

Downloading audio files and opening them in Praat

To download an audio file from an ordinary WWW address:

(1) If the audio file is linked from the page you are looking at, *right-click* on the link. You will see a pop-up menu. Choose *Save Target As...* (Internet Explorer) or *Save target page as...* (Netscape); your browser may call it something slightly different. You will get a file dialog box. Browse through your folders until you find the one where you want to save it, and save it there.

(2) If the audio file is the page you are looking at, *go to your browser's File menu and choose Save Page As...* (Netscape). (This doesn't appear to be possible in Internet Explorer.)

To download an audio file from the course's Blackboard site:

Point your browser to the Blackboard page that contains the links to the files. Now follow (1) above.

To open a downloaded audio file in Praat:

Double click on the Praat icon to launch it. What you do next depends on what kind of audio file you've got.

(1) If the file extension is .wav, .aif, .aiff, .aifc, or .au, choose *File:Read from file....* You'll get a file dialog box. Browse through to where you saved the downloaded file, and select it. You're done!

That covers anything I'll assign you to listen to in this course. But you may want to do more on your own:

(2) If the file extension is anything else, you may or may not be able to read it. If the sound is recorded as raw audio, choose *File:Read from special sound file* and try stuff off the resulting pop-up menu. Praat is guaranteed to open the file, but it will sound like noise unless you've hit on the right menu choice.

Note: Praat **cannot** open any kind of compressed audio. This includes MP3s.