

# Getting Started

## Getting Started with Altacast

### 1. Install AltaCast

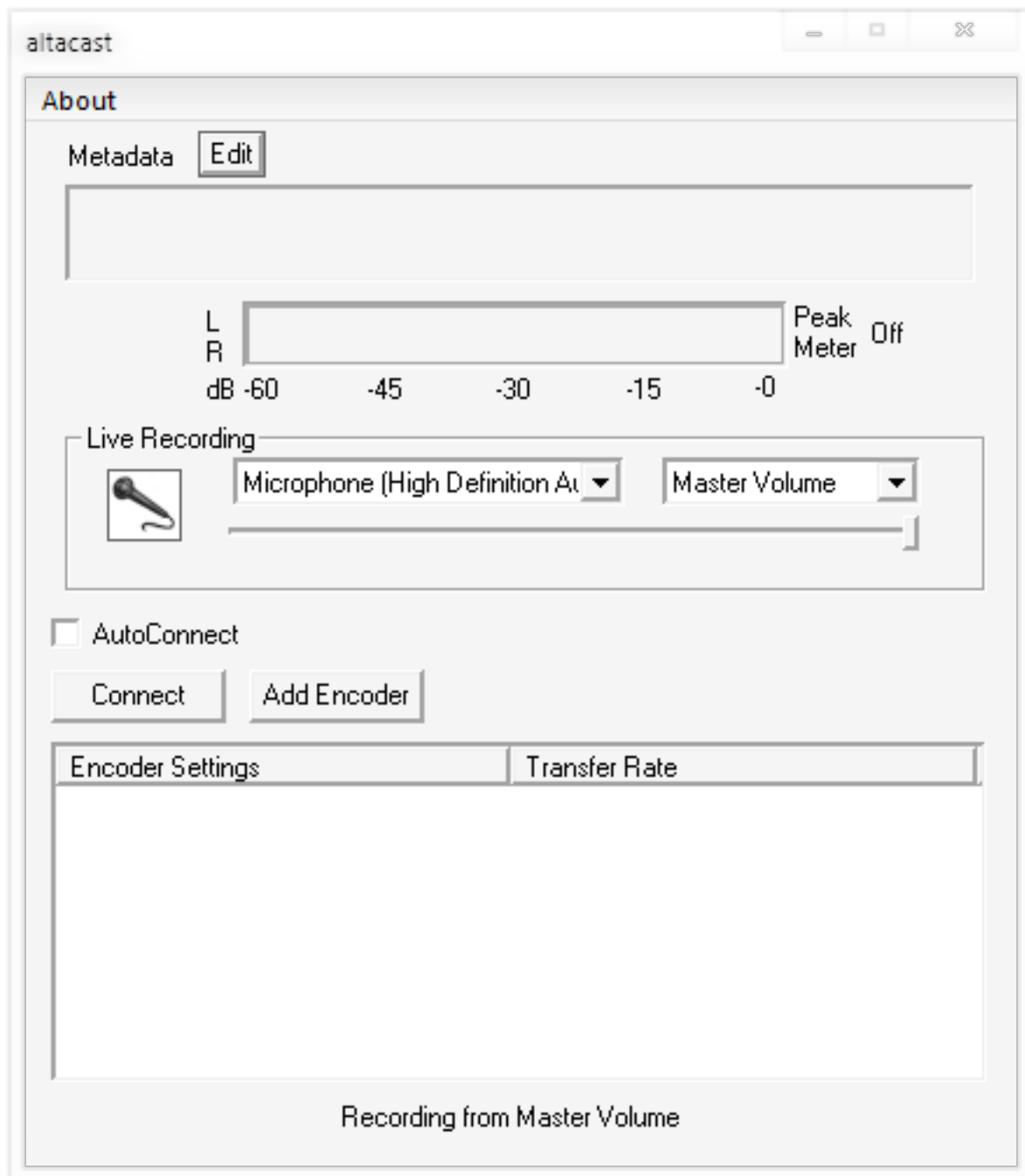
For this guide we'll be using the stand alone version of AltaCast, available from the [AltaCast website](#).

You may need to also download and install MP3 and AAC encoders. Links to the encoders can be found on AltaCast's website in the downloads section.

### 2. Configure AltaCast for streaming.

a. Launch AltaCast

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b. Click "Add Encoder", then double click the row that is added to the bottom table to open the configuration window.

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The screenshot shows the 'Configuration' window with the 'Basic Settings' tab selected. The 'General Settings' section contains the following fields and options:

- Bitrate:** 64 (with a checked 'Use bitrate' option)
- Quality:** 0
- Samplerate:** 44100
- Channels:** 2 (with a note '\* 1 for Mono, 2 for Stereo' and a checked 'Joint Stereo' option)
- Encoder Type:** MP3 Lame (dropdown menu)
- Server Type:** Shoutcast (dropdown menu)
- Server IP:** s1.vocast.com
- Server Port:** 7000
- Encoder Password:** (masked with asterisks)
- Mountpoint:** (empty field, with a note '\* Required for Icecast servers')
- Reconnect Seconds:** 10

At the bottom of the window are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

On the Configuration window, in the Basic Settings tab:

Tick "Use Bitrate", then enter your server's maximum bitrate in the bitrate field.

