

# Installation Guide

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## Introduction

The [OpenShot Video Library](#) (also known as *libopenshot*) was created to provide a free and open-source video editing, composition, and animation library, which focuses on professional features, stability, cross-platform support, and multi-core processor support. The library is written in C++. These instructions are designed for programmers and packagers who are interested in building / compiling the source code.

## Features

- Cross-Platform (Linux, Windows, and Mac)
- Animation Curves (Bézier, Linear, Constant)
- Multi-Layer Compositing
- Time Mapping (Curve-based Slow Down, Speed Up, Reverse)
- Audio Mixing (Curve-based)
- Audio Plug-ins (VST & AU)
- Audio Drivers (ASIO, WASAPI, DirectSound, CoreAudio, iPhone Audio, ALSA, JACK, and Android)
- Telecine and Inverse Telecine (Film to TV, TV to Film)
- Frame Rate Conversions
- Multi-Processor Support (Performance)
- Python Bindings (All Features Supported)
- Unit Tests (Stability)
- All FFmpeg Formats and Codecs Supported
- Full Documentation (Auto Generated)

## License




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## Build Tools

CMake is the backbone of our build system. It is a cross-platform build system, which checks for dependencies, locates header files and binaries, generates makefiles, and supports the cross-platform compiling of libopenshot. CMake uses an **out-of-source** build concept, where all temporary build files, such as makefiles, object files, and even the final binaries, are created outside of the source code folder, inside a /build/ folder. This prevents the build process from cluttering up the source code. These instructions have only been tested with the GNU compiler (including MinGW for Windows).

## Dependencies

The following libraries are required to build libopenshot. Instructions on how to install these dependencies are listed under each operating system below. Libraries and Executables have been color-coded in the list below to help distinguish between them.

	Library		Executable		Compiler Flag
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- **FFmpeg** ([libavformat](#), [libavcodec](#), [libavutil](#), [libavdevice](#), [libswscale](#))
  - <http://www.ffmpeg.org/>
  - This library is used to decode and encode video, audio, and image files. It is also used to obtain information about media files, such as frames per second, sample rate, aspect ratio, and other common attributes.
- **ImageMagick++** ([libMagick++](#), [libMagickWand](#), [libMagickCore](#))
  - <http://www.imagemagick.org/script/magick++.php>
  - This library is used to resize, composite, and apply effects to images, including frames of video.
- **JUCE** ([libjuce](#))
  - <http://www.rawmaterialsoftware.com/juce.php>
  - This library is used to mix, resample, host plug-ins, and play audio. JUCE contains many other features, but libopenshot primarily uses the audio features.
- **CMake** ([cmake](#))

- <http://www.cmake.org/>
- This executable is used to automate the generation of Makefiles, check for dependencies, and is the back-bone of libopenshot's cross-platform build process.
- **SWIG** ([swig](#))
  - <http://www.swig.org/>
  - This executable is used to generate the Python bindings for libopenshot.
- **Python** ([libpython](#))
  - <http://www.python.org/>
  - This library is used by swig to create the Python bindings for libopenshot.
- **Doxygen** ([doxygen](#))
  - <http://www.stack.nl/~dimitri/doxygen/>
  - This executable is used to auto-generate the documentation used by libopenshot.
- **UnitTest++** ([libunittest++](#))
  - <http://unittest-cpp.sourceforge.net/>
  - This library is used to execute unit tests for libopenshot. It contains many macros used to keep our unit testing code very clean and simple.
- **OpenMP** ([-fopenmp](#))
  - <http://openmp.org/wp/>
  - If your compiler supports this flag, it provides libopenshot with easy methods of using parallel programming techniques to improve performance and take advantage of multi-core processors.

## Obtaining Source Code

The first step in installing libopenshot is to obtain the most recent source code. The source code is available on [Launchpad.net](#).

## Folder Structure

The source code is divided up into the following folders.

build/	This folder needs to be manually created, and is used by cmake to store the temporary build files, such as makefiles, as well as the final binaries (library and test executables).
cmake/	This folder contains custom modules for cmake, used to find dependency libraries and headers and determine if these libraries are installed.

doc/	This folder contains documentation and related files, such as logos and images required by the doxygen auto-generated documentation.
include/	This folder contains all headers (*.h) used by libopenshot.
src/	This folder contains all source code (*.cpp) used by libopenshot.
tests/	This folder contains all unit test code. Each class has it's own test file (*.cpp), and uses UnitTest++ macros to keep the test code simple and manageable.

