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Getting Started with Nicecast

1. Register on VosCast.com

The first step to starting your own online radio station is purchasing radio hosting!

You can do this right here on VosCast.com. Head over to the [plans](#) page to get started.

Now, you may be wondering which plan to choose. This depends mostly on your budget.

128Kb/s will sound the best, and 24Kb/s will sound the worst.

If you have a low budget, we recommend 48Kb/s. However, for the best quality, go with 128Kb/s.

[Go to the Plans Page](#) (New window)

2. Set up Your Computer for Broadcasting

Now that you have a SHOUTcast server, you're ready to start streaming. The following steps will outline what you need to do to start streaming live. This tutorial is for Mac OS X.

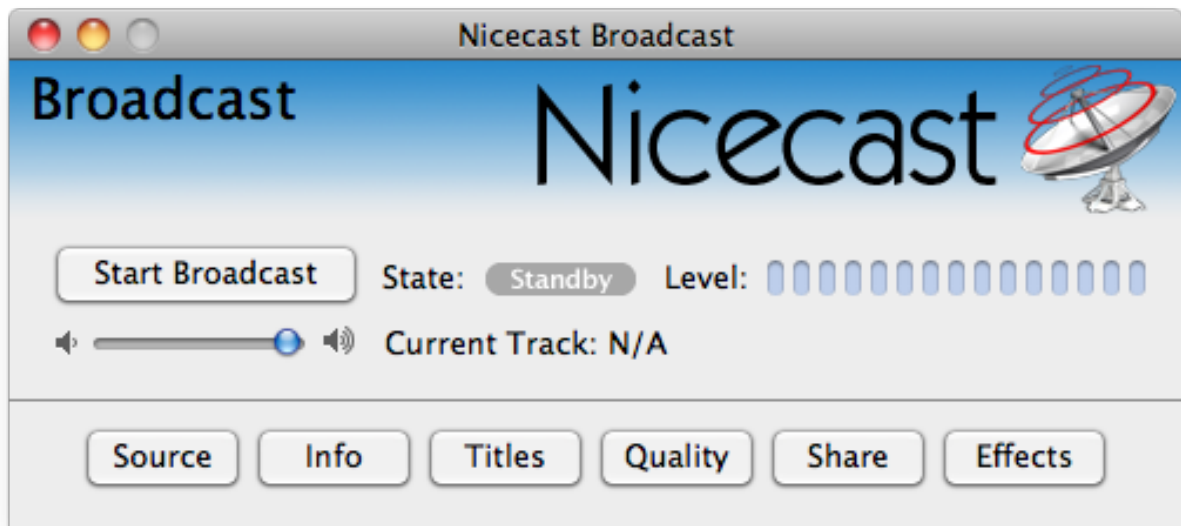
a. Install Nicecast

You can download and purchase Nicecast from [Rogue Amoeba's website](#).

