

Recording audio using Audio Recorder on a Mac

Audio Recorder is a simple freeware program from Ben Shanfelder which can be downloaded from Versiontracker

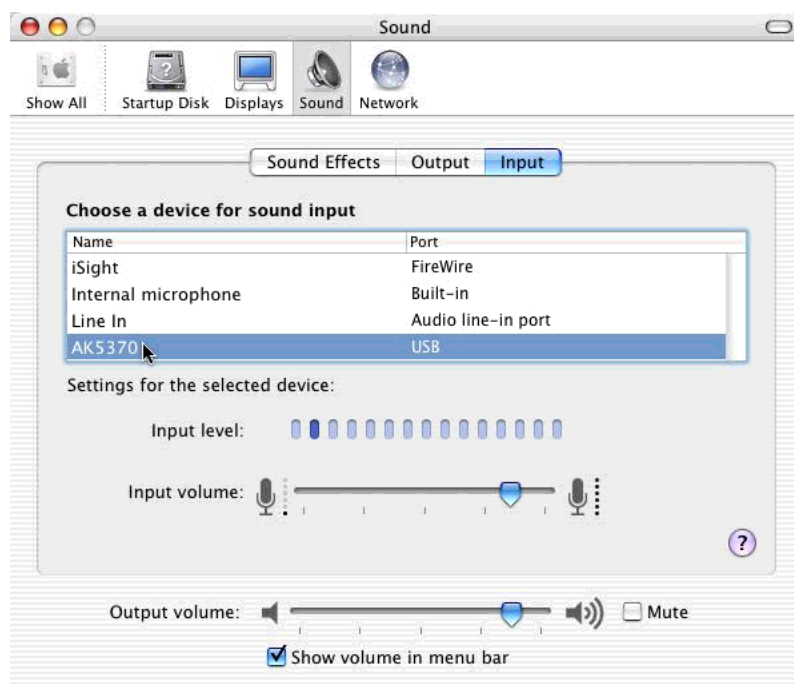
<http://versiontracker.com/dyn/moreinfo/macosx/17392>

- Version 3.0 needs Mac OS X 10.4 or later
- Version 2.1 will run on older versions of Mac OS X

For reasons of copyright, you also need to download the LAME Framework; details are on the Versiontracker website above. The results needs to be put in the Frameworks folder within the Library folder at the top level of the Mac (to allow all users access)

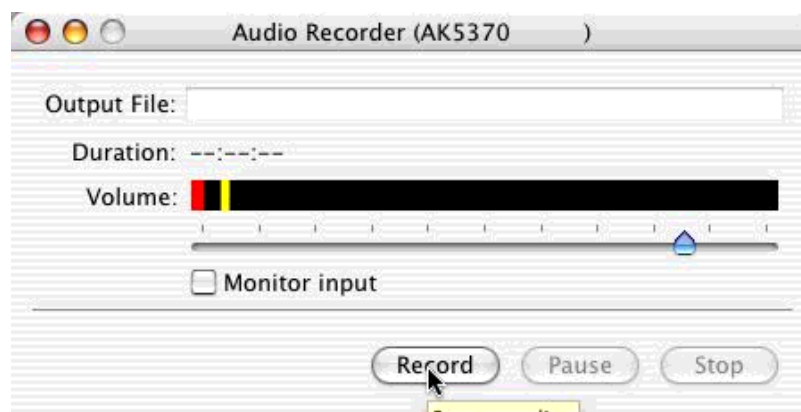
You need a microphone built into your Mac, or you need to attach one to a microphone socket (if there is one) or to a USB port

- 1 It is essential that you set up the 'source' before you launch this simple program. This is done through the Sound panel of System Preferences, as below