## Linux Build Instructions

These build instructions are for a Debian-based Linux distribution. Other Linux distributions should be very similar, but might also be subtly different. So, exercise caution if you are using a non-Debian distribution.

### Install Dependencies (via Package Manager)

Most packages needed by libopenshot can be installed easily with a package manager. Install the following **packages** using apt-get, Synaptic, or similar package manager:

- build-essential
- cmake
- libavformat-dev
- libmagick++-dev
- python-dev
- libunittest++-dev
- swig
- doxygen

### Build & Install JUCE (Dependency)

Since JUCE is not available in a Debian package, we need to go through a few additional steps to manually build and install JUCE.

- Download the JUCE Source Code - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/juce/files/juce/>
- Extract the .ZIP into your home folder: **/home/user/juce/**
- Create a folder called /build/ inside the /juce/ folder: **/home/user/juce/build/**
  - This will be used to store the final binary of libjuce.so
- Copy and rename a file from the libopenshot source code into the /juce/ folder.
  - libopenshot/cmake/Modules/JUCE\_CMakeLists.txt --> juce/CMakeLists.txt
  - This file (CMakeLists.txt) will be used by cmake to compile JUCE. Be sure to rename the file.
- Launch a terminal, and enter:
  - `$ cd /home/user/juce/build/`
  - `$ cmake ../`
  - `$ make`
- If you are missing any dependencies for JUCE, you might receive error messages at this point. Just install the missing packages (usually with a -dev suffix), and run the above commands again. Repeat until no error messages are displayed, and the build process

completes.

- Once JUCE has been successfully built, we need to install it (i.e. copy it to the correct folder, so other libraries can find it)
  - `$ sudo make install`
  - This should copy the binary file to `/usr/local/lib/libjuce.so`, and the header files to `/usr/local/include/juce/...` This is where libopenshot will ultimately look for the JUCE files when building.

## Build & Install OpenShot Video Library on Linux (libopenshot)

The first step in installing libopenshot is to obtain the most recent source code. The source code is available on [Launchpad.net](https://launchpad.net).

- Extract the .ZIP to your home folder: **/home/user/libopenshot/**
- Create a folder called **/build/** inside the **/libopenshot/** folder: **/libopenshot/build/**
  - This will be used to store the final binary of libopenshot.so
- Launch a terminal, and enter:
  - `$ cd /home/user/libopenshot/build/`
  - `$ cmake ../`
  - `$ make`
- If you are missing any dependencies for libopenshot, you might receive error messages at this point. Just install the missing packages (usually with a `-dev` suffix), and run the above commands again. Repeat until no error messages are displayed, and the build process completes.
- To run all **unit tests** (and verify everything is working correctly), launch a terminal, and enter:
  - `$ make test`
  - If all tests pass, then you have successfully built libopenshot!
- To auto-generate the **documentation** for libopenshot, launch a terminal, and enter:
  - `$ make doc`
  - This will use doxygen to generate a folder of HTML files, with all classes and methods documented. The folder is located at **/home/user/libopenshot/build/doc/html/**.
- Once libopenshot has been successfully built, we need to install it (i.e. copy it to the correct folder, so other libraries can find it)
  - `$ sudo make install`
  - This should copy the binary file to `/usr/local/lib/libopenshot.so`, and the header files to `/usr/local/include/openshot/...` This is where other projects will likely look for the libopenshot files when building.
- The Python bindings are located in `/libopenshot/build/src/`. To test them, launch a terminal, and enter:
  - `$ cd /home/user/libopenshot/build/src/`
  - `$ python`
  - `>>> import openshot`
  - If no errors are displayed, you may now access all the classes and methods of libopenshot through the openshot module in Python.

## Windows Build Instructions

These build instructions are for Windows 7, but should work for other versions of Windows as well. There are many additional steps when using Windows to build libopenshot, and will require the downloading and installation of many different applications, libraries, and tools. These instructions are based on the MinGW (Minimalist GNU for Windows) compiler. Visual Studio can **not** be used with these instructions. In fact, libraries that are built with Visual Studio can **not** be linked correctly using MinGW, so all dependency libraries need to be built with MinGW as well.

