# Archphile Manual V.0.13.7

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#### Introduction

**Archphile** (<a href="https://archphile.org">https://archphile.org</a>) is an **ArchlinuxARM** (<a href="https://archlinuxarm.org">https://archlinuxarm.org</a>) based Linux distribution with additional packages and configuration in order to transform your board to a **k.i.s.s.** (keep it simple, stupid!) computer transport.

It currently supports all Armv7/Armv8 Raspberry Pi and Odroid C2 devices.

Archphile uses MPD (Music Player Daemon):

#### https://www.musicpd.org

**MPD** is a media player that acts as a network server and needs a client to use it with.

Archphile uses myMPD (<a href="https://jcorporation.github.io/myMPD">https://jcorporation.github.io/myMPD</a>) MPD client by default. However you can use it with any other available MPD client.

Below you will find most of the information needed in order to successfully configure your board with Archphile.

Please note that you will need to **connect via ssh** in order to apply all the required changes.

#### Finding the IP address for the first time

In order to connect to your Archphile board, you need to find its IP address. This can be done by using an Android/IOS app like **Fing** (<a href="https://www.fing.io">https://www.fing.io</a>), or via the web interface of your router.

If your system supports **bonjour/avahi**, then you can use <a href="http://archphile.local">http://archphile.local</a> in order to access the web interface or to connect via SSH (with putty - please see below).

After connecting for the first time, it's strongly suggested to set up a static network IP.

#### Connect Via SSH

Connecting via ssh is pretty easy. If you use Windows you will need putty:

https://www.putty.org

Linux and Mac OS X users can simply use a terminal application and connect (assuming that Archphile uses the IP 192.168.1.142) using the following command:

#### ssh root@192.168.1.142

#### File editing with nano

Another very useful tool is **nano** editor. Archphile configuration is based on plain text file editing. For this purpose you will need an editor. For example, let's say you want to edit /etc/mpd.conf file. All you need to do is:

#### nano /etc/mpd.conf

When you finish editing the file, press CTRL + X, then press Y and ENTER and that's it. Your edited file is now saved and you 're ready to go.

#### **Systemd services**

Most of the programs found in Archphile are handled via systemd services. Some useful commands are:

#### systemctl enable|reenable|disable|start|stop|restart <blabla>

where <br/>blabla> can be mpd, ympd, upmpdcli, shairport-sync, roonbridge, etc..

#### 1.0 System Configuration

#### 1.1 Root Password

The default password for **root** is **archphile**. It is strongly recommended that you change this password the first time you boot Archphile. This can be done using the following command:

#### passwd

#### 1.2 Timezone and NTP server configuration

Timezone/NTP default settings are set up for the country I live in. If you want to change them you will need to do the following:

#### rm /etc/localtime

and then link to the appropriate time zone.

#### ln -s /usr/share/zoneinfo/Europe/Athens /etc/localtime

The above command is just an example. If you want to explore all available locations, please use the following command:

#### ls -la /usr/share/zoneinfo

In order to change NTP servers, you will need to edit the following file:

#### nano /etc/ntp.conf

Note: Modifying the time zone and NTP servers is completely optional.

#### 2.0 Network configuration

Archphile default network configuration uses DHCP. It's strongly recommended to **change to static IP**. In order to do this you must edit the following file:

#### nano /etc/netctl/archphile-network

The active configuration by default (for DHCP) is the following:

```
Description='A basic dhcp ethernet connection'
Interface=eth0
Connection=ethernet
IP=dhcp
ExecUpPost='/usr/bin/ntpd -gq || true'
```

Lets assume that the IP of your router is 192.168.1.1 and you want to use the static IP 192.168.1.142 for the Archphile board. The first step is to comment the DHCP section. Now, uncomment the static IP network and change the IP to match your setup:

```
#Description='A basic dhcp ethernet connection'
#Interface=eth0
#Connection=ethernet
#IP=dhcp
#ExecUpPost='/usr/bin/ntpd -gq || true'

Description='A basic ethernet connection with static ip'
Interface=eth0
Connection=ethernet
IP=static
Address=('192.168.1.142/24')
Gateway='192.168.1.1'
ExecUpPost='/usr/bin/ntpd -gq || true'
```

The last step is to reenable archphile-network:

#### netctl reenable archphile-network

Now reboot with:

#### systemctl reboot

**Note:** The use of a static IP means that the network configuration is dependent on the router. If you plan to use your Archphile board with another router than the one you've set it up for, make sure that the new one supports the same IP address range. A good idea is to revert to DHCP configuration, boot with the new router and change to static IP again at a later stage.

