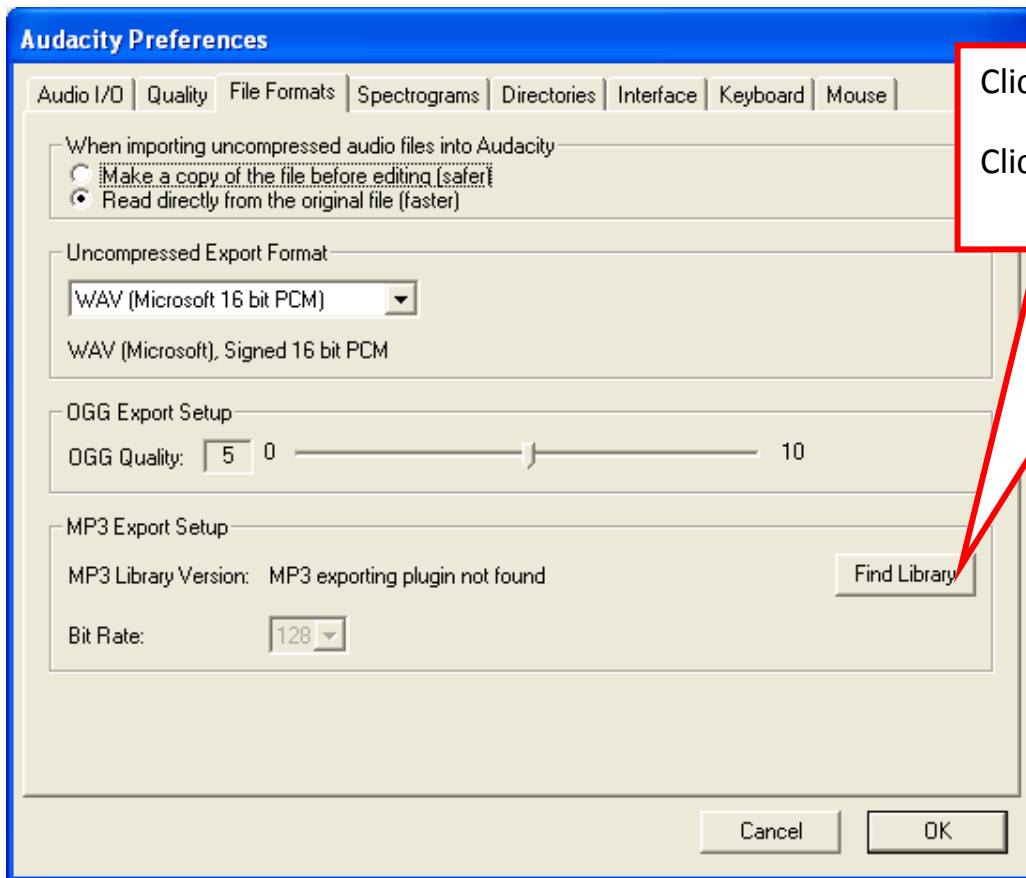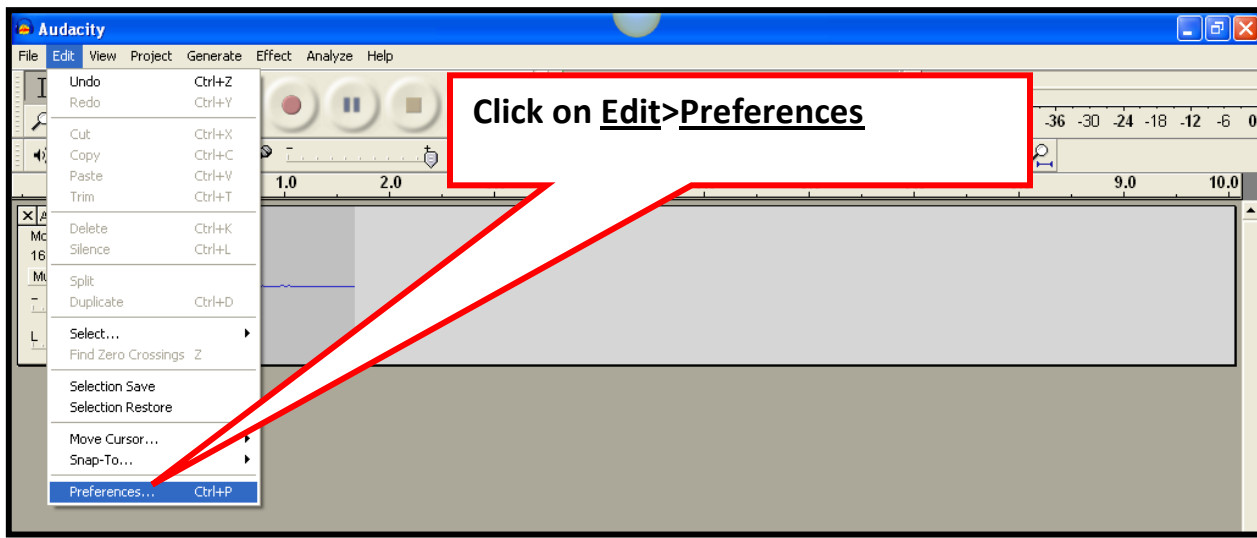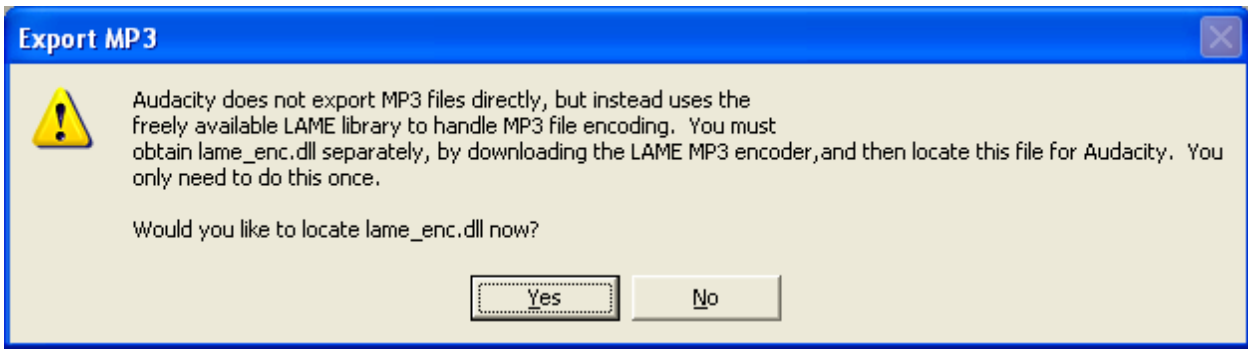# How to Choose Lame Encoder in Audacity Preferences