**TIP:** When running commands in the command line or other terminal shells, be sure and “Run as administrator” whenever possible. Many of these commands will create folders or copy files, and might not have permission.

### Install Dependencies (Manually)

Unfortunately, Windows does not have a simple way to install commonly used libraries and applications, similar to a Linux package manager. So, you will need to manually find, download, and install each dependency application and library, making sure the binaries are compiled with MinGW (and not Visual Studio). In a few cases, you will have to compile a library manually with MinGW, if no suitable MinGW binaries can be found online. This is going to take a while, so be sure you have some free time before continuing beyond this point. Good luck!

- **MinGW** (Minimalist GNU for Windows)
  - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/mingw/files/>
  - Download and Install the Automated MinGW Installer (.exe)
  - This will install new commands that you can use from the command line, such as “g++” and “mingw32-make”. If these commands are not found, you might need to add the mingw folder to your PATH environment variable.
- **CMake**
  - <http://www.cmake.org/cmake/resources/software.html>
  - Download and Install the Win32 Installer
  - This will install a new command that you can use from the command line: “cmake”. If the command is not found, you might need to add the cmake folder to your PATH environment variable.
- **FFmpeg**
  - <http://ffmpeg.zeranoe.com/builds/>
  - Download and Install the (Dev) version for either 32-bit or 64-bit Windows. Be sure to get the (Dev) version, or you will not get the headers and other important files.
  - Create an environment variable called **FFMPEGDIR** and set the value to **C:\ffmpeg-git-95f163b-win32-dev** (your path might be different)
  - This environment variable will be used by CMake to find the binary and header files.
- **Python**
  - <http://www.python.org/download/>

- Download and Install the Python 2.7 Windows Installer. This will also install the headers and library files for Python.
- **Swig**
  - <http://www.swig.org/download.html>
  - Download and Install the “swigwin” Windows installer. This will install a new command that you can use from the command line: “swig”. If the command is not found, you might need to add the swig folder to your PATH environment variable.
- **Doxygen**
  - <http://www.stack.nl/~dimitri/doxygen/download.html#latestsrc>
  - Download and Install the Windows Installer. This will install a new command that you can use from the command line: “doxygen”. If the command is not found, you might need to add the doxygen folder to your PATH environment variable.
- **UnitTest++**
  - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/unittest-cpp/files/>
  - Download and Extract the UnitTest++ source code .ZIP to a local folder: **C:\UnitTest++\**. No binary files are available to download, so we will need to build the source code. The source code comes with Visual Studio project files, but MinGW will be unable to link a Visual Studio DLL with libopenshot. So, we need to manually build UnitTest++ with MinGW and CMake.
  - Create a folder called **\build\** inside the **\UnitTest++\** folder: **C:\UnitTest++\build\**
    - This will be used to store the final binary of libUnitTest++.dll
  - Copy and rename a file from the libopenshot source code into the **\UnitTest++\** folder.
    - C:\libopenshot\cmake\Modules\UnitTest++\_CMakeLists.txt --> C:\UnitTest++\CMakeLists.txt
    - This file (CMakeLists.txt) will be used by CMake to compile UnitTest++. Be sure to rename the file.
  - Launch a terminal, and enter:
    - `$ cd C:\UnitTest++\build\`
    - `$ cmake -G "MinGW Makefiles" ../`
    - `$ mingw32-make`
  - Create an environment variable called **UNITTEST\_DIR** and set the value to **C:\UnitTest++**
  - This environment variable will be used by CMake to find the binary and header files.
- **MSYS**
  - <http://downloads.sourceforge.net/mingw/MSYS-1.0.11.exe>
  - MSYS is a collection of GNU utilities, commands, and a shell that allows compiling Linux applications with MinGW. ImageMagick++ does not have any MinGW compiled binaries available to download, and MSYS is the only way I've been successful building it on Windows with MinGW. It is a fairly straight forward process, but a little confusing if it's your first time learning about MSYS. However, the basic idea is that MSYS gives you a terminal shell that can



understand linux file paths, and common linux commands, but the compiling of source code still uses MinGW.

