

# Halide setup - Linux

## 1. Dependencies

```
sudo apt-get update
```

```
sudo apt install build-essential g++ libjpeg-dev libpng-dev libz-dev
```

After running the llvm installation script, write down the version installed

Proceed by following either 2.a or 2.b

## 2.a Building from scratch

Clone Halide repo inside Home directory

```
git clone https://github.com/halide/Halide.git Halide-repo
```

Build

```
sudo bash -c "$(wget -O - https://apt.llvm.org/llvm.sh)"
```

```
mkdir build && cd build && make distrib LLVM_CONFIG=llvm-config-18 -f
```

```
../Halide-repo/Makefile
```

```
cd ..
```

Finishing

```
mv build/distrib ~/Halide
```

```
rm -rf build Halide-repo
```

## 2.b Getting binaries

Download the latest binary

```
https://github.com/halide/Halide/releases/
```

Extract the Halide root to the Home directory and change its name from `Halide-1x.x.x-x86-64-linux` to just `Halide` (Make sure “Halide” has subfolders “include”, “lib”, etc.)

If the folder tools is not inside `Halide`, copy it from `Halide/share/Halide/tools` to `Halide/tools`

## 3. Final setups

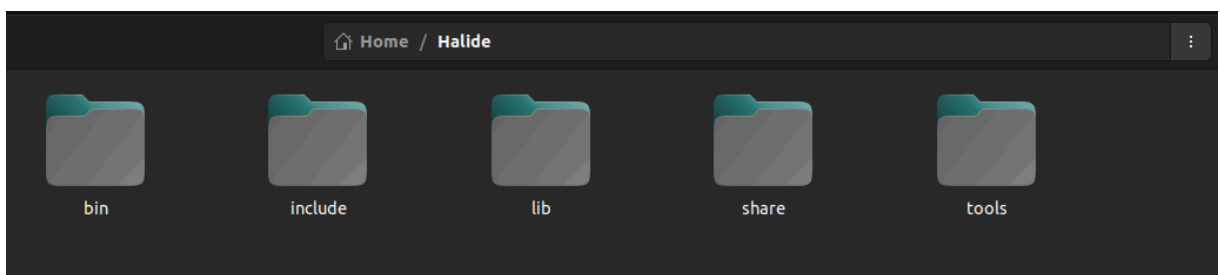
Configure environment variables

```
echo 'export HALIDE_ROOT=$HOME/Halide' >> ~/.bashrc
```

```
echo 'export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:$HALIDE_ROOT/lib' >> ~/.bashrc
```

Update

```
source ~/.bashrc
```



Final folder structure should look like this.

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## - BUILDING

Besides C++ compilation flags, you have to add:

1. Includes directories (-I capital i, include):
  - a. `$HALIDE_ROOT` include directory: `-I $HALIDE_ROOT/include`
  - b. `$HALIDE_ROOT/tools` if you use any header file in it: `-I $HALIDE_ROOT/tools`
  - c. The directory of the `c_header` generated; if "bin" is the directory ("o" argument when running the generator binary): `-I bin`
  - d. `libpng` include directory if you use it: ``libpng-config --cflags``
2. Linker flags:
  - a. Halide flags for Linux: `-lHalide -lz -ldl -lpthread`
  - b. Halide flags for other OS: `-lHalide -lz`
  - c. Halide flags for `libpng` and `libjpeg` if you use them: `-ljpeg `libpng-config --ldflags``
3. Libraries directories (-L, capital l, libraries):
  - a. `$HALIDE_ROOT` library directory when building with `-lHalide`: `-L $HALIDE_ROOT/lib`

## NOTES

1. You only need to compile the C++ code when using `realize`, but the binary compiles Halide code at run time (JIT compilation).
2. When using generators, `compile_to_file`, or `compile_to_static_library`, there are three steps:
  - Step1. Compile C++ code with `g++`
  - Step2. Compile Halide code and generate `c_header(.h)`, and `object(.o)` or `static_library(.a)`
  - Step3. Compile C++ code
3. When using generators, you must compile the Halide code with `$HALIDE_ROOT/tools/GenGen.cpp`
4. See the arguments to generator binary at [https://halide-lang.org/tutorials/tutorial\\_lesson\\_15\\_generators\\_usage.html](https://halide-lang.org/tutorials/tutorial_lesson_15_generators_usage.html)
5. You may need to add `-D_GLIBCXX_USE_CXX11_ABI=0` when building using older Halide versions and newer GCC versions