

In ShareX how do I disable the audio of an external camera? I want just the capture to record the audio of the desktop, not the camera.

Gemini 3 Flash

It's a common headache—ShareX is powerful, but its settings menu can feel like a labyrinth. To stop your webcam (or any external mic) from leaking into your screen recordings, you need to point ShareX specifically to your **Virtual Audio Capturer** or your system's stereo mix.

Here is the step-by-step to isolate your desktop audio:

1. Open Screen Recording Options

1. Open the **ShareX main window**.
2. Click on **Task settings** in the left-hand sidebar.
3. Navigate to **Capture > Screen recorder**.
4. Click the **Screen recording options...** button at the top of the window.

2. Configure the Audio Source

In the new window that pops up:

1. Look for the **Audio source** dropdown menu.
2. **To record only the desktop:** Select **virtual-audio-capturer**.
 - *Note:* If you don't see this option, click the **Install recorder devices** button in that same window. This installs the lightweight drivers needed to "hear" your system audio.
3. **Ensure your camera is NOT selected:** If your webcam (e.g., "Logitech USB Camera") is selected in this dropdown, that is why it's picking up external sound.

3. Verify the Selection

- **Audio source:** **virtual-audio-capturer** (This captures what you hear through your speakers/headphones).
- **Video source:** **None** (Unless you are recording the camera feed itself, but usually, this is set to **None** for standard screen captures).

Pro-Tip: The "None" Option

If you want **zero audio** at all (a silent video), simply set the **Audio source** to `None` .

If you find that `virtual-audio-capturer` isn't working for some reason, you can also use **Stereo Mix**, provided you have enabled it in your Windows Sound Control Panel settings.

Are you using a specific headset or a multi-output setup that might be making the "Virtual Audio Capturer" act a bit finicky?