

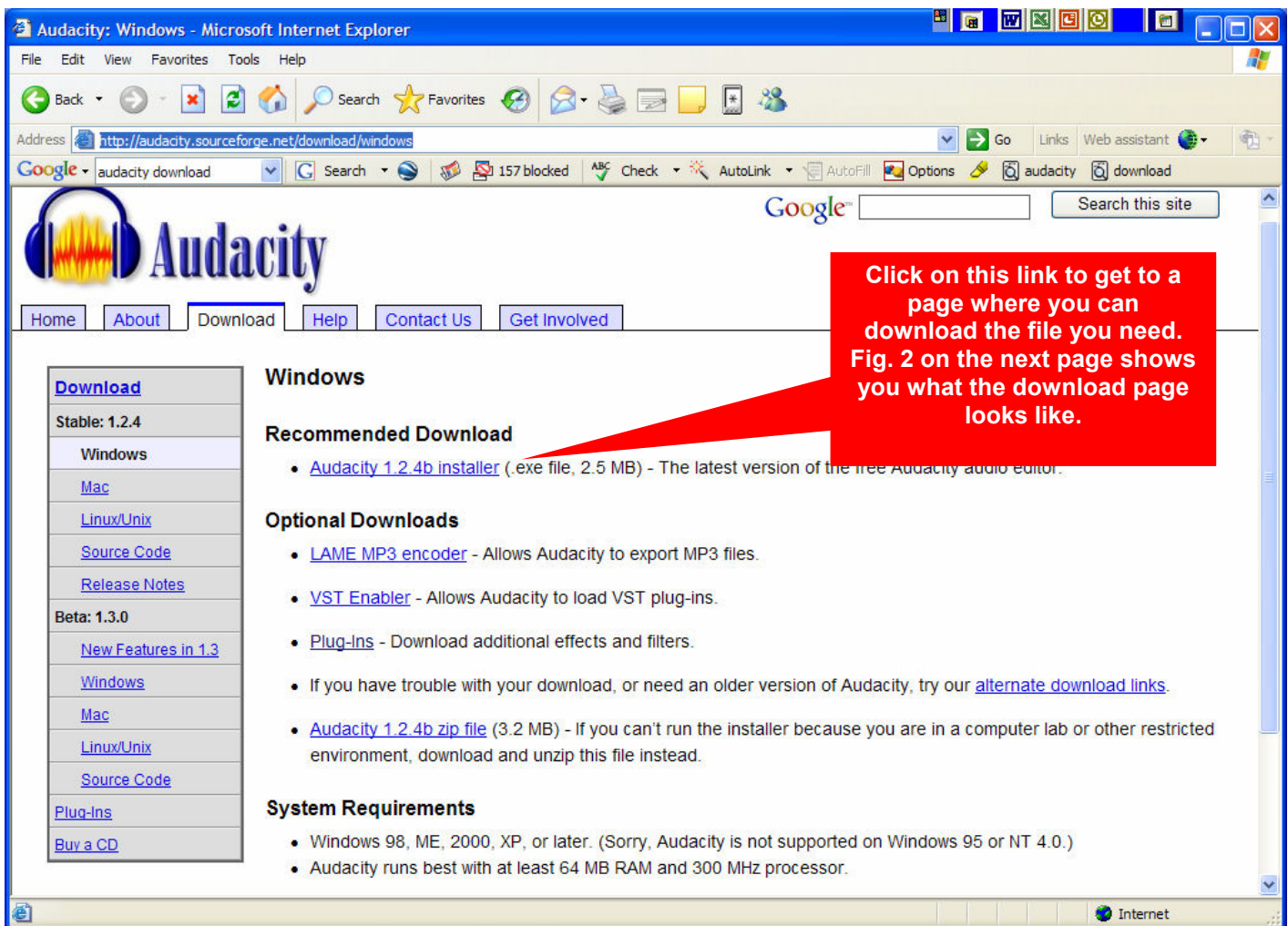
# Get Started Podcasting It's Easy and Free!

What you'll need:

- 2 pieces of free software that you can download for free (*see drawings below on how to download the software*)
- Computer microphone.