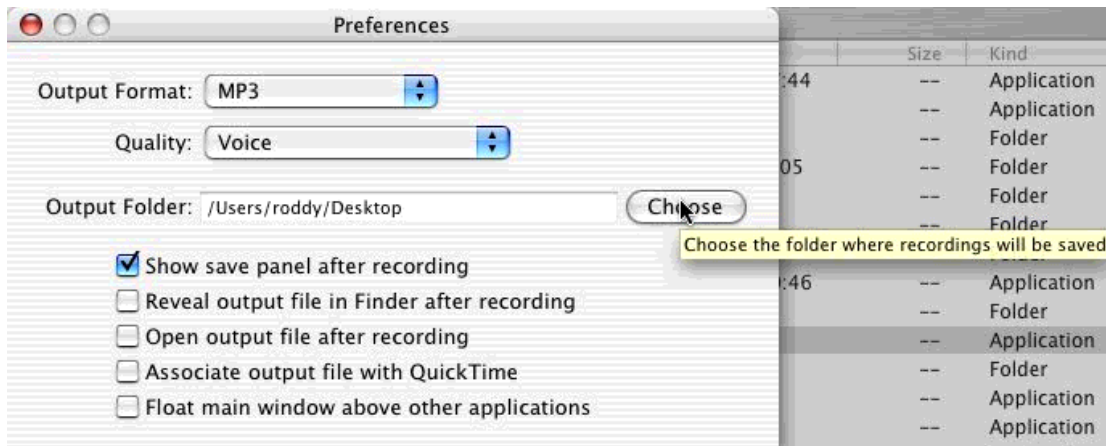


AK5370 is the somewhat 'nerdy' name for USB linked microphones

- 1 Launch Audio Recorder, eg from the Applications folder



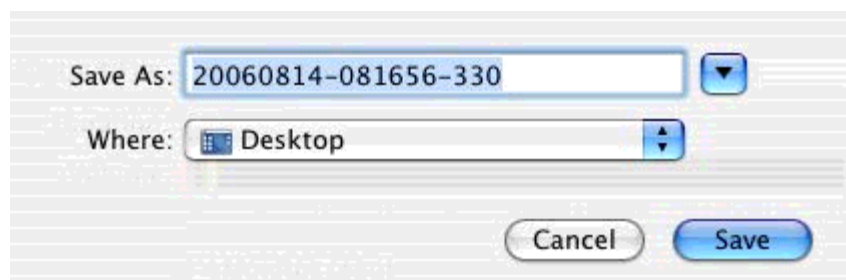
- 2 To set up how this limited program operates, select Preferences from the Audio Recorder menu, as below



You should choose the folder into which the recordings are stored by default by clicking on the Choose button to the right of Output Folder: above

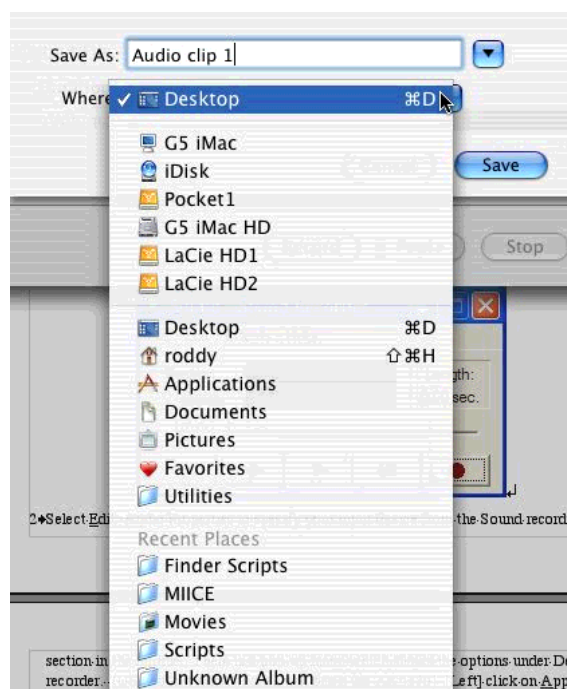
It is a good idea to show the save panel to give you more control over name and location of recorded clips

- 3 Click on the Record button to start recording. Click on Pause to pause and Stop to stop - simple as that! When you do stop - provided you invoked the option to show the save panel in preferences, as above - you will get the following save panel



By default this offers a file name based on the date and time of the recording

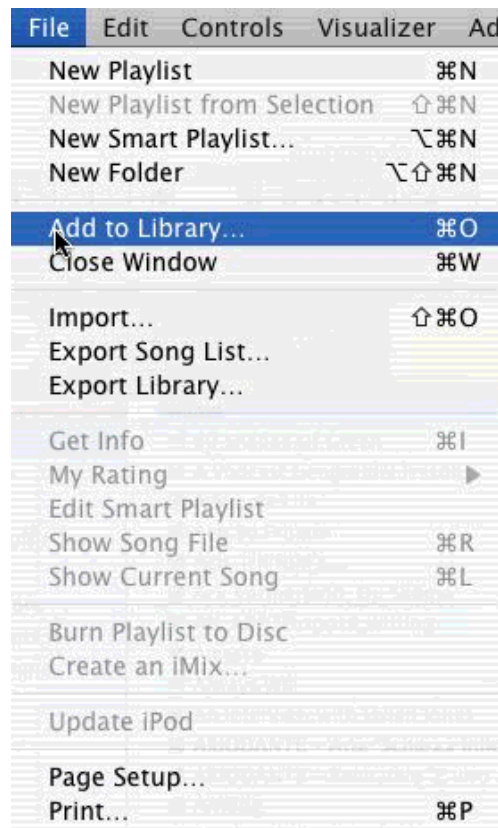
- 4 You can provide a more 'user friendly' name and decide on the location, as below



5 Launch iTunes, from the Dock or from the Applications folder



- Make sure that Library is selected from the Source List at the left, as above



- Select File>Add File to Library... and find the audio clip file in the location where you stored it
- Click on Open to confirm



6 The sound clip is already in a format which can be transferred and used on an iPod. Under the Kind heading in the Library, you should see it indicated as 'MPEG audio file'

7 Connect the iPod



- Note that the iPod appears (after a delay of about 15 seconds) in the Source list in the first column from the left and is automatically selected
- Create a new Playlist - which is just a collection of files, like a folder - by clicking on the + button at the bottom/left of the Source List. Type the chosen name for the collection (folder) to replace 'untitled playlist' which is automatically offered. [You do not have to create a new playlist if you already have a suitable one]
- Select the Library again. Drag the newly added file/clip into the newly created playlist

8 Play the sound file on your iPod

- Eject the iPod using the eject button in the Source List. Your iPod returns to life
- Navigate iPod>Music>Playlists>[new playlist] and press the centre button to play the clip

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