1. First download the Lame Encoder so you can export Audacity audio files as Mp3 FILES.
   http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/windows
2. (Note: If you choose run, then it saves the file in a folder titled, "Lame for Audacity." The folder is located: My Computer/C:/Program Files
3. Once you have downloaded lame, you will need to open Audacity and set up the Lame Encoder so it can be used with Audacity. Open **Audacity**

Click on Edit>Preferences

Click on the **File Formats** tab

Click on **Find Library**

Export MP3

⚠️ Audacity does not export MP3 files directly, but instead uses the freely available LAME library to handle MP3 file encoding. You must obt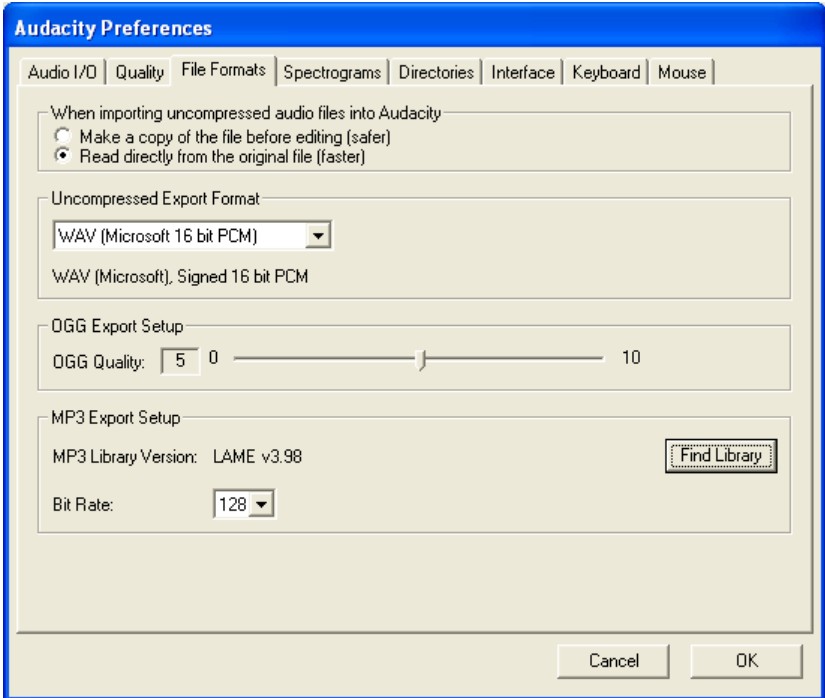ain lame_enc.dll separately, by downloading the LAME MP3 encoder, and then locate this file for Audacity. You only need to do this once.

Would you like to locate lame_enc.dll now?

[Yes]   [No]

Say **yes**

Navigate to the Lame for Audacity Folder - My Computer/C:/Program Files

Where is lame_enc.dll?

Look in: Lame for Audacity

lame_enc.dll

My Recent Documents

Desktop

My Documents

My Computer

My Network Places

File name: lame_enc
Files of type: Only lame_enc.dll
☐ Open as read-only

[Open]
[Cancel]

Click **Open**

Audacity Preferences

Audio I/O | Quality | File Formats | Spectrograms | Directories | Interface | Keyboard | Mouse

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Uncompressed Export Format
WAV (Microsoft 16 bit PCM)
WAV (Microsoft), Signed 16 bit PCM

OGG Export Setup
OGG Quality: 5   0 ———————|——————— 10

MP3 Export Setup
MP3 Library Version: LAME v3.98   [Find Library]
Bit Rate: 128 ▾

[Cancel]   [OK]

Click **OK**

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