

How to Install and Setup EAC to Make Flawless Rips on Linux

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Running EAC in Wine is currently the only way to get 100% logs on Linux. Ripping with a virtual drive, from a virtual machine (such as VirtualBox or VMWare) will not produce verifiable logs. Any torrents ripped from inside a virtual machine will have their logs removed from the site, and the torrent will be equivalent to logless. (An exception applies if using a USB disc drive through a virtual machine, as these have their names correctly displayed on logs. Please double check such logs before uploading though, and also make sure that EAC is set up accordingly to the wiki articles linked at the bottom of the page to avoid deductions for incorrect rip settings.)

These directions should work under any flavor of Linux that runs Wine. This guide was written with Debian testing in mind, but the only things which should differ between distributions are the package manager commands - please adapt them to the distro you're running.

Install Wine

The first step is to install Wine.

It is highly recommended to use Wine 4.6 or newer, since it is the first version which enables plugin support in EAC. This will allow you to produce logs which include the CUETools report for your rip.

Via your distribution's package manager

You should use your distribution's packages if it provides them. However, [the Wine project provides builds for a few distributions](#), so you may choose to use their builds if the package in your distribution is older or unusable for any other reasons. At the time of writing, Debian provides version 4.0 in their repositories - which is a little too old for this particular use case due to the reason mentioned above. Luckily, installing the package from the Wine repositories can be done with just a few commands:

```
wget
```

```
https://download.opensuse.org/repositories/Emulators:/Wine:/Debian/Debian_Testing_standard/amd64/libaudio0_19.04-0~buster_amd64.deb
```

```
wget
```

```
https://download.opensuse.org/repositories/Emulators:/Wine:/Debian/Debian_Testing_standard/i386/libaudio0_19.04-0~buster_i386.deb
```

```
sudo dpkg --add-architecture i386
```

```
sudo dpkg -i libaudio0_19.04-0~buster_amd64.deb
```

```
sudo dpkg -i libaudio0_19.04-0~buster_i386.deb
```

```
wget -O - https://dl.winehq.org/wine-builds/winehq.key | sudo apt-key add
```

```
echo 'deb https://dl.winehq.org/wine-builds/debian/ testing main' | sudo tee -a /etc/apt/sources.list >/dev/null
```

```
sudo apt update
```

```
sudo apt install --install-recommends winehq-devel winetricks
```

Visit the [Wine project's page concerning their Debian builds](https://wiki.winehq.org/Debian) if something doesn't work properly.

Making a custom Wine build

If, for some reason, you cannot use the newer versions, consider making a custom Wine build of an older version with a patch enabling EAC's plugin support. This is a slightly adapted version of what's available on the [Wine wiki about making builds on Debian](https://wiki.winehq.org/Debian). Keep in mind that due to differences in how distributions handle the issue of multiple architecture libraries, this part of the guide is meant exclusively for Debian.

First of all, download the needed chroot machinery from the repositories and edit the configuration file :

```
sudo apt-get install schroot debootstrap
```

```
sudo nano /etc/schroot/chroot.d/debian_i386.conf
```

Here are the contents of mine :

```
[debian_i386]
description=Debian Unstable 32-Bit
personality=linux32
directory=/srv/chroot/debian_i386
root-users=foobar
type=directory
users=foobar
```

Prepare the chroot so you can download the packages and enter it :

```
sudo mkdir -p /srv/chroot/debian_i386
```

```
sudo debootstrap --variant=buildd --arch=i386 testing /srv/chroot/debian_i386 http://ftp.debian.org/debian
```

```
sudo cp /etc/apt/sources.list /srv/chroot/debian_i386/etc/apt/
```

```
schroot -c debian_i386 -u root
```

You are now logged in as root inside the 32-bit chroot.

```
apt-get update
```

```
apt-get install build-essential wget
```

```
apt-get build-dep libwine
```

```
exit
```