Change "Encoder Type" to either MP3 Lame or AAC.

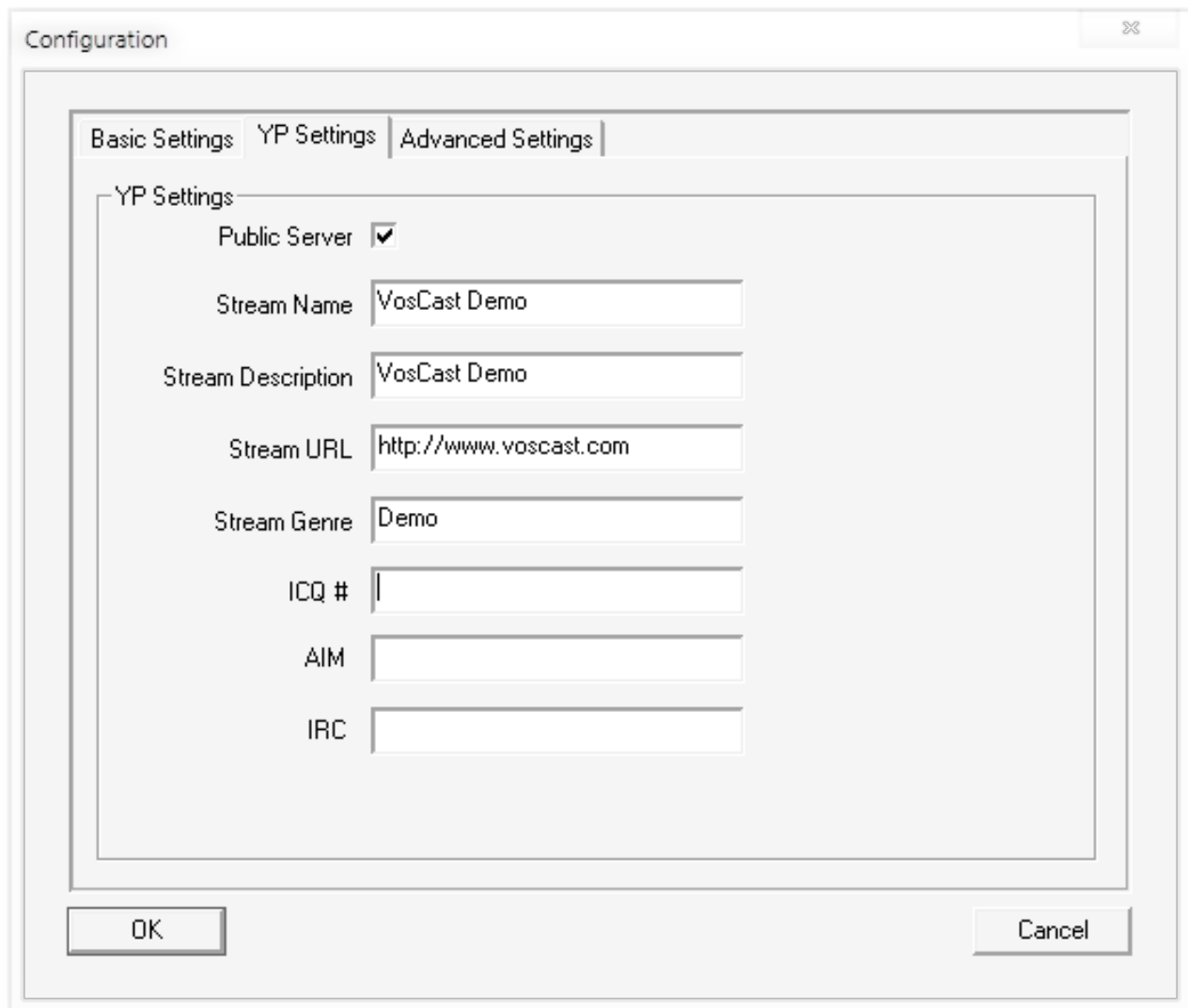
Change "Server Type" to Shoutcast.

Enter your server's address, port, and password into "Server IP", "Server Port" and "Encoder Password".

Erase all the text in "Mountpoint" leaving the field blank.

d. On the Configuration window, in the YP tab customise "Stream Name" and the other fields to fit your server.

