

Saving and backing up voicemails with your PC

If you can't seem to save a voicemail through your smartphone's voicemail or phone apps, there is one other option for backing up your voicemails: Recording and saving them through your PC.

This works for both iPhone and Android, but requires a few extra pieces of equipment and software. You'll need a PC with the free audio recording program Audacity installed (other programs like Adobe Audition and Garageband work, too), and either a male-to-male 3.5mm audio cable or a mic attached to your PC. Those whose smartphones have ditched headphone jacks will also need to use an adapter or opt for the external mic option.

1. Plug one end of the audio cable into your PC's microphone jack, and the other into your phone's audio jack (if you're using a computer mic instead, make sure it's plugged in and recognized your PC)
2. Open Audacity and change the recording source to the "**Line-In mic**" option in the drop-down menu next to the microphone icon.
3. Next, go to **Edit > Preferences > Recording**, and check the box next to "**Software Playthrough.**" (those using an external mic can skip this step)
4. Open or call your voicemail service on your phone and ready the voicemail. In Audacity, click the red Record button when the message begins. If you're recording through a mic, make sure your phone is on speakerphone and pointed at the mic. You should see the audio being captured in Audacity's timeline.
5. When the message is done and successfully recorded, hit the yellow Stop button in Audacity to stop recording
6. If you feel comfortable, you can use Audacity's editing tools to trim or change the file. Otherwise, skip to the next step.
7. Go to **File>Export**, designate where you'd like the file to be saved, then