Those commands will make sure you have the stuff that you need to compile wine in the 32-bit chroot, as well as build dependencies of the libwine package provided in the repositories so Wine compiles with all the optional features that you might or might not need. You can now re-enter the chroot as a regular user to perform the build :

```
schroot -c debian_i386
```

```
cd /home/foobar # this will enter /home/foobar in your host system
```

```
wget https://dl.winehq.org/wine/source/4.0/wine-4.0.tar.xz
```

```
tar xf wine-4.0.tar.xz
```

```
wget -O wine-sxs-support.patch https://source.winehq.org/patches/data/150654
```

```
cd wine-4.0
```

```
patch -p1 -i ../wine-sxs-support.patch
```

```
mkdir -p /home/foobar/wine-install
```

```
./configure --prefix=/home/foobar/wine-install
```

```
make # optionally add -jN where N is the number of cores
```

```
make install
```

```
exit
```

And voila! You're back to your regular system and the 32-bit Wine installation is now available in `/home/foobar/wine-install`. You still need to install the 32-bit support packages on your host system in order to actually run it, though :

```
sudo dpkg --add-architecture i386 # in case you haven't done this before
```

```
sudo apt-get install libwine:i386
```

This will install the libwine package and all its dependencies, which means that you end up with the same set of packages that Wine was compiled against in your 32-bit chroot. Remember to add the location into your PATH so the Wine binaries can be easily called from the shell and found by other tools :

```
export PATH="/home/foobar/wine-install/bin:$PATH"
```

Let Wine see your optical drives

Wine needs the optical drives to be referenced in `/etc/fstab` in order to see them. The drives themselves don't need to be mounted, but the mount points do need to exist. Your optical drive's device node is most probably `/dev/sr0` if you only have one drive - if you have multiple, list the entries inside `/dev/disk/by-id` to find out which drive maps to which device node :

```
$ ll /dev/disk/by-id/*
```

```
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 9 Apr 6 23:08 /dev/disk/by-id/ata-LITE-ON_LTR-52327S -> ../../sr1
```

```
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 9 Mar 27 21:29 /dev/disk/by-id/ata-TSSTcorpCD_DVDW_SH-W162C -> ../../sr0
```

Now, create an entry inside `/etc/fstab` for each drive that you want to use, changing the device path (first token) and the mount point (second token) appropriately :

```
echo '/dev/sr0 /mnt/drive0 auto ro,user,noauto,unhide 0 0' | sudo tee -a /etc/fstab >/dev/null
```

Don't forget to actually create the mount points that `/etc/fstab` now references :

```
sudo mkdir -p /mnt/drive0
```

You will also need to give optical drive read/write permissions to the user you're running Wine as. Linux distributions usually give these permissions to particular groups - in order to see which group you need to be a member of, check the owner of the device node representing the device that you want to use :

```
$ ll /dev/sr*
```

```
brw-rw---- 1 root cdrom 11, 0 Mar 27 21:29 /dev/sr0
```

```
brw-rw---- 1 root cdrom 11, 1 Apr 6 23:08 /dev/sr1
```

As you can see, Debian gives R/W permissions to these device nodes to members of the "cdrom" group. It's thus enough to add your user ("foobar" in this example) to this group :

```
sudo gpasswd -a foobar cdrom
```

Make an exclusive EAC prefix

Wine operates in what it calls "Wine prefixes". Each prefix is essentially a separate Windows installation as far as Windows programs are concerned. It is usually recommended to have a separate prefix for every application installed, since this allows to isolate all the application-dependent workarounds which might be necessary, and make sure that they won't be influenced by any other applications installed into this particular prefix.

Making a Wine prefix boils down to creating a separate directory and setting two environment variables :

```
mkdir /home/foobar/.eac-prefix
```

```
export WINEPREFIX=/home/foobar/.eac-prefix
```

```
export WINEARCH=win32
```

Remember to set the WINEPREFIX variable every time you want to run applications from that prefix, or modify it in any way. If you fail to do that, Wine will run with the default prefix of \$HOME/.wine, which might contain other applications and settings which could possibly conflict with EAC. The WINEARCH variable is only needed for the first run inside a given prefix in order to set it up as 32-bit only due to .NET 2.0 bugs occurring in 64-bit prefixes.

