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Howto do I install multimedia plugins, codecs, libdvdcss in Debian Linux etch 4.0

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Q. I've just installed Debian Linux etch 4.0. I was reading your libdvdcss [2] related post. How do I install libdvdcss and other multimedia codecs under Linux?

[1]

A. Debian Linux includes xine, totem or other DVD/movie player softwares. However some restricted plugins, mp3 support, DVDs and selected wifi cards out of the box are not supported due to copyright/IP laws [3].

#1: Update Debian Linux etch repository

Debian multimedia repository includes required packages. Open a file /etc/apt/sources.list

```
# vi /etc/apt/sources.list
```

Append following line

```
deb http://www.debian-multimedia.org etch main
```

#2: Update packages

Run apt-get command:

```
# apt-get update
```

#2: Install packages

You can now install packages such as libdvdcss2, mplayer and so on with apt-get command itself:

```
# apt-get install mplayer w32codecs libdvdcss2
```

Now install libdvdcss:

```
# cd /usr/share/doc/libdvdread3/examples
# sh install-css.sh
```

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[3] due to copyright/IP laws: **http://www.cyberciti.biz/tips/why-linux-dont-support-mp3-and-selected-wifi-cards-out-of-the-box.html**

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