- Download and Install the MSYS (exe) listed above.
  - Enter "**C:\msys\1.0**", when prompted where to install MSYS.
  - Enter "**C:\mingw**", when prompted where MinGW is installed.
  - Install the MSYS DTK (<http://downloads.sourceforge.net/mingw/msysDTK-1.0.1.exe>) in the **C:\msys\1.0\** folder.
  - Install the MSYS Core (<http://sourceforge.net/projects/mingw/files/MSYS/BaseSystem/msys-1.0.11/msysCORE-1.0.11-bin.tar.gz/download>). It is an archive. Extract it in the **C:\msys\1.0\** folder.
  - Set the environment variable HOME to **C:\msys\1.0\home**
  - Now, you should have a shortcut to the MSYS shell on your desktop, and in your program list. This will launch the MSYS shell, which behaves very similar to a Linux terminal. Commands such as "ls", "cp", and "mv" will now work. This shell is required to install ImageMagick++, because their build process uses Linux file paths and Linux commands which do not work in the Windows command line.
- **DLfcn**
    - <http://code.google.com/p/dlfcn-win32/downloads/list>
    - Download and Extract the Win32 Static (.tar.bz2) archive to a local folder: **C:\libdl\**
    - Create an environment variable called **DL\_DIR** and set the value to **C:\libdl\**
    - This environment variable will be used by CMake to find the binary and header file.
  - **Zlib**
    - <http://gnuwin32.sourceforge.net/packages/zlib.htm>
    - Download and Install the Windows Setup program.
  - **FreeType**
    - <http://gnuwin32.sourceforge.net/packages/freetype.htm>
    - Download and Install the Windows Setup program.
    - Create an environment variable called **FREETYPE\_DIR** and set the value to **C:\Program Files\GnuWin32\**
    - This environment variable will be used by CMake to find the binaries and header files.
  - **ImageMagick++**
    - <ftp://ftp.imagemagick.org/pub/ImageMagick/ImageMagick.tar.gz>
    - First, be sure you have installed and configured MSYS before attempting to install ImageMagick. Because ImageMagick must be compiled with MinGW (and not VisualStudio), a working MSYS shell is needed. Download and Extract the ImageMagic source code into your MSYS home directory: **C:\msys\1.0\home\USER\ImageMagick-6.7.1-0\** (your path might be different)
    - Launch the MSYS shell, and enter:
      - `$ cd /home/USER/ImageMagick*`
      - `$ ./configure`
      - `$ make`

- `$ make install`
- If you get any errors, you might need to disable certain features, or install additional libraries needed by ImageMagick. To see all configure options, enter `./configure --help`
- The final step is to create the following registry key:  
[HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ImageMagick\Current;BinPath]  
and set the value to **C:\msys\1.0\local\**
- This registry key will be used by CMake to locate the final ImageMagick binaries, and header files. **C:\msys\1.0\local\** should have an `\include\` and `\lib\` folder which contain ImageMagick files, once the “make install” command is run.

## • DirectX SDK

- <http://www.microsoft.com/download/en/details.aspx?displaylang=en&id=6812>
- Download and Install the DirectX SDK Setup program. This is needed for the JUCE library to play audio on Windows.
- Create an environment variable called **DXSDK\_DIR** and set the value to **C:\Program Files\Microsoft DirectX SDK (June 2010)\** (your path might be different)
- This environment variable will be used by CMake to find the binaries and header files.

## • libSndFile

- <http://www.mega-nerd.com/libsndfile/#Download>
- Download and Install the Win32 Setup program.
- Create an environment variable called **SNDFILE\_DIR** and set the value to **C:\Program Files\libsndfile**
- This environment variable will be used by CMake to find the binary and header files.

## • JUCE

- Download the JUCE Source Code - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/juce/files/juce/>
- Extract the .ZIP into your home folder: **C:\juce\**
- Create a folder called `\build\` inside the `\juce\` folder: **C:\juce\build\**
  - This will be used to store the final binary of libjuce.dll
- Copy and rename a file from the libopenshot source code into the `\juce\` folder.
  - `C:\libopenshot\cmake\Modules\JUCE_CMakeLists.txt --> C:\juce\CMakeLists.txt`
  - This file (CMakeLists.txt) will be used by CMake to compile JUCE. Be sure to rename the file.
- Launch a terminal, and enter:
  - `$ cd C:\juce\build`
  - `$ cmake -G "MinGW Makefiles" ../`
  - `$ mingw32-make`
- If you are missing any dependencies for JUCE, you might receive error messages at this point. Just install the missing libraries, and run the above commands again. Repeat until no error messages are displayed, and the build process completes. If you get stuck at this point, take a look at the