Configure the EAC prefix

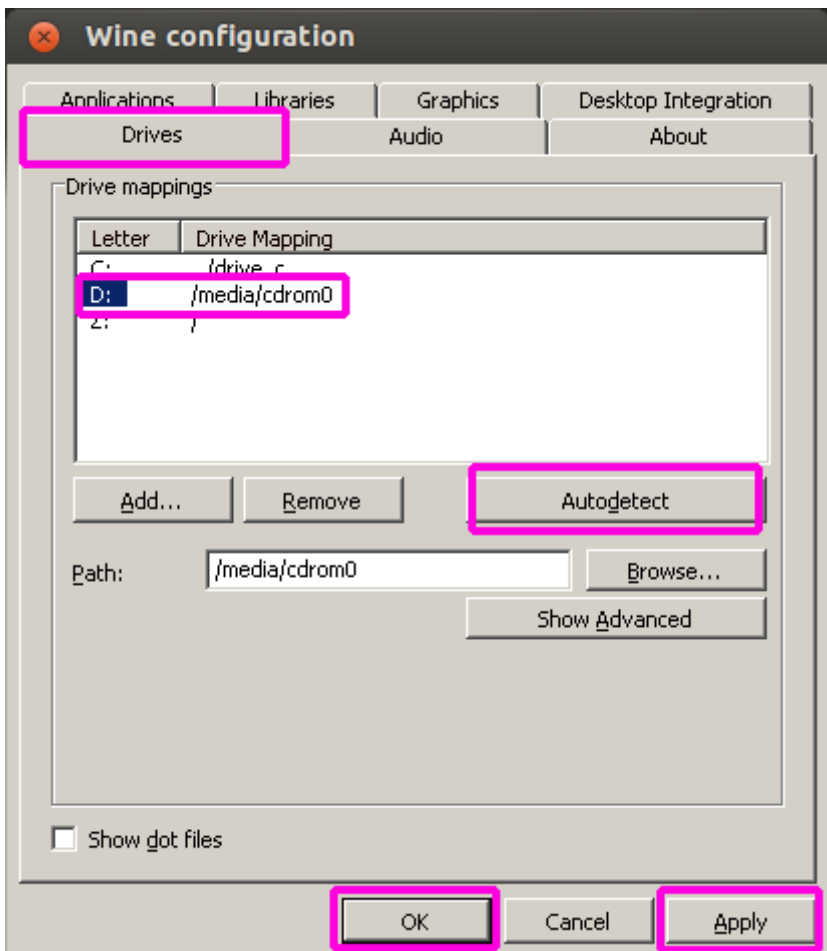
You should now be able to run

```
winecfg
```

and see the Wine configuration window. First of all, change the Windows version to 7 in the bottom part of the window. Then, click on the "Drives" tab, and click "Autodetect". The table should fill with all drives Wine could find referenced in /etc/fstab : if you've done everything properly, you should also see your optical drives' mount points with Windows drive letters assigned to them.

If you want to, you can remove the drive letters referring to mount points which aren't your optical drives (except drive C referring to the virtual "drive C" inside the EAC prefix), but it's not necessary.

Here's how the window should look like if everything's OK (do note that the mount point in the screenshot is /media/cdrom0, expect to see the one you've used instead) :



Install .NET 2.0, .NET 4.0 and Visual C++ 2008

EAC does not work with the alternative .NET implementation called Mono, so we're going to use the helper script called [winetricks](#), which allows installing additional components produced by Microsoft that provide functionality not yet implemented in Wine. In this particular case, this is necessary in order to install the Microsoft .NET 2.0 Framework package.