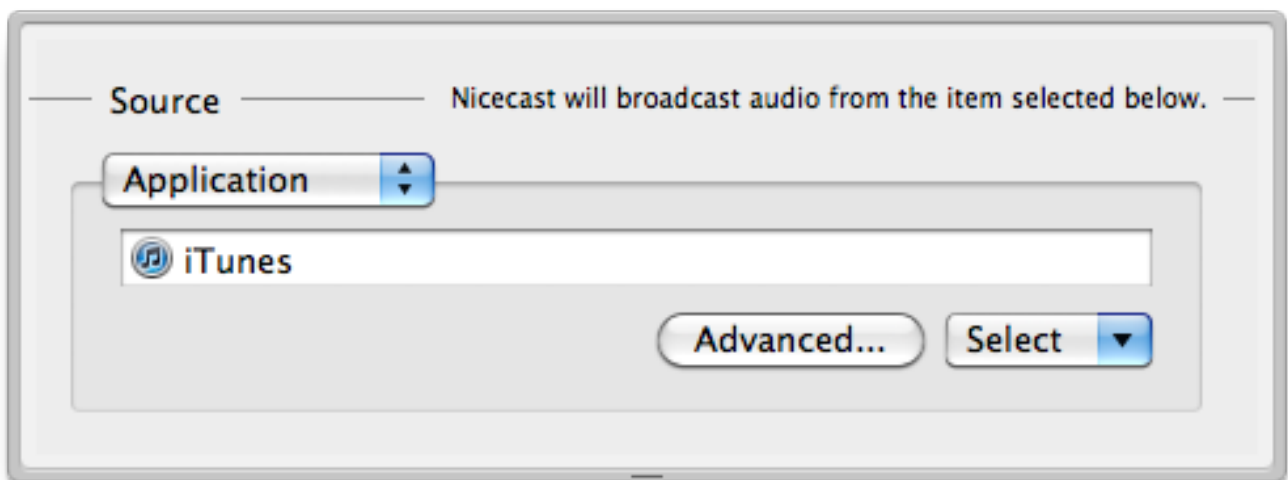
b. Configure Nicecast for streaming

1. Launch Nicecast

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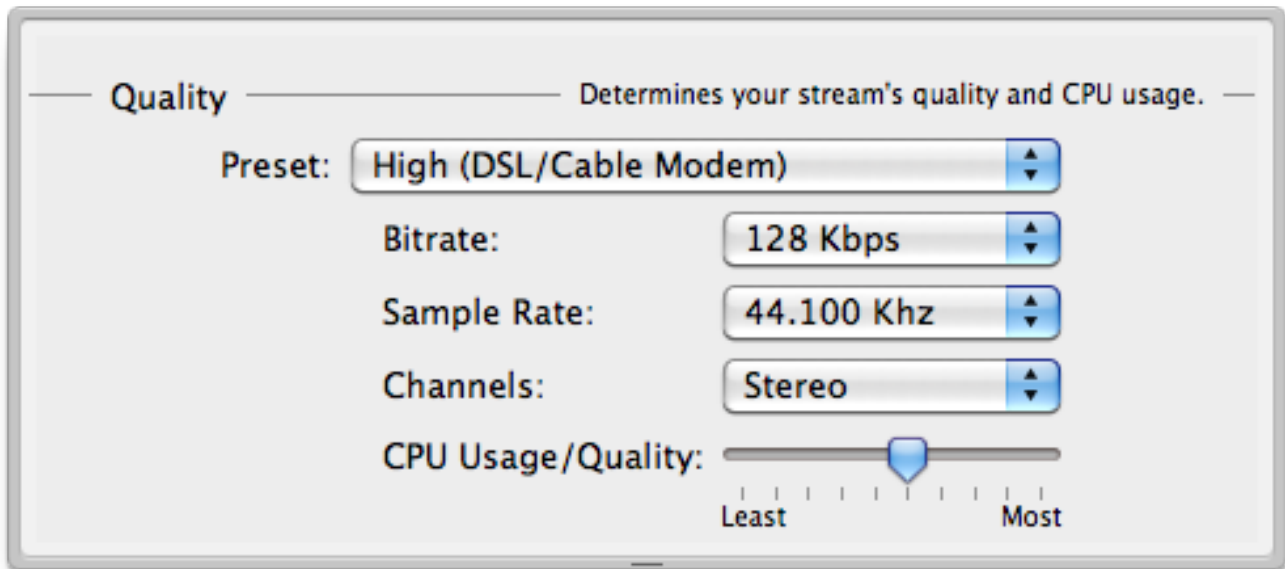


2. By default, Nicecast will select iTunes as the audio source. In most cases this will be the correct source for you, however you can change it by going clicking the “Source” button.

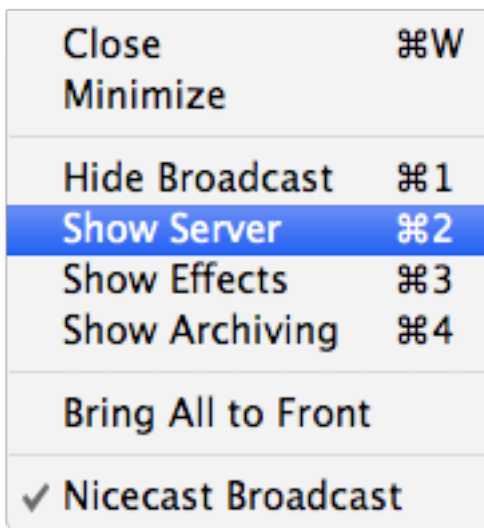


3. Click the “Quality” button. Select the bitrate of your plan and the channel (Stereo or Mono audio) you wish to stream in.

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4. Click “Window” in the menu bar and select “Show Server”.



