

How to Record a Sound Track (Single Track)

Equipment Needed: Computer, headset with microphone

Software Needed: Freecorder (recommended)

Recording your voice can be quite easy on a computer, especially with an easy-to-use piece of software called Freecorder. All you need is a headset with a microphone attached and Freecorder to produce clear audio tracks in .mp3 format. With the free version of Freecorder, you can record up to 30 minutes without interruption.

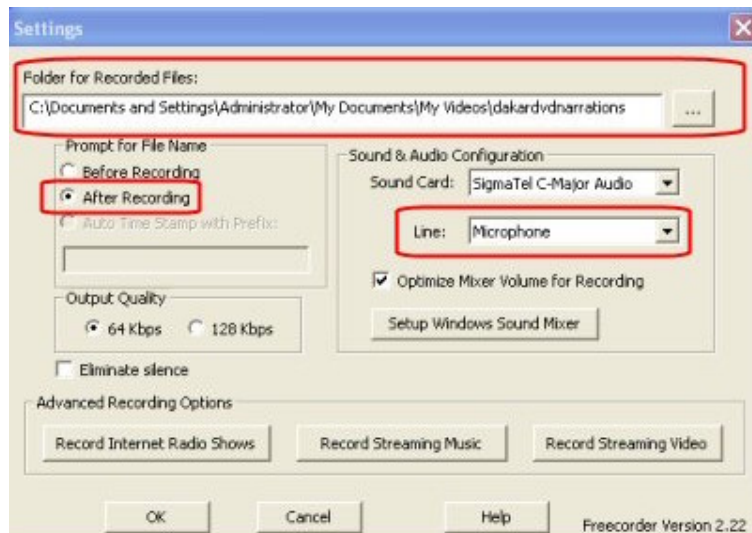
First, connect the headset to the computer. In the LRC, the pink connection is the microphone and goes in the port on the left and the headset is the black connection and goes in the port on the right in the front of the computers. (Where these ports are located will vary from model to model of computers; look for the pictures on both the computer and the connections designating microphone and earphone and plug in accordingly). Adjust the headset so that the microphone is not directly in front of your mouth (lower it slightly). If it is directly in front of your mouth, you will pick up more plosives than you really want!

Next, set your volume control to record. If you've forgotten how to do this, take a look at this quick checklist ("Setting Your Computer to Record") for the steps to follow.

Now open up Freecorder. When the opening screen appears, select "**Settings**":



When the "Settings" dialogue box opens up, you will need to check three things:



First, tell Freecorder where you want to save your recorded files by clicking on the box with the three dots (...), then navigating to the folder where you want to save it, select the folder and click "OK." The path to that folder should then appear in the "Folder for Recorded Files" box.

Next, in the "Prompt for File Name" box, select **After Recording**.

Finally, be sure the "Line" box shows **Microphone** (by selecting it from the drop-down box if it is not visible). Once you have made these three adjustments, click "OK" to close the "Settings" dialogue box and return to the main screen.



You're ready to rock and roll. Click on the "**Record**" button and begin speaking. When you finish, click "**Stop**." Bingo. A dialogue box will pop up asking you to name your file and when you click "OK," it will be automatically saved to the folder you designated. To listen to your masterpiece, open the folder where you saved your recording, click on the file and the program you designate as your .mp3 player will play the file. What could be easier?



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