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The image shows a 'Configuration' window with three tabs: 'Basic Settings', 'YP Settings', and 'Advanced Settings'. The 'YP Settings' tab is active. It contains the following fields:

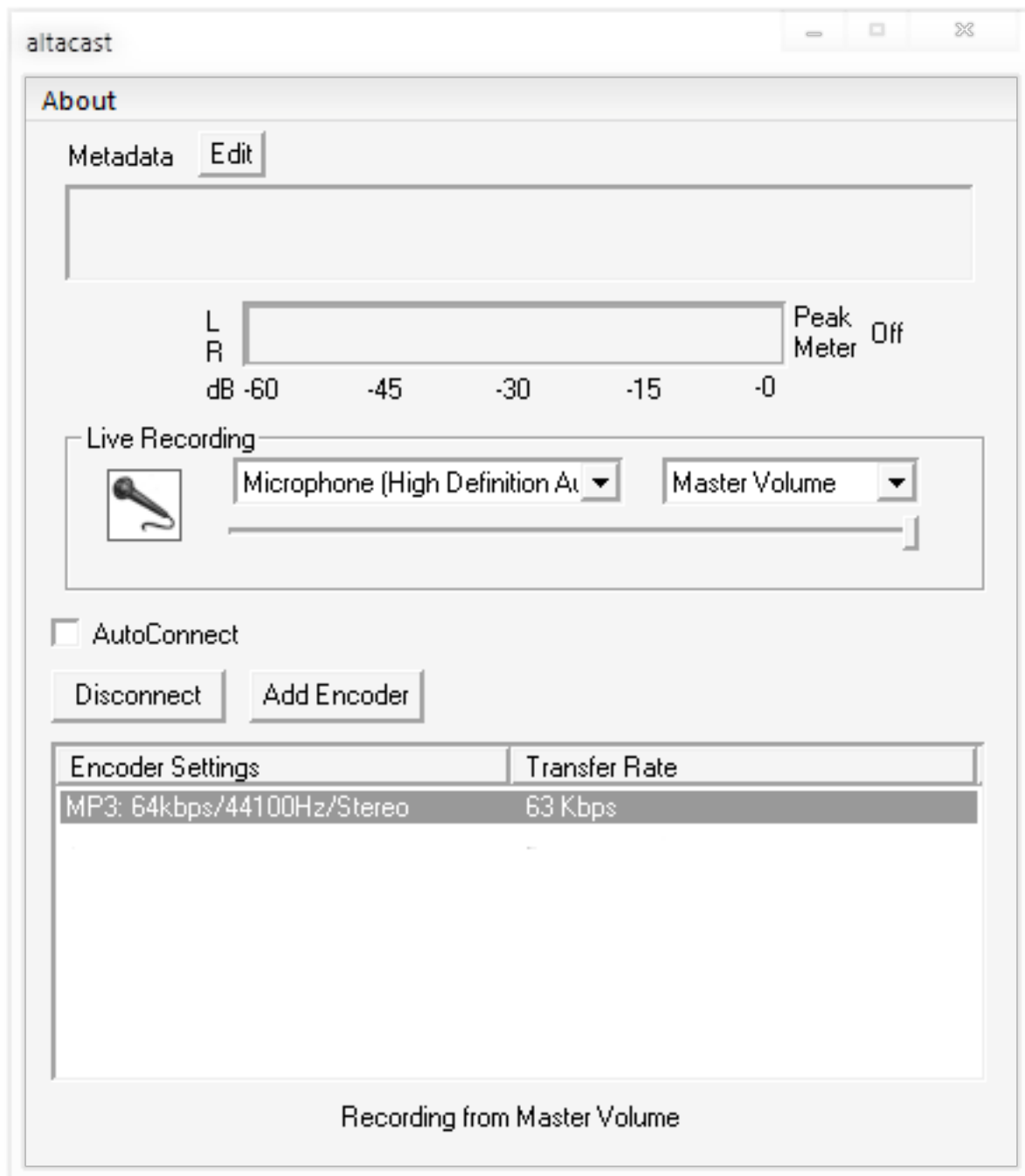
- Public Server**: A checkbox that is checked.
- Stream Name**: A text box containing 'VosCast Demo'.
- Stream Description**: A text box containing 'VosCast Demo'.
- Stream URL**: A text box containing 'http://www.vocast.com'.
- Stream Genre**: A text box containing 'Demo'.
- ICQ #**: An empty text box.
- AIM**: An empty text box.
- IRC**: An empty text box.

At the bottom of the window are two buttons: 'OK' on the left and 'Cancel' on the right.

Click OK to save your configuration settings and close the Configuration window.

e. Click Connect to start streaming to the server.

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f. To set your song metadata, click the "Edit" button next to "Metadata". You can then update your server's Metadata either manually, or by updating from a URL/ file, or from the title of another window.

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Set / Lock Metadata

Manually Enter Metadata

☐ Lock Metadata

Metadata

Append String

\* may take a song change to take affect

External Metadata

☐ URL

☐ File

☒ Disabled

Interval (secs)

Grab Metadata From Window Title

☐ Window Class

Find Window

Truncate everything after and including this string

Truncate everything before and including this string

OK

Cancel

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