#### 3.0 NAS Configuration

#### 3.1 Samba Shares

Archphile supports samba/cifs/nfs by default. However there is no automated tool to configure the NAS. The only needed action is the editing of /etc/fstab:

#### nano /etc/fstab

Let's assume that you use a NAS with a static IP 192.168.1.150. The directory served is **music** and it is configured as public. All you need to do for this case is to edit fstab and put all this information in the "Public Share" example:

```
//192.168.1.150/music /mnt/nas-samba cifs
vers=1.0,guest,ro,uid=mpd,gid=audio,iocharset=utf8,nolock,noauto,x-
systemd.automount,x-systemd.device-timeout=10,sec=ntlm
```

If this share was not public, you would need to use the next example found in fstab and put your username and password:

```
//192.168.1.150/music /mnt/nas-samba cifs
vers=1.0,username=yourusername,password=yourpassword,ro,uid=mpd,gid=audio,iocharset
=utf8,nolock,noauto,x-systemd.automount,x-systemd.device-timeout=10,sec=ntlm
```

If you compare this line with the one found in fstab, you will notice that **rsize** and **wsize** are missing. I suggest you to do the same, unless you know what you are doing and you want to bypass the default settings.

You can also modify all the other parameters (ex. change the protocol version to 3.0, etc.) in order to tweak fstab according to the specs of your NAS.

A reboot is needed for the changes to take effect:

#### systemctl reboot

#### 3.2 NFS Shares

For a NAS using NFS and a static IP of 192.168.1.150, the fstab section will be:

```
192.168.1.150:/music /mnt/nas-nfs nfs4 ro,noauto,x-systemd.automount,x-systemd.device-timeout=10,rsize=8192,wsize=8192
```

A reboot is needed for the changes to take effect:

#### systemctl reboot

#### 3.3 USB Disk Sharing

If you use a USB disk with your board, you can use Archphile in order to serve it on your local network. All you need to do is enable Samba server:

systemctl start smb nmb systemctl enable smb nmb

If you want to stop and disable this feature at a later stage, you can use the following commands:

systemctl stop smb nmb

#### 3.4 Spinning Down USB Disks

In order to spin down the attached USB disk you will use hd-idle:

Edit the following file:

#### nano /etc/conf.d/hd-idle

the line of your interest is:

#### HD\_IDLE\_OPTS="-i 180 -l /var/log/hd-idle.log"

The default idle time is 180 seconds (which is very a very aggressive value btw).

After setting the value you desire, it's time to enable and start the hd-idle service:

systemctl enable hd-idle systemctl start hd-idle

If you later change your mind and you want to disable hd-idle, you can give the following command:

systemctl disable hd-idle

#### 4.0 MPD

#### 4.1 Packages

Archphile offers various MPD (Music Player Daemon) packages:

#### - mpd-archphile

this is the default Archphile package. It has most of the features needed for the average user. The major difference with other packages is that it has **ffmpeg** support, so that you can listen to alac or other "exotic" files.

#### - mpd-archphile-minimal

this is a stripped down version of the default package. Amongst others, it does not provide ffmpeg support. This is the package of my preference.

- mpd-archphile-sacd (please read 12.1.3 and 12.2.3 in case you use this package)

This package offers an MPD fork with SACD ISO support.

All Archphile image come with **mpd-archphile**. If you want to install any of the rest you must do the following:

```
pacman -Sy mpd-archphile-minimal
systemctl reenable mpd
systemctl restart mpd && archphile-optimize
```

or

```
pacman -Sy mpd-archphile-sacd
systemctl reenable mpd
systemctl restart mpd && archphile-optimize
```

In order to re-install the default package:

```
pacman -Sy mpd-archphile
systemctl reenable mpd
systemctl restart mpd && archphile-optimize
```

**Note:** This package is still available for download. However it is untested, as DSD has become a very low priority for Archphile project.

