

Saving and Exporting (Practice)

Ending the Song

To finish off our masterpiece, we want to create a typical fade that you hear at the end of most songs. We also need to do a little bit of GarageBand housekeeping. GarageBand has an “end of song” marker on the Beat Ruler. (That’s why when you are working on your composition, the playhead sometimes continues to move even after it passes the end of the last region.) We will need to adjust the location of the marker to reflect the “real” end of our song.

1. To Fade the song:
 - a. Pull down *Track* to *Show Master Track*. Verify that *Master Volume* is selected.
 - b. Click the volume line about one measure before the end of the song. A ball will appear to mark the spot.
 - c. Click again slightly to the right and drag the new ball down and to the right to the end of the song. Click the play button to hear the results and save your composition.
2. To Mark the End of the Song:
 - a. If the purple *End of Song Marker* (2.7) is not visible, drag the *Zoom Slider* (2.9) located at the bottom of the *Tracks* column, to the left until the purple End of Song Marker appears on the *Beat Ruler*.
 - b. Drag the End of Song Marker to the left until it lines up with the last, faded-out sound of your song.

(Don’t forget to save your composition)

Exporting (Sharing) to iTunes

The GarageBand “version” of you composition can only be played on GarageBand, which makes for rather limited distribution of it. Of course Apple has a solution for that. We will simply export it to iTunes.

1. If you want your exported song to have a different name than it does in GarageBand, you must first pull down *File* to *Save As* and enter the desired new name.
2. In *GarageBand*, pull down *Share* to *Send Song to iTunes*.
3. Enter info as desired. Set *Compress Using* to *MP3 Encoder*. GarageBand will create a “mix-down”, open *iTunes*, and your song will appear (and play) in your *iTunes Library*.

Converting an existing AAC to an MP3 in iTunes (optional)

AAC is an Apple format. MP3 is a more universal one. If you have songs that shared using the AAC Encoder, they can be converted to MP3 easily.

1. In *iTunes* locate the song in the *iTunes Library* and highlight it.
2. Pull down *Advanced* to *Convert Selection to MP3*. (**Note:** If “Convert selection” does not say “to MP3”, pull down the *iTunes* menu to *Preferences*, click the *Advanced* icon, click the *Importing* button, and set the *Import Using* popup to *MP3*.)
3. A second song by the same name will be created and appear in the *iTunes Library*. To see which one is the MP3, pull down *View* to *View Options*, select *Kind*, and click **OK**. The file types will now be visible.
4. You can drag this one to the desktop and import into other applications.