Winetricks might be provided by your distribution's packages, but it can just as easily be downloaded straight from Github :

```
wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Winetricks/winetricks/master/src/winetricks
```

```
chmod +x winetricks
```

Then, tell the script to download the .NET 2.0 runtime, .NET 4.0 runtime and Visual C++ 2008 Redist. :

```
./winetricks dotnet20
```

```
./winetricks dotnet40
```

```
./winetricks vcrun2008
```

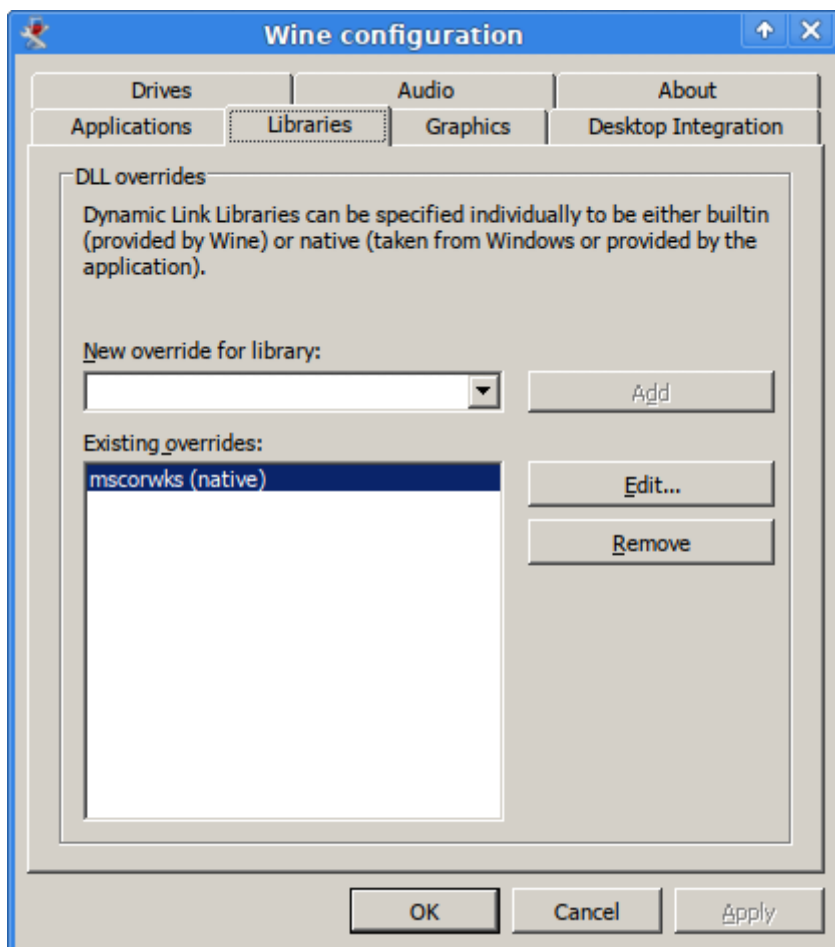
Click through the installer's dialogs until it finishes.

Activate the DLL override

Newer Wine versions have a modified implementation of one of the DLLs called mscorwks. Unfortunately, it causes issues when running some of the plugins available in EAC. It is thus necessary to disable the Wine implementation and always use the one installed by the dotnet20 package. This can be done in running

```
winecfg
```

again and going to the "Libraries" tab, typing "mscorwks" to the text field, and clicking "Add". The tab should look like this after all that :



Download and install EAC

The latest EAC version at the time of writing is 1.3, and can be downloaded [from the official website](#). After downloading the installer, run it directly with :

```
wine eac-1.3.exe
```

Click through the installer's dialogs until it finishes. Uncheck "Run Exact Audio Copy" in the last dialog, though, since there is still one thing before actually running EAC.

Running EAC

EAC is run from inside the Microsoft.VC80.CRT directory inside its installation directory via the Windows shortcut, which is most probably done in order for it to load the appropriate runtime DLL. This behaviour should be preserved when running EAC via Wine - I use the following Bash function to do just that :

```
function eac {  
    local wineprefix="$HOME/.eac-prefix"  
    local eacdir="${wineprefix}/drive_c/Program Files/Exact Audio Copy"  
    pushd "${eacdir}/Microsoft.VC80.CRT"  
    WINEPREFIX=$wineprefix WINEDEBUG=-all wine "${eacdir}/EAC.exe"  
    popd  
}
```

This assumes that you've installed EAC to its default directory and the EAC prefix is the same one as the one used throughout this guide. If you add this function to your .bashrc file, you'll be able to simply start EAC by running the command "eac" in your shell, which I recommend doing.

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