#### 4.2 Additional file extensions support (alac etc..)

The default MPD package (mpd-archphile) is built with **ffmpeg** support. This means that MPD can support additional file types like for example **alac**. All you need to do is enable ffmpeg in **/etc/mpd.conf**.

nano /etc/mpd.conf

You will find the following section:

```
decoder {
plugin "ffmpeg"
enabled "no"
}
```

Change the no to yes:

```
decoder {
plugin "ffmpeg"
enabled "yes"
}
```

and restart MPD:

#### systemctl restart mpd

#### 4.3 Software/Hardware mixer

Archphile comes with all mixers disabled by default in order to ensure Bit Perfect playback. However if you know what you are doing and you want to experiment, you can enable them in /etc/mpd.conf.

First you need to edit /etc/mpd.conf:

#### nano /etc/mpd.conf

and change the following line:

```
mixer_type "disabled"
```

to either

mixer\_type "hardware"

or

and restart MPD:

#### systemctl restart mpd && archphile-optimize

**Note:** Not all DACs support a hardware mixer (you can check with alsamixer for that..). In addition changing the hardware or software volume from 0dB to anything else, means that the result will stop being Bit-Perfect (please read the **Appendix**).

#### 4.4 Resampling

MPD is built with SoX (<a href="http://sox.sourceforge.net/SoX/Resampling">http://sox.sourceforge.net/SoX/Resampling</a>) resampler support and if you want to upsample/downsample, you will need to edit /etc/mpd.conf:

#### nano /etc/mpd.conf

Then, find this section:

```
#resampler {
# plugin "soxr"
# quality "very high"
#}
```

and enable it:

```
resampler {
  plugin "soxr"
  quality "very high"
}
```

Next, go to audio\_output section and find these lines:

#### #format "192000:24:2"

```
#format "*:24:*"
```

Let's assume that you want to upsample everything to **24/192**. You will just need to enable the first line.

```
format "192000:24:2"
```

If you want to upsample everything to **32/96**, you will need to modify and enable the first line:

```
format "96000:32:2"
```

If you want to upsample everything to **32 bit**, you will need to modify and enable the second line:

```
format "*:32:*"
```

Save the new /etc/mpd.conf file and restart MPD with:

systemctl restart mpd && archphile-optimize

#### 4.5 MPD and DSD

MPD in Archphile is set up with DoP disabled by default. This means that the reproduction of DSD files will be done via Native DSD (if the DAC supports it in Linux) or via a DSD to PCM conversion.

If you know that your DAC supports DoP, you can edit /etc/mpd.conf:

#### nano /etc/mpd.conf

find the line:

#### #dop "yes"

and enable it:

#### dop "yes"

Now restart MPD:

#### systemctl restart mpd && archphile-optimize

Most of the users get confused with all these Native DSD, DoP etc. terms. Please make sure that you read Appendix Chapter B. DoP vs Native DSD vs DSD to PCM conversion and MPD.

#### 4.6 Library Auto-Update

MPD database has an option for auto-update. This means that MPD can scan for changes in library and add new files automatically. This is disabled by default. If you want to enable it you need to edit /etc/mpd.conf:

#### nano /etc/mpd.conf

and change:

#### auto\_update "no"

to:

#### auto\_update "yes"

and then restart MPD:

#### systemctl restart mpd && archphile-optimize

#### 4.7 Backup/Restore of Music Library Database

If you want to transfer your MPD library through different Archphile installations, or simply keep a backup of it, you can use some pretty simple scripts included: dbackup and drestore.

In order to backup the library, type:

#### dbackup

If you intend to use the same Archphile installation and you just want to restore the MPD library database, type:

#### drestore

If you want to transfer your library database to a new installation, after using dbackup, use an application that supports SFTP file transfer like Filezilla or WinSCP:

https://filezilla-project.org

https://winscp.net

and copy mpd.db file from /opt/dbackup directory.

Now copy the new Archphile image on an SD card, boot to your new installation and place the previously backup-ed mpd.db file in /opt/dbackup.