## STEP 1: DOWNLOAD YOUR SOFTWARE

Go to: <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/windows> to download your free software as depicted in the drawing below:



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Audacity website's download page for Windows. The address bar shows the URL <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/windows>. The page features the Audacity logo and navigation links: Home, About, Download, Help, Contact Us, and Get Involved. A sidebar on the left lists download options for Stable 1.2.4 (Windows, Mac, Linux/Unix, Source Code, Release Notes) and Beta 1.3.0 (New Features in 1.3, Windows, Mac, Linux/Unix, Source Code, Plug-Ins, Buy a CD). The main content area is titled "Windows" and includes a "Recommended Download" section with a link to "Audacity 1.2.4b installer (.exe file, 2.5 MB) - The latest version of the free Audacity audio editor...". Below this is an "Optional Downloads" section with links for "LAME MP3 encoder", "VST Enabler", and "Plug-Ins". A "System Requirements" section lists: "Windows 98, ME, 2000, XP, or later. (Sorry, Audacity is not supported on Windows 95 or NT 4.0.)" and "Audacity runs best with at least 64 MB RAM and 300 MHz processor." A red callout box with a white border points to the "Audacity 1.2.4b installer" link, containing the text: "Click on this link to get to a page where you can download the file you need. Fig. 2 on the next page shows you what the download page looks like."

