

# How to Capture Streaming Audio

**Equipment needed:** Computer with Internet access

**Software needed:** Hi-Q Recorder

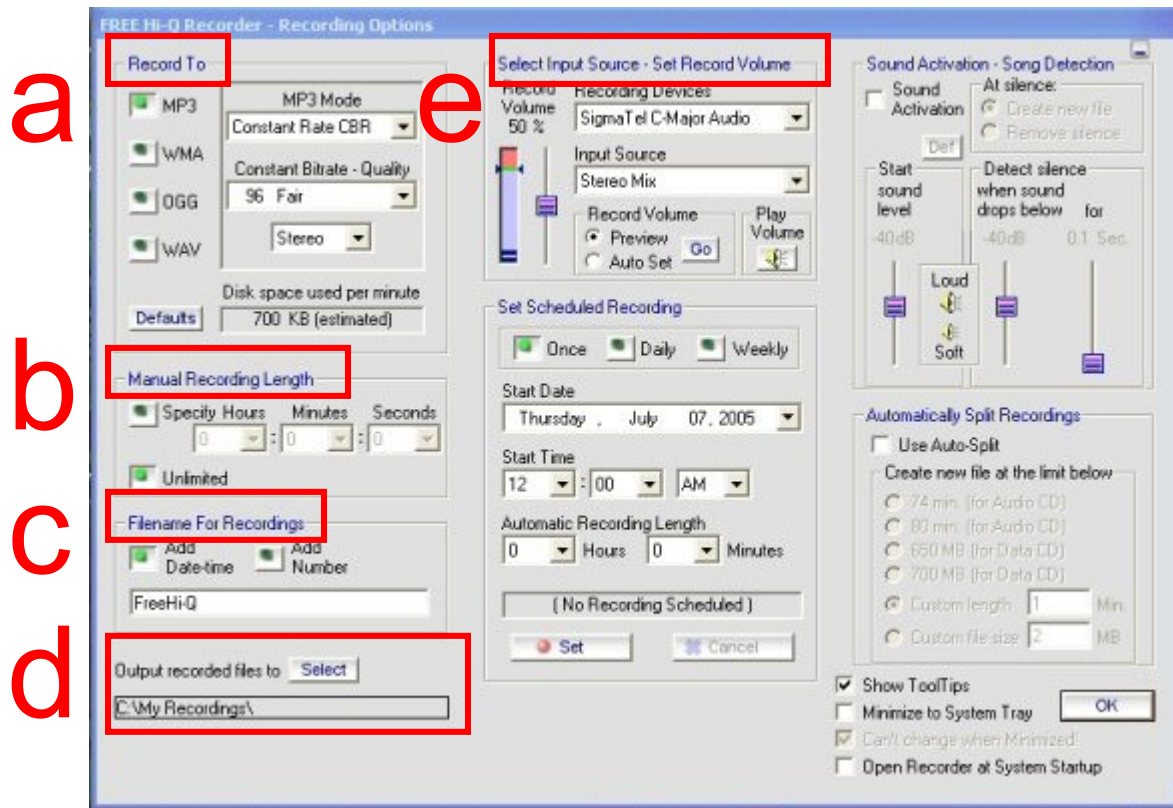
Streaming audio is audio that plays through your computer without leaving any traces behind. You do not have to download the whole file to begin playing streamed audio. Generally, the file will download the first part of it and begin playing while the rest of it downloads. Once the stream has played, there is no trace of it left on your computer. Audio streams have been difficult to capture until recently. Now, with a nifty piece of software called Hi-Q Recorder, it's very easy. Hi-Q Recorder is freeware and has no limitation on the length of time you can capture streamed audio. So how do you do it?

1. Launch Hi-Q Recorder. The opening screen looks like this:



2. Click on the **Options** button at the top of the recorder to make the following settings (see diagram on following page):
  - a. In the **Record To** box, select MP3 as the format in which you want to save your recording
  - b. Leave the **manual recording length** box as it is – unlimited (we'll determine the length ourselves later by pushing Record / Stop).
  - c. In the textbox under **Filename for Recording**, type "junk" (meaning the filename will begin with the word junk and be followed by the date and time)
  - d. In the **Output Recorded Files To ...** you are being asked to select the folder into which you want to save your recordings. Click on the **Select** button, then navigate to and select C:\Desktop\junk as the save folder.
  - e. Finally in the **Select Input Source – Set Record Volume**, make sure your computer's sound card is selected as the recording device (this is automatic) and the Input Source is **Stereo Mix** (meaning "record any sound you hear"). Set the

volume slider to about 50% (you can adjust later if this is too soft or too loud). Click OK when you've made all the above settings and you're ready to record.



3. Now, we need some streaming audio to record. Let's go to <http://www.wmyi.com> to record what's playing now. Once you get to the site, click on "Listen Live." A player will come up and the stream will begin.
4. Now pull up the recorder if it is minimized. Click the Record button to begin recording. Record 15-20 seconds of the live broadcast. Then click the Stop button to stop recording. Be sure to open the folder (junk) where you saved your file and listen to it to be sure you got what you think you got!!

That's all there is to it. Easy, n'est-ce pas?

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