

Compilation qBittorrent with CMake from source

This how-to will guide you through the compilation of qBittorrent and `libtorrent-rasterbar`. This guide is written for CentOS, but the process should be similar for other RHEL distributions.

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Required dependencies

General required dependencies

```
1 yum install epel-release -y
2 yum install autoconf automake gcc gcc-c++ git glib2 glibc gmp gnutls libblkid
  libcap libffi libgcc libgcrypt libgpg-error libicu libidn2 libmount
  libselinux libstdc++ libtasn1 libtool libunistring libuuid lz4-libs make
  nettle openssl-devel openssl-libs p11-kit pcre pcre2 qt5-qtbase systemd-libs
  tar wget xz-libs zlib -y
3 yum install screen -y
```

To prevent all kinds of accidents with the server, use screen to create a session

```
1 screen -S qBittorrent
```

Boost

Download latest version of Boost Version `1.78.0 December 8th, 2021 03:45 GMT`

```
1 wget
  https://boostorg.jfrog.io/artifactory/main/release/1.78.0/source/boost_1_78_0
  .tar.gz
```

Compile:

```
1 # If you are using a vps with only one core, then ignore -j$(( $(nproc) - 1
  )), the same below
2 export DIR_BOOST="/opt/boost"
3 tar -xvf boost_1_78_0.tar.gz
4 cd boost_1_78_0
5 ./bootstrap.sh --prefix=${DIR_BOOST}
6 ./b2 install --prefix=${DIR_BOOST} --with=all -j$(( $(nproc) - 1 ))
```

Libtorrent

Libtorrent is a library written by Arvid Norberg that qBittorrent depends on. It is necessary to compile and install libtorrent before compiling qBittorrent.

Clone from the repository: `git clone --depth 1 -b RC_1_2`

`https://github.com/arvidn/libtorrent.git`

Compile:

```
1 cd libtorrent
2 ./autotool.sh
3 ./configure --prefix=/usr --disable-debug --enable-encryption --with-
  boost=${DIR_BOOST}
4 make -j$(( $(nproc) - 1 ))
5 make install
6 ln -s /usr/lib/pkgconfig/libtorrent-rasterbar.pc
  /usr/lib64/pkgconfig/libtorrent-rasterbar.pc
```

Last command was missing and on 64bit systems will fail without it. Here is the error information:

```
1 checking for libtorrent... no
2 configure: error: Package requirements (libtorrent-rasterbar >= 1.0.6) were
  not met:
3
4 No package 'libtorrent-rasterbar' found
5
6 Consider adjusting the PKG_CONFIG_PATH environment variable if you
7 installed software in a non-standard prefix.
8
9 Alternatively, you may set the environment variables libtorrent_CFLAGS
10 and libtorrent_LIBS to avoid the need to call pkg-config.
11 See the pkg-config man page for more details.
```

Compiling qBittorrent (without the GUI)

First, obtain the qBittorrent source code.

Either download and extract a .tar archive from the GitHub releases page or clone the git repository: `git clone --depth 1 -b v4_3_x https://github.com/qbittorrent/qBittorrent`

Compile:

```
1 cd qBittorrent
2 ./configure --prefix=/usr --disable-gui CPPFLAGS=-I/usr/include/qt5 --with-
  boost=${DIR_BOOST}
3 make -j$(( $(nproc) - 1 ))
4 make install
```

Since you disabled the graphical user interface, qBittorrent can only be controlled via its WebUI. By default, you can access it at `http://localhost:8080` with the default credentials:

```
1 Username: admin
2 Password: adminadmin
```

Troubleshooting

If are you facing a problem like this:

```
1 qbittorrent-nox: error while loading shared libraries: libtorrent-
  rasterbar.so.10: cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory
```

This often happened when you are using 64-bit CentOS 7.x. And it's because of the libraries that the qBittorrent need are not in `/usr/lib64/`.

You can simply create a soft link to solve it. Do it like this:

```
1 ln -s /usr/lib/libtorrent-rasterbar.so.10 /usr/lib64/libtorrent-
  rasterbar.so.10
```

For missing `libboost_system.so.1.78.0`:

```
1 ln -s /opt/boost/lib/libboost_system.so.1.78.0
  /usr/lib64/libboost_system.so.1.78.0
```