**Fig. 1**

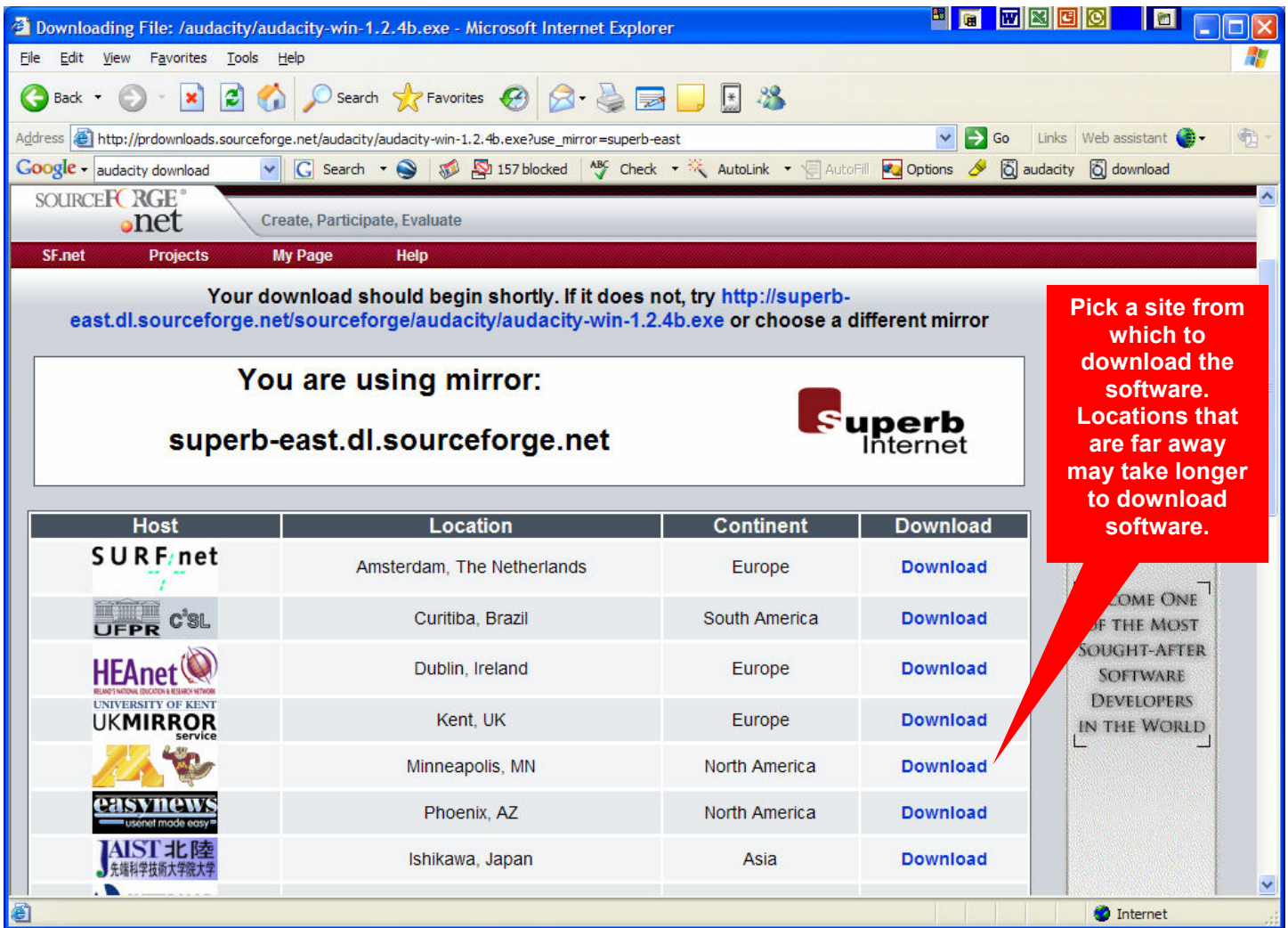


Fig. 2



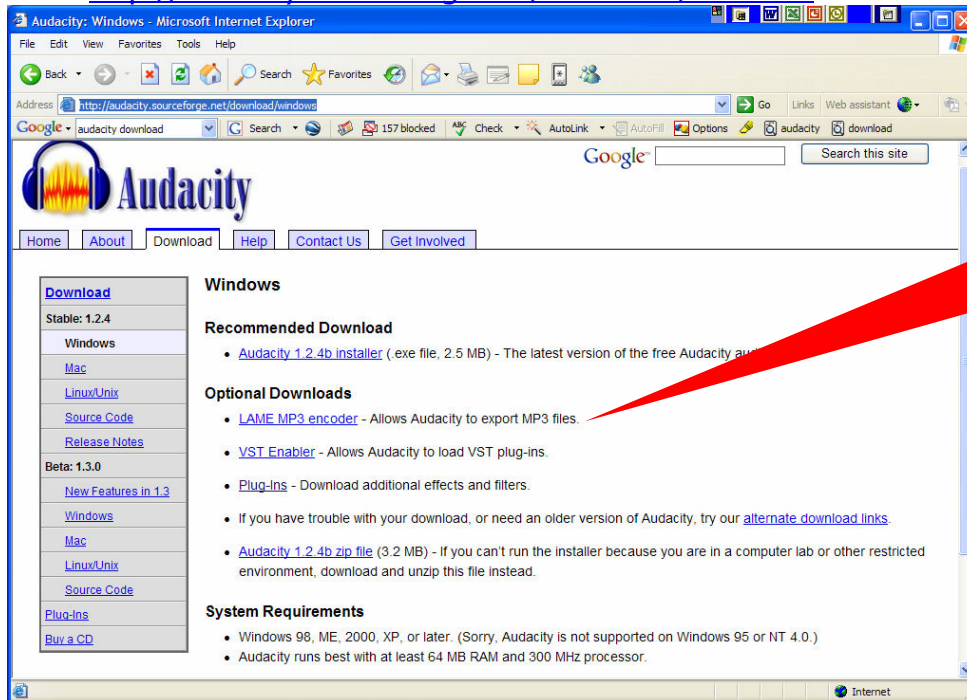
Fig. 3

Once your software has downloaded, find and click on the Audacity icon to install the software – this icon is probably on the desktop of your computer. You'll be presented with the Audacity Setup Wizard that will walk you through the installation of the software (see Fig. 3, left)

## INSTALL THE LAME FILES

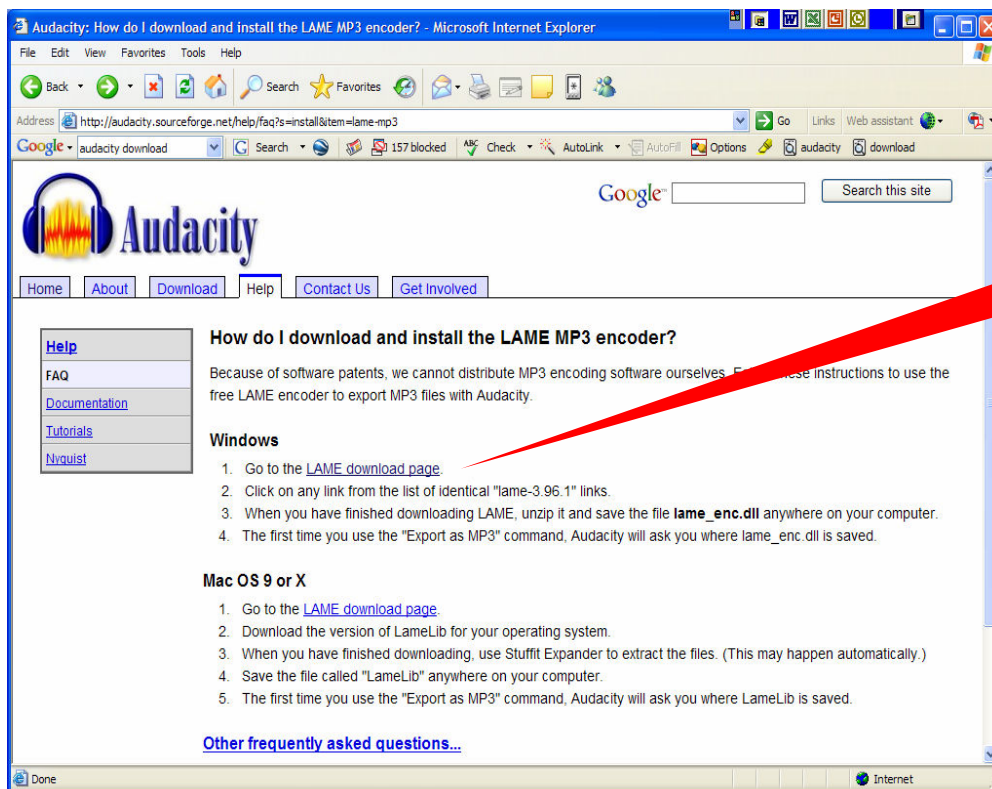
LAME files allow you to make an .MP3 file, which you can then post on the web or play on an iPod or other MP3 player.