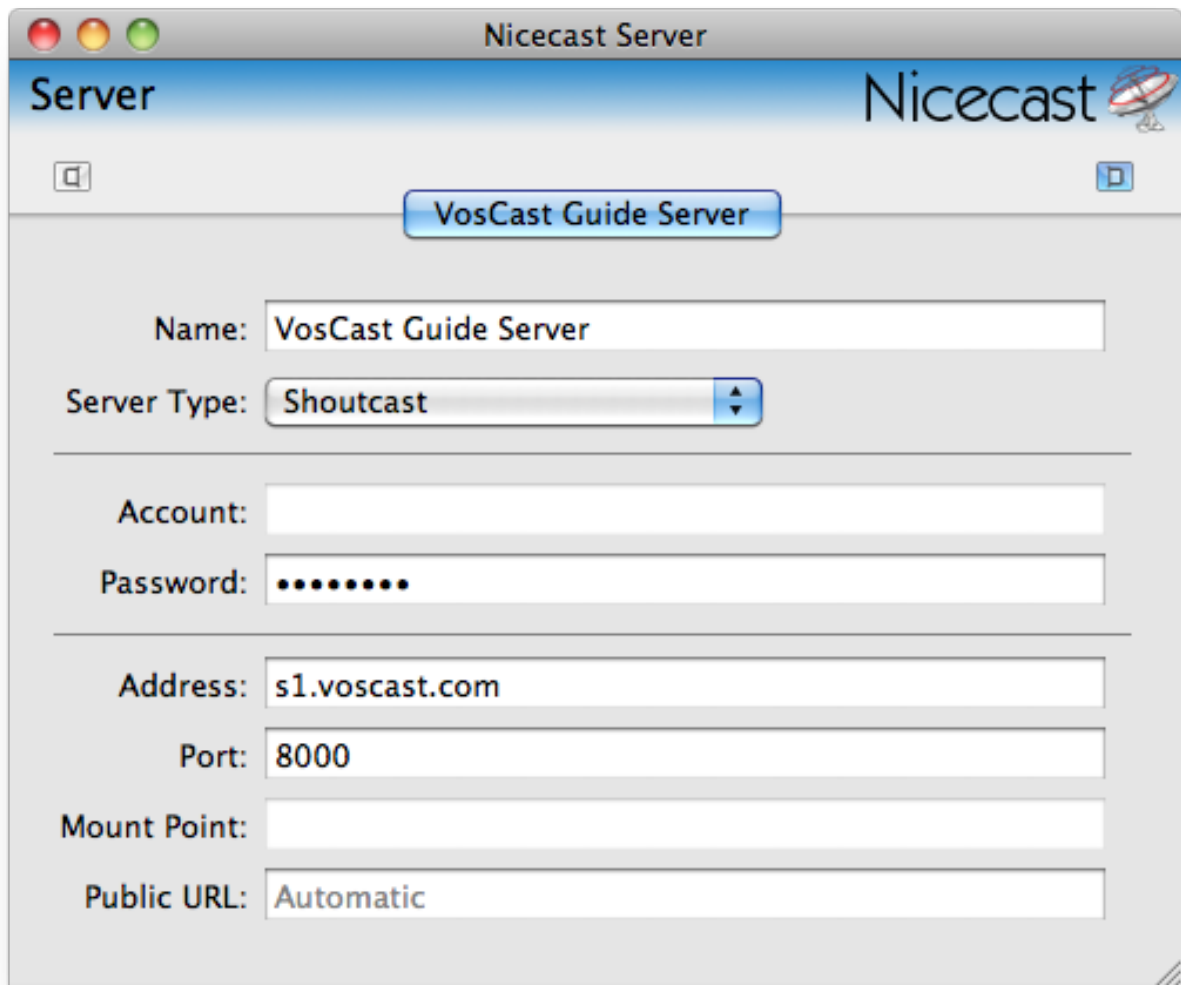
5. In the sidebar, click the “+” button to add a new server.

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6. Type in your VosCast account information and make sure your new server is selected in the sidebar.

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The image shows a screenshot of the 'Nicecast Server' configuration window. The window has a title bar with three colored buttons (red, yellow, green) and the text 'Nicecast Server'. Below the title bar, there is a blue header bar with the word 'Server' on the left and the 'Nicecast' logo on the right. In the center of the header bar, there is a button labeled 'VosCast Guide Server'. Below the header bar, the main area contains several form fields: 'Name:' with the value 'VosCast Guide Server', 'Server Type:' with a dropdown menu showing 'Shoutcast', 'Account:' with an empty text box, 'Password:' with a text box containing ten dots, 'Address:' with the value 's1.vocast.com', 'Port:' with the value '8000', 'Mount Point:' with an empty text box, and 'Public URL:' with the value 'Automatic'.

7. Close the server window and go back to the main Nicecast window. Now you can start broadcasting!

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