder.