

ALON Dictaphone(Free version)

User's manual

Thanks for choosing ALON Dictaphone! We hope you will like our product and it will be useful for you. We'll be happy to receive any feedback from you for improving ALON Dictaphone. Please, contact our support at support@alonsoftware.com

1. Introduction

ALON Dictaphone allows to record in **mp3** and **wav** audio formats. You may easily turn your iPhone/iPad/iPod into advanced digital Dictaphone and start to record lectures, conversations, interviews and then send the recordings to SoundCloud, Dropbox, Google Drive, SkyDrive, Box, Ftp server or use iTunes or Wi-Fi to copy them to your laptop directly. Besides that you can send recordings via E-mail too.

All your recordings can be easily structured by groups. You can at any time add a new group, move recordings into a corresponded group or delete group.

For any recorded track you can resume recording using functionality of an appending record or you can easily overwrite any part of the recorded track.

You can filter “silence” during recording process (voice activation).

You can easily add bookmarks during recording as well as during playback

Note: The description corresponds to the version of ALON Dictaphone which includes all the built extensions. The built extensions are:

- **Share Audio Memos**
- **Advanced Audio Pack**
- **Multiple Selection**
- **Bookmarks**
- **Categories**
- **Adjustable Playback Speed**
- **Overwrite and Append**
- **Without Advertisement**

You can get a needed extension via In-App Purchases in Settings > Extensions.

2. Interface survey

The main window consists from a top navigation bar, track list (recordings list) and media buttons. The buttons from the top navigation bar can be used for (from left to right):

1. Open “Settings”
2. Open Tool bar
3. Set an append/overwrite mode.
4. Share(for iPad only)
5. Shows the current category and give an opportunity to pass to a Category window and choose the

other category.

Track list represents each track by a track name, duration, date creation, extension and size. For each of these parameters you can make sorting of track list via “Settings->List tab->Sorting list”.

Media buttons allow navigating on the track list, playing back of a chosen track and making the recordings.

Each track has a bookmark-button. The bookmark-button allows opening the Bookmark window in order to work with bookmarks.

3. Recording

So the record button has 3 states. The first state is used for continuous recording. It creates a new track every time as you press down on this button. The windows look like:





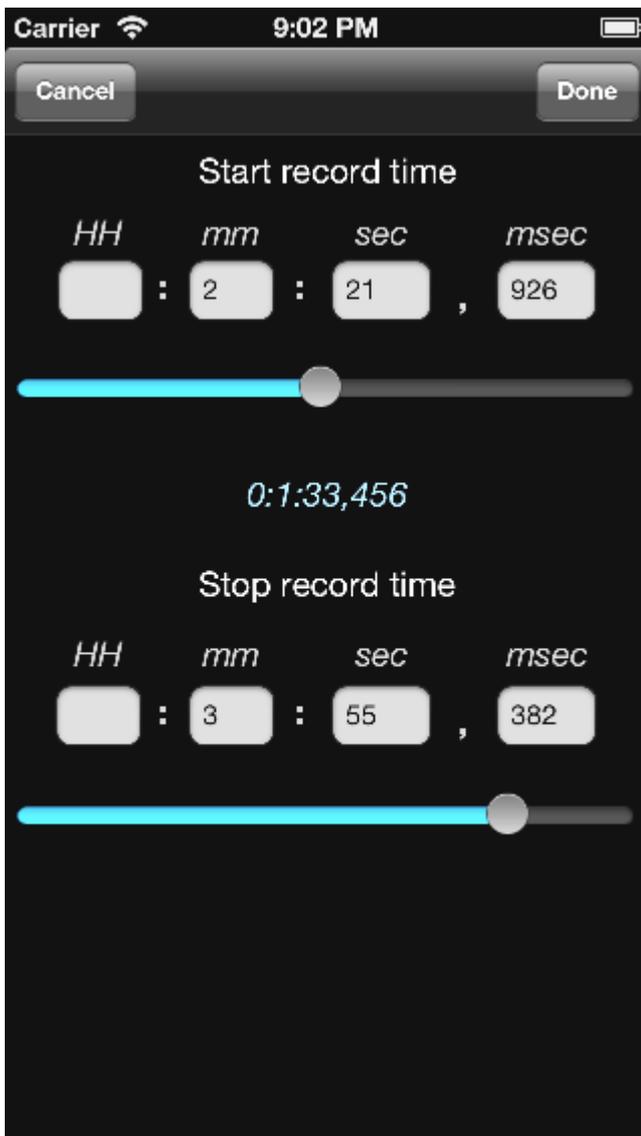
The second state is used to append new recording to the existed track. In order to make this you should press  button on the top navigation bar. In this state the recorder will append the new recordings. This recorder state looks like:



If you need to overwrite some part of the track you should select required positions like at the picture below:



In order to precisely adjust the overwrite time you should tap on the shown time and get the following window:



The last third state is used for filtering silence during recording. In order to turn it “On” you should pass to “Settings->Main->Go to advanced settings->Threshold recording activation” and set the switch to “On”. In this state you can also adjust “Threshold recording activation” using slider for that. It gives opportunity to filter the more quiet sounds which will be considered as “silence” and recording will be paused. The leftmost position of the slider corresponds to the state where the silence is almost absent (it’s similar with the first recording state).

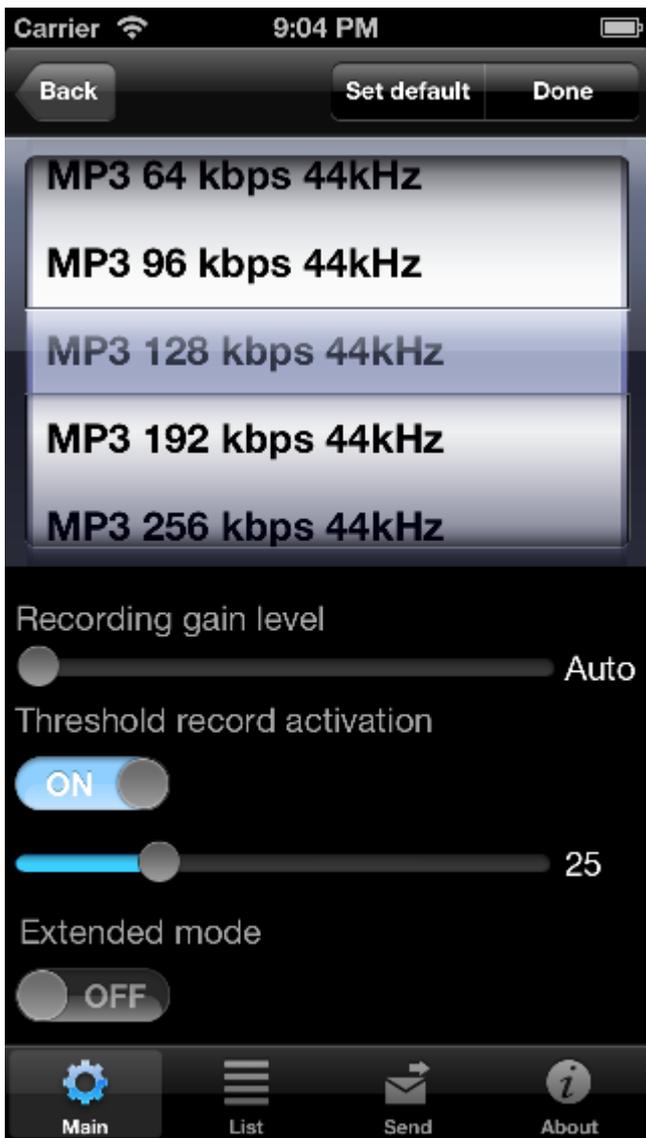
The window looks like:



For all these recording states you can set recording gain via “Settings->Main tab->Go to advanced settings->Recording gain level”. This option allows to record silent sounds more loudly. But in an opposite side sound noise will be increasing in your recording too. The leftmost position of the slider corresponds to an auto gain level.

Note: “Threshold record activation” depends on “Recording gain level”. It means that if you using the “Threshold record activation” and change a “Recording gain level” you should adjust the “Threshold record activation” value again.

You can choose the additional recording formats from “Settings->Main tab->Advanced...”:

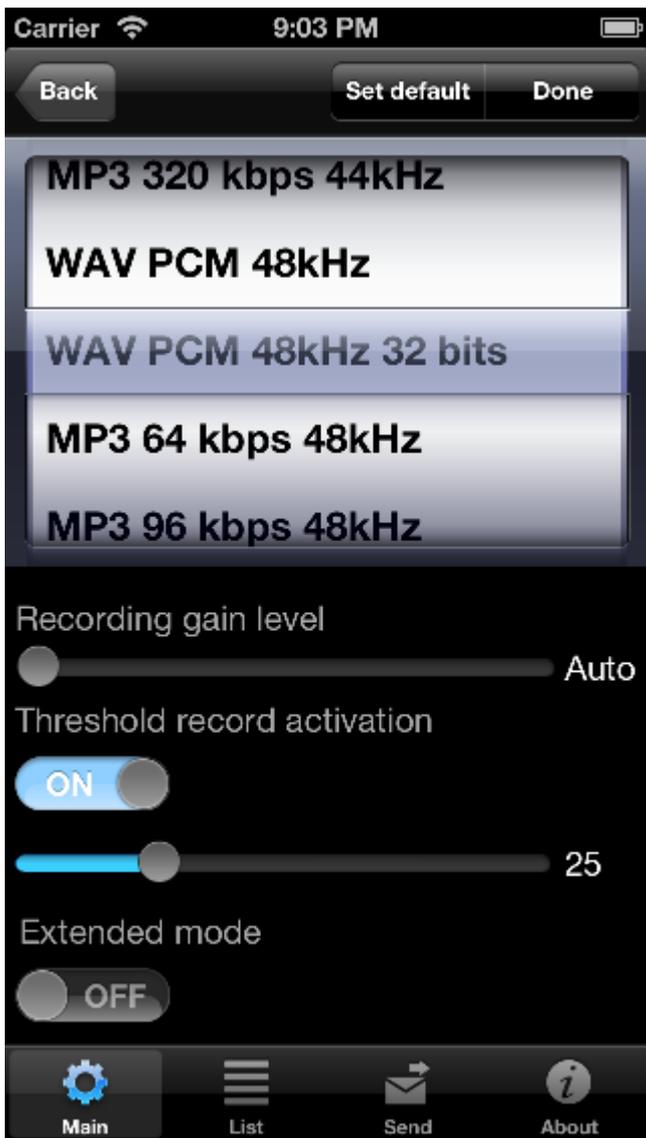


You can change the recording template from “Settings->Main->Recording template”.

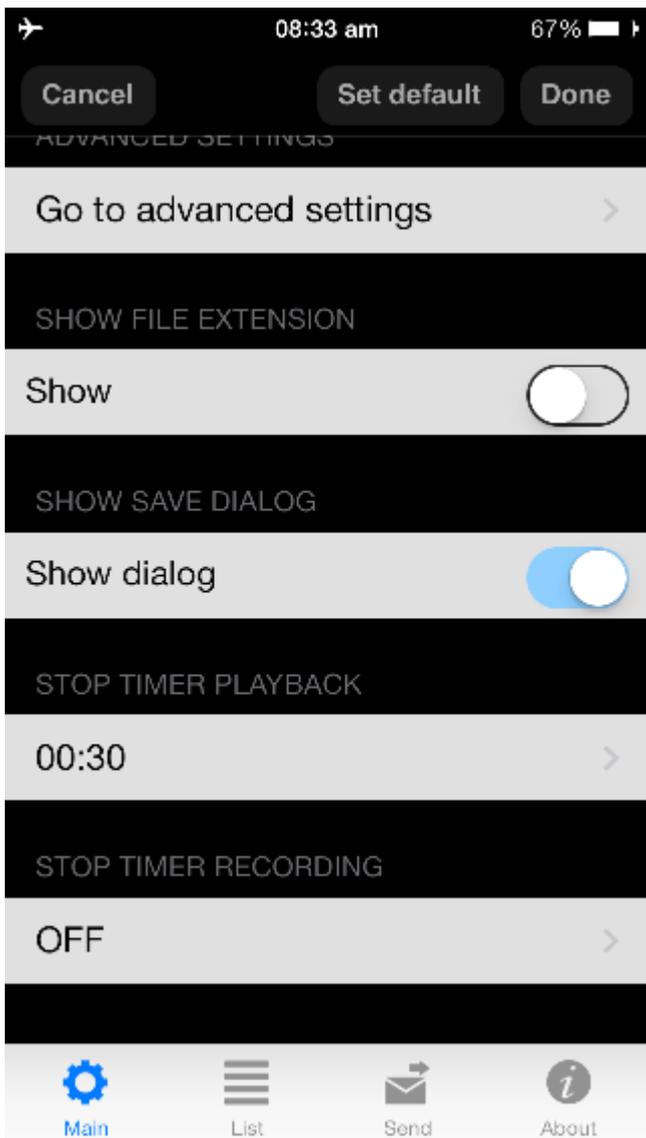
The stereo recording is possible with the external microphones suitable for your device.

Note: The sample rate can be decreased (resample) for some mp3 stereo formats by application in order to save current bitrate.

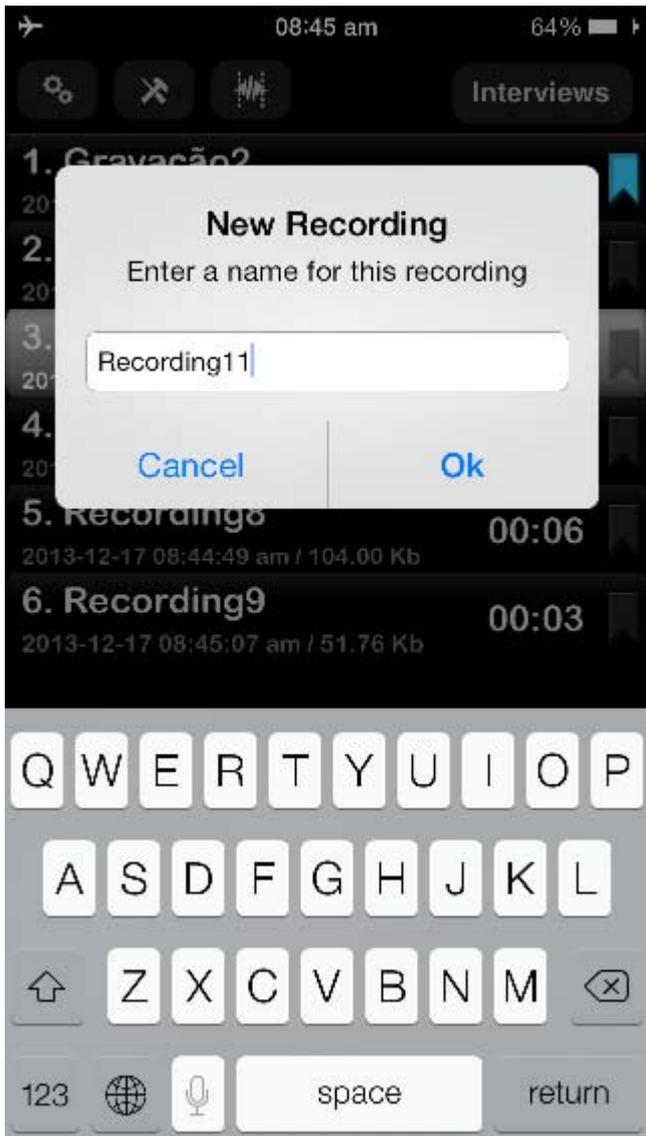
You can make the recordings with 32 bits depth for wav audio formats:



If you need to enter a new name of the recorded track by yourself you should set the option “Show save dialog” to ON like on the image below:



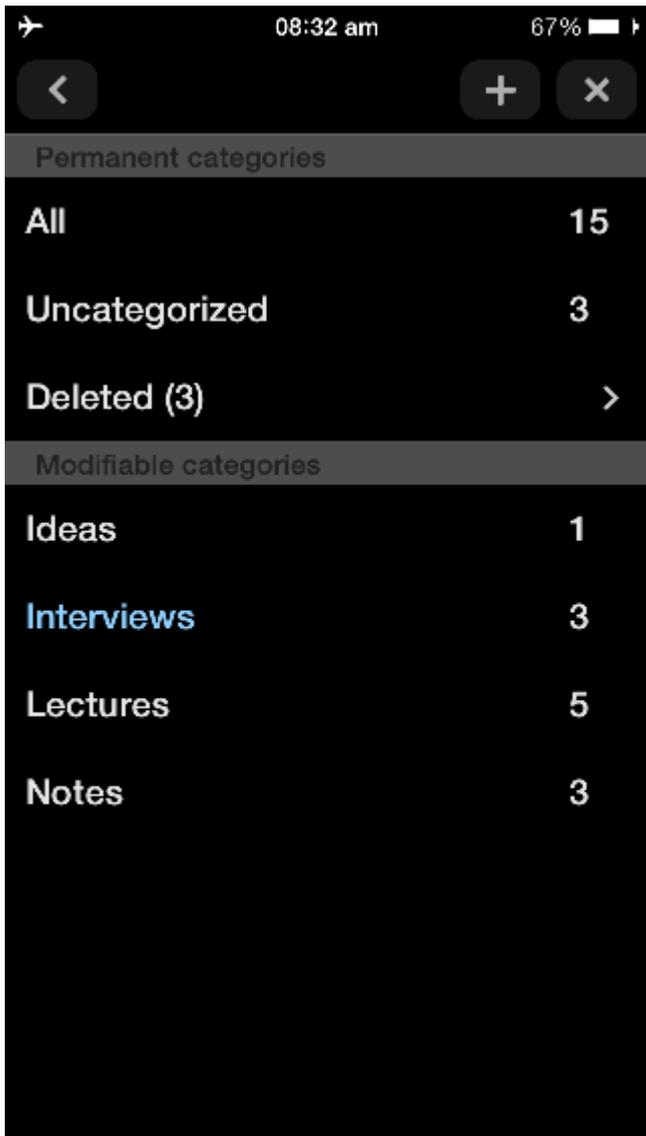
The save window will be looks like this:



You also can set the timer in order to stop recording process after some time. This option is available from the Settings > Stop Timer Recording.

4. Categories

In order to pass Category window you need to press down right top navigation button. The Categories window looks like:



In this window you can add a new category and delete the already existing one. Each category shows how many tracks belong to it. There are 2 unchangeable categories “All” and “Uncategorized”. One tap on the category allows passing to the needed category.

5. Tools

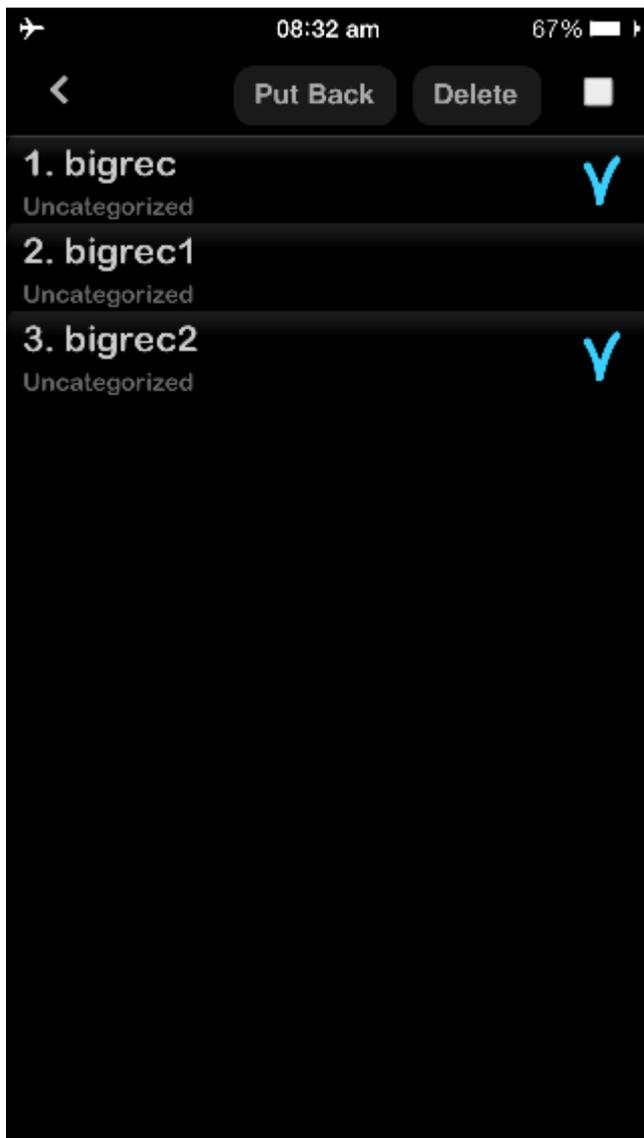
The tools button shows the tool bar. In this state you can work with tracks in order to delete, rename, share and move them. Besides that you can open any track from within other application. The tool window looks like:



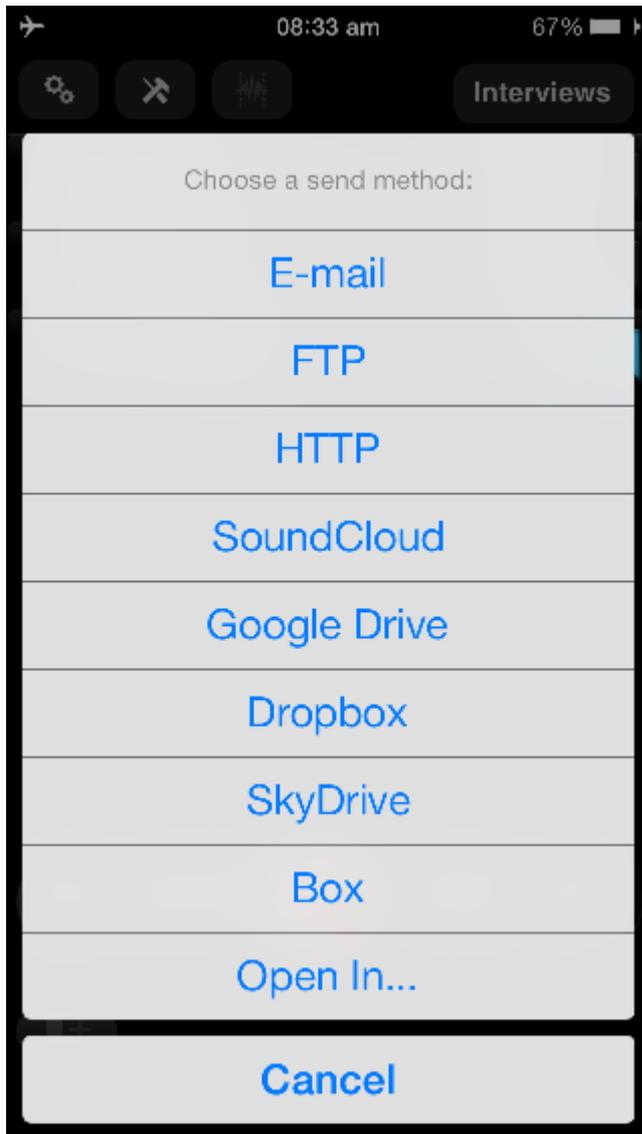
The tool bar has 5 buttons (from left to right):

1. Delete track(s).

The deleted tracks can be managed from the Categories > Deleted. Here you can put back a deleted track or completely remove it from the device:



2. Rename track
3. Send track(s) via E-mail, to Ftp server/SoundCloud/Dropbox/Google Drive/SkyDrive/Box or HTTP server. Open in another application.



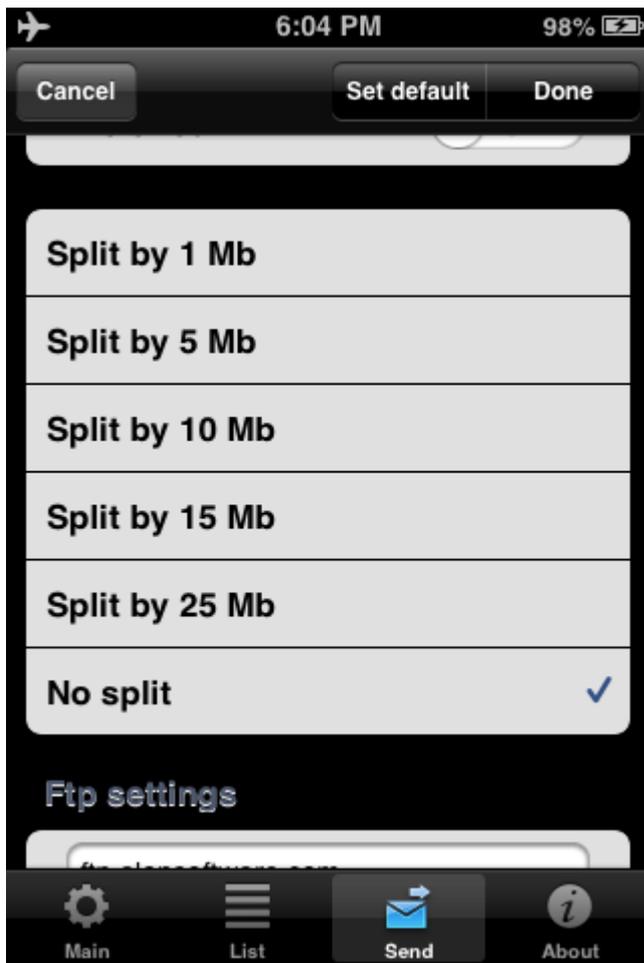
The preferred method you can choose from “Settings->Send tab”. In this case the program will not ask you about what method you should choose for sending tracks.

Note: Before you start sending tracks you should set up needed information for the corresponded send method. It can be done from “Settings->Send tab”.

You can point up to 3 recipients' email addresses.

If the size of sending track exceeded the “split size” the track will be sending by parts. The “split size” can be set from “Settings->Send tab”.

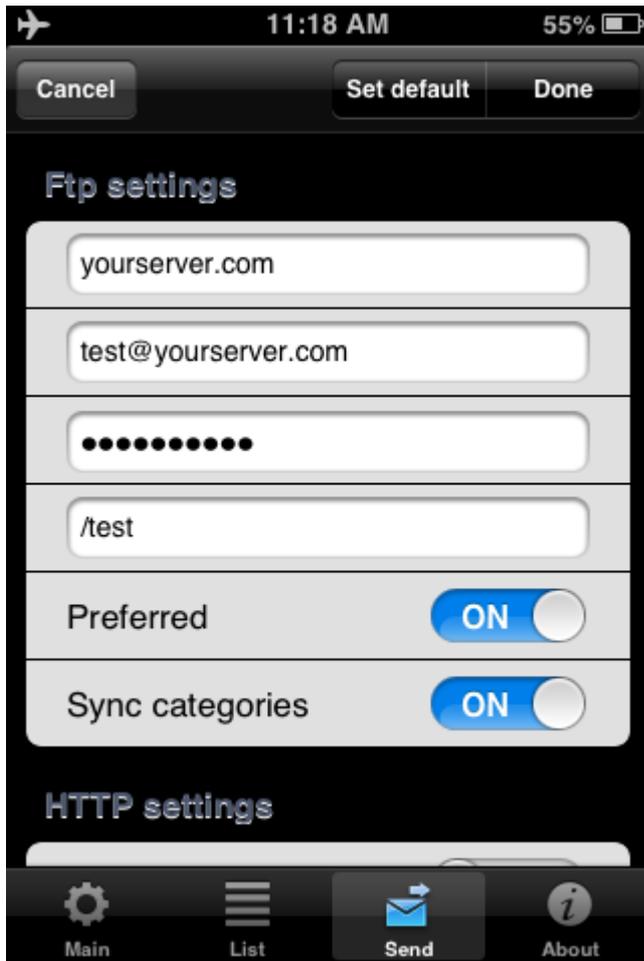
Note: You can choose “No split” in the Settings in this case you can attach any track with e-mail letter as well as you will be able to send several letters at one time. But in this case, an error may occur if the total size of all letters or size of one letter will be more than allowed by server.



Uploading to Ftp server:

You should fill the appropriate fields with:

1. Server name
2. User name
3. Password
4. Directory(optional)



If you choose “Sync categories” option all tracks will be saved in appropriate category on your Ftp server at the same way as on your device.

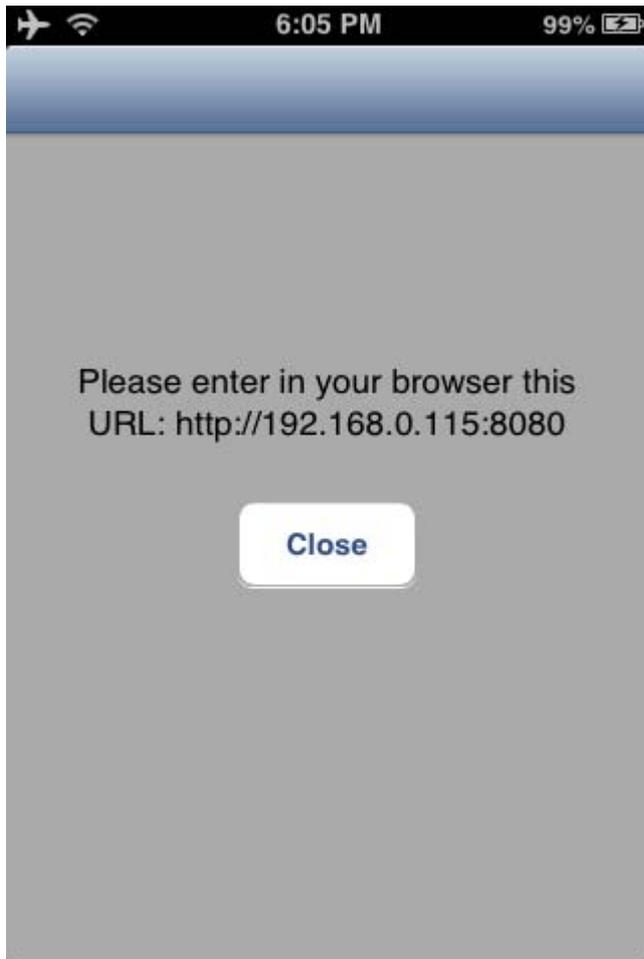
Getting recordings via iTunes:

The recordings are saved in the ALON Dictaphone directory named "Documents". You can easily get access to this directory via iTunes. You need to make the following:

1. Sync your device with iTunes.
2. Choose your device in the left column.
3. Choose Apps tab on the top of window.
4. Scroll down and you'll see the "File Sharing" title.

Getting recordings via HTTP:

In this case you should have Wi-Fi connection in the same network where your laptop is. When you choose HTTP sync, just enter an URL in your browser. The URL will be showed in a sync window:



Uploading to SoundCloud:

You should make an authorization in the “SoundCloud settings” (“Send tab”) in order to upload the tracks. Therefore it assumes that you already have got a SoundCloud account.

You can upload the tracks as public or private using the “Public” switch in the “SoundCloud settings”.

Uploading to Dropbox/Google Drive/SkyDrive/Box:

You should make an authorization in the “Dropbox/Google drive/SkyDrive/Box settings” “Send tab”) in order to upload the tracks. Therefore it assumes that you already have got a Dropbox/Google Drive/SkyDrive/Box account.

In order to stop sending operation you can choose the “Tools” button in the navigation bar then press “Stop sending” button in the tool bar:



4. Open track with other application.
5. Move track(s) from one category to another
Note: You can not move tracks from the “All” category.

All these operations can be accessed from the main window. You need press and hold desired track in order to get context menu:



6. Play state

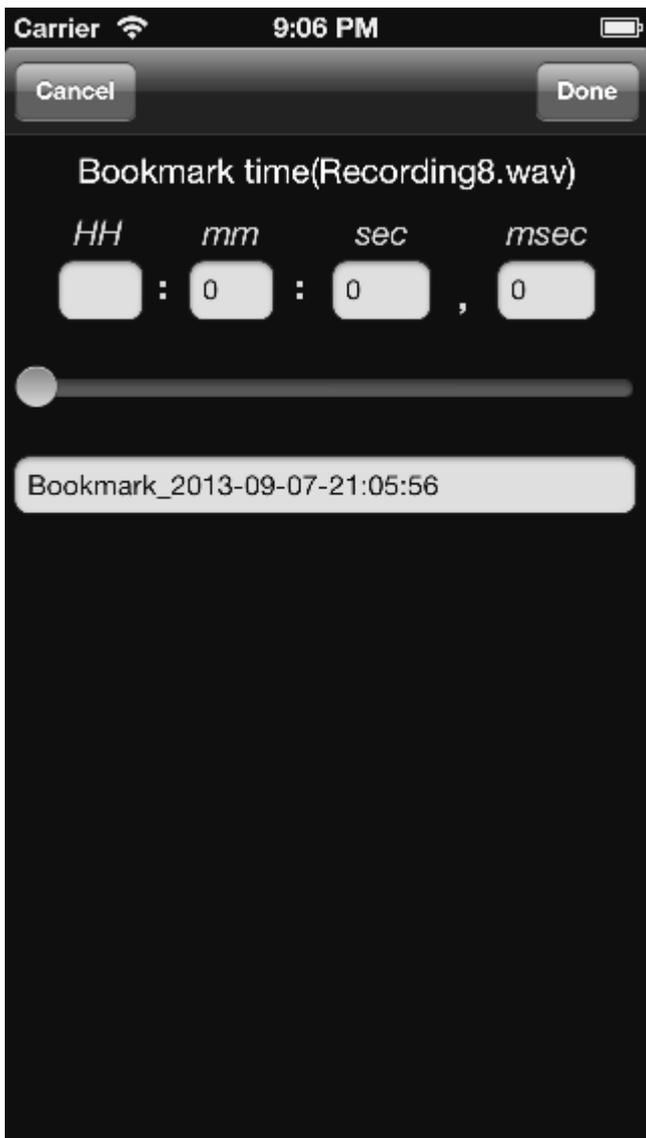
You can specify how to play a track list from “Settings->List tab->How to play list”. There are 5 positions:

1. One track – playing one track and stop.
2. List – playing the list and stop
3. Track loop – playing one track to the end and start again
4. List loop - playing the list to the end and start again
5. Random - randomly selects tracks to play

You also can set the timer in order to stop a playback after some time. This option is available from the Settings > Stop Timer Playback.

7. Bookmarks

You can set a bookmark for a track from “Stop/Record/Play” states. “Add bookmark” window looks like:

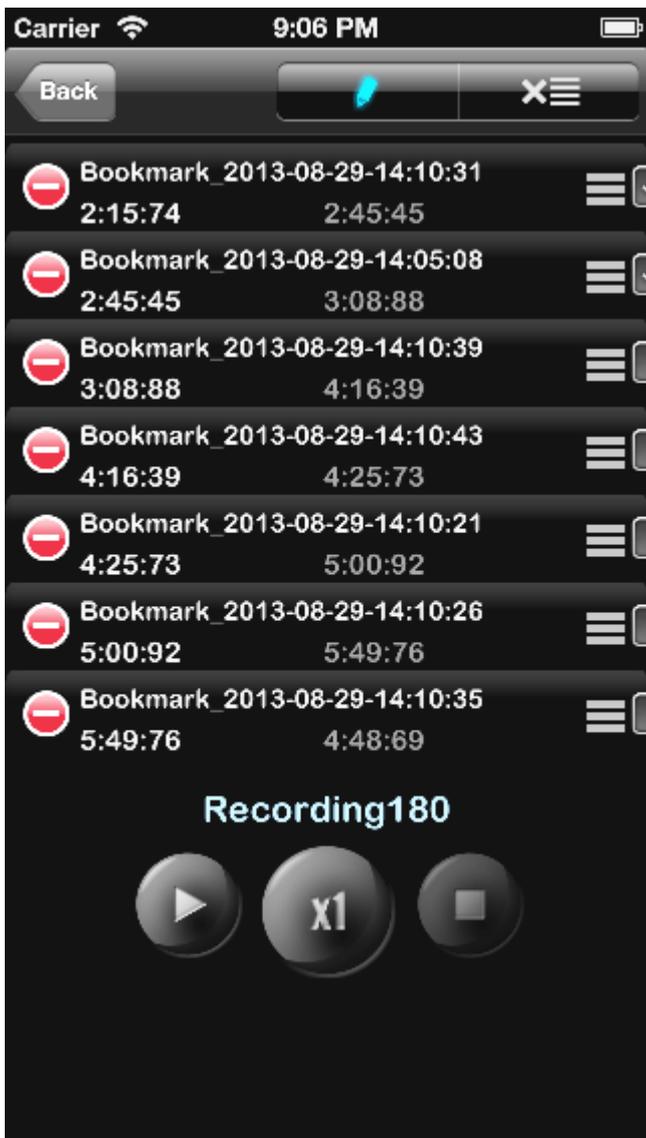


The track which has a bookmark is marked in the main list. If you choose the bookmark of track you will see the window like this:



You can start playback from any bookmark or you can arrange a playback route from the bookmarks in this window.

The playback route consists from the selected checkboxes. An order of bookmarks can be changed by the way you want:

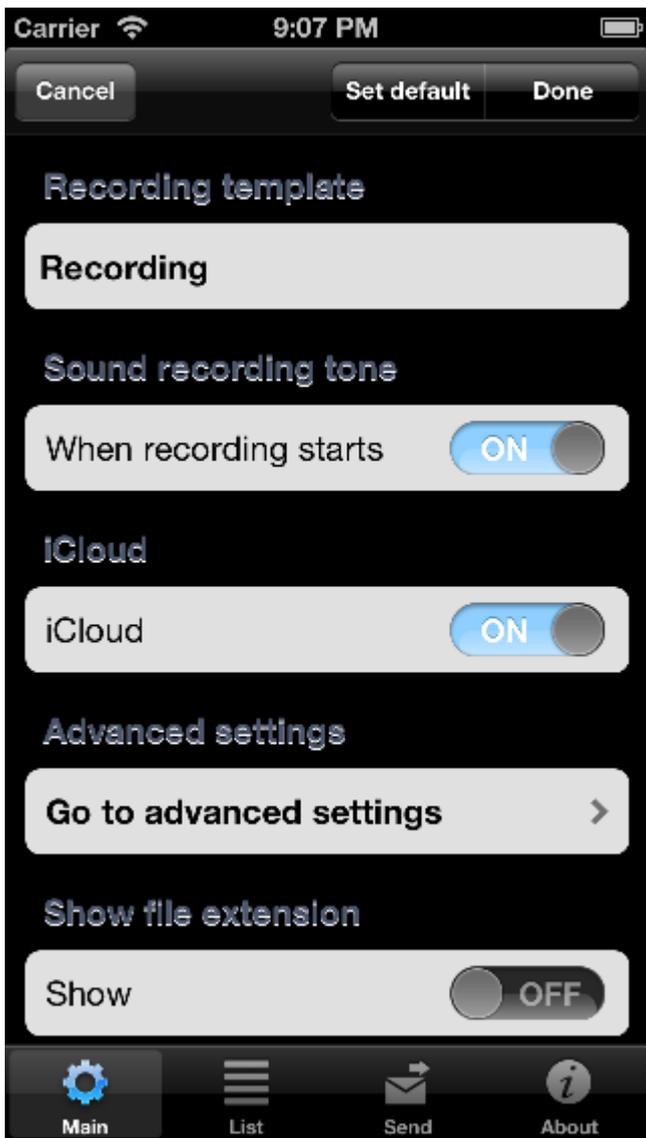


Note If the checkbox of the bookmark is chosen this bookmark (single route) will be playing in a circle.

If there are several chosen bookmarks the whole route will be playing in a circle.

8. iCloud

You can sync preferences and categories with iCloud.



If this option is “ON” then the settings like "List tab" and "Send tab" will be synchronized via iCloud as well as categories.

Note 1 If you already have had some settings in your "Send tab" and option iCloud was OFF then when you'll switch this option to ON you'll get the question about replace current settings (if in the iCloud is not the same "Send tab" settings like in your device "Send tab").

Note 2 If there are several categories in the iCloud which are absent on your device so after the "iCloud" option will be switch ON these categories will be added to your current categories without deleting any categories on your device.

Note 3 The “Advanced settings” are not synchronized via iCloud.

9. Advanced settings

Here you can exactly set needed audio format, adjust recording gain level or threshold record activation level. If you turn on "Extended mode" switch the record gain level and threshold level will be accessible during recording process as well as "Volume" and Balance" for playback state. The main window looks like (for recording and playback states accordingly):