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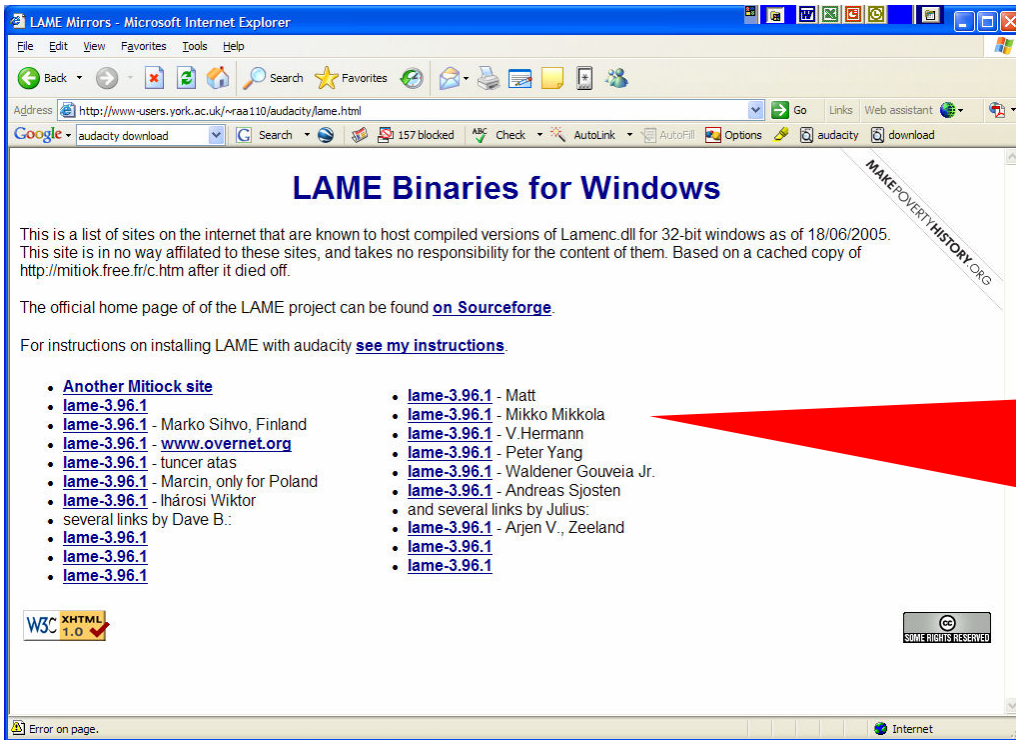
Click on this link to get to a page where you can download the files you need. Fig. 4 shows you what this download page looks like. You'll be taken to a page shown in Fig. 5, below

Fig. 4



Click on the link "LAME download page." You'll be taken to another page as shown in Fig. 6

Fig. 5



**FIG. 6**

## **STEP 2: PLUG IN YOUR COMPUTER MICROPHONE**

Usually, you plug in your microphone in the pink-color microphone jack, either in the front or back of your computer.

## **STEP 3: MAKE YOUR PODCAST**

Click on the icon for Audacity and start making your Podcast!