- CMakeLists.txt file inside the \juce\ folder for clues on how it's trying to locate dependencies, such as environment variables, registry keys, etc...
- Once JUCE has been successfully built, we need to install it (i.e. copy it to the correct folder, so other libraries can find it)
  - `$ mingw32-make install`
  - This should copy the binary file to C:\Program Files\Project\lib\libjuce.dll, and the header files to C:\Program Files\Project\include\juce\... This is where libopenshot will ultimately look for the JUCE files when building.
- Create an environment variable called **JUCE\_DIR** and set the value to **C:\Program Files\Project**
- This environment variable will be used by CMake to find the binary and header files.

## Build & Install OpenShot Video Library on Windows (libopenshot)

The first step in installing libopenshot is to obtain the most recent source code. The source code is available on [Launchpad.net](http://Launchpad.net).

- Extract the .ZIP to your home folder: **C:\libopenshot\**
- Create a folder called \build\ inside the \libopenshot\ folder: **C:\libopenshot\build\**
  - This will be used to store the final binary of libopenshot.dll
- Launch a terminal, and enter:
  - `$ cd C:\libopenshot\build`
  - `$ cmake -G "MinGW Makefiles" ../`
  - `$ mingw32-make`
- If you are missing any dependencies for libopenshot, you might receive error messages at this point. Just install the missing packages (usually with a -dev suffix), and run the above commands again. Repeat until no error messages are displayed, and the build process completes.
- To run all **unit tests** (and verify everything is working correctly), launch a terminal, and enter:
  - `$ make test`
  - If all tests pass, then you have successfully built libopenshot!
- To auto-generate the **documentation** for libopenshot, launch a terminal, and enter:
  - `$ make doc`
  - This will use doxygen to generate a folder of HTML files, with all classes and methods documented. The folder is located at **/home/user/libopenshot/build/doc/html/**.
- Once libopenshot has been successfully built, we need to install it (i.e. copy it to the correct folder, so other libraries can find it)
  - `$ sudo make install`
  - This should copy the binary file to /usr/local/lib/libopenshot.so, and the header files to /usr/local/include/openshot/... This is where other projects will likely look for the libopenshot files when building.
- The Python bindings are located in /libopenshot/build/src/. To test them, launch a terminal, and enter:
  - `$ cd /home/user/libopenshot/build/src/`
  - `$ python`
  - `>>> import openshot`
  - If no errors are displayed, you may now access all the classes and methods of

libopenshot through the openshot module in Python.

## Environment Variables

Many [environment variables](#) will need to be set during this Windows installation guide. The command line will need to be closed and re-launched after any changes to your environment variables. Also, dependency libraries will not be found during linking or execution without being found in the PATH environment variable. So, if you get errors related to missing commands or libraries, double check the PATH variable.

The following environment variables need to be added to your “System Variables”. Be sure to check each folder path for accuracy, as your paths will likely be different than this list.

## Example Variables

DL_DIR	C:\libdl
DXSDK_DIR	C:\Program Files\Microsoft DirectX SDK (June 2010)\
FFMPEGDIR	C:\ffmpeg-git-95f163b-win32-dev
FREETYPE_DIR	C:\Program Files\GnuWin32
HOME	C:\msys\1.0\home
JUCE_DIR	C:\Program Files\Project
SNDFILE_DIR	C:\Program Files\libsndfile
UNITTEST_DIR	C:\UnitTest++
PATH	The following paths were appended:  C:\msys\1.0\local\lib;C:\Program Files\CMake 2.8\bin;C:\MinGW\bin;C:\UnitTest++\build;C:\libopenshot\build\src;C:\Program Files\doxygen\bin;C:\ffmpeg-git-95f163b-win32-dev\lib;C:\swigwin-2.0.4;C:\Python27;C:\Program Files\Project\lib;

## Conclusion

I hope this Installation Guide was useful to you, and I hope you are now enjoying the OpenShot Video Library. Be sure to contact me if you use this library for anything interesting or exciting, as I would love to hear about it and share it with the community. Contact me at [Jonathan.Oomph@gmail.com](mailto:Jonathan.Oomph@gmail.com).

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