Now it's time to restore:

#### drestore

and you 're ready to use your old library with MPD.

**Note:** the systemd restart command of MPD has been enriched in order to include an additional command. Every time MPD restarts, **archphile-optimze** script needs to run in order for tasksets and CPU affinity to be re-applied. So, **whenever** you need to restart MPD, the command will be:

systemctl restart mpd && archphile-optimize

#### 5.0 UPNP/DLNA Support

#### 5.1 General Use

Archphile supports UPNP/DLNA protocol using upmpdcli:

https://www.lesbonscomptes.com/upmpdcli

With upmpdcli, Archphile acts as a UPNP/DLNA renderer that can be used with various applications, like for example bubbleupnp.

Upmpdcli is not enabled by default. In order to start it you will need the following commands:

#### upmpdcli -c /etc/upmpdcli.conf

Wait until the RSA key is created and then stop the process pressing CTRL + C.

The above command has to be given <u>only before the first time upmpdcli is started</u>. After that, it can be ignored.

Then start upmpdcli with:

#### systemctl start upmpdcli

If you want to enable it so that it runs after every boot:

#### systemctl enable upmpdcli

If you later change your mind and you want to disable it, you can use the following command:

#### systemctl disable upmpdcli

#### 5.2 Upmpdcli and Tidal

If you want to use upmpdcli in order to listen to **Tidal**, you will need to do the following:

Edit /etc/upmpdcli.conf:

#### nano /etc/upmpdcli.conf

find these lines on Tidal section:

```
#tidaluser = your tidal user name (e-mail)
#tidalpass = your Tidal password
#tidalquality = low
```

Enable them (remove # from these three lines) and put your credentials and Tidal quality.

Please note that **tidalquality** option should much your current subscription plan. Ex. for "TIDAL HiFi" subscription it is suggested to put **lossless** on this field.

Finally, save and start and/or enable the upmpdcli service as described above and use **BubbleUpnp** or **Linn Kazoo** or any other UPNP related application that supports Tidal. You will need to choose "Archphile" as a renderer and "Archphile-Mediaserver" as a library.

#### Notes:

- You can use upmpdcli with other streaming services like **Qobuz** and **Google Music**, but only Tidal has been (partialy) tested.
- You can also use an alternative method for Tidal, not putting the credentials on upmpdcli.conf but on BubbleUpnp/Kazoo. Although it is highly suggested to use the standard method, if you choose to do this, please ensure that you don't use mpd-archphile-minimal and that ffmpeg is enabled (please see 4.1 and 4.2).

#### 6.0 Airplay Support

Archphile supports Airplay with the use of shairport-sync:

https://github.com/mikebrady/shairport-sync

shairport-sync is not enabled by default. In order to start it you will need the following command:

#### systemctl start shairport-sync

If you want to enable it so that it runs after every boot:

#### systemctl enable shairport-sync

If you later change your mind and you want to disable it, you can use the following command:

#### systemctl disable shairport-sync

Please note that shairport-sync is not tested anymore before Archphile releases.

#### 7.0 Spotify Support

Archphile supports **Spotify**, using a **librespot** fork:

#### https://github.com/librespot-org

librespot works with the official Spotify applications, where Archphile will **appear** as a supported device. In order to configure librespot you will need to edit the following file:

#### nano /etc/librespot.conf

and put your username and password.

librespot is not enabled by default. In order to start it you will need the following command:

#### systemctl start librespot

If you want to enable it so that it runs after every boot:

#### systemctl enable librespot

If you later change your mind and you want to disable it, you can use the following command:

#### systemctl disable librespot

**Note:** If you intend to use Archphile <u>only as a Spotify device</u>, you can disable the MPD related services plus some more:

#### systemctl disable mpd ympd avahi-daemon devmon@root

Please see **Chapter 12.3 (Generic Optimizations)** for further information about the above command.

In addition you may want to disable CPU isolation with the exact same procedure as described in 12.1.1 for Odroid C2 and 12.2.1 for the Raspberry Pi.

**Disclaimer:** Although Librespot is a completely open source program, using it in order to connect to Spotify's API is probably forbidden by them. Use at your own risk.

#### 8.0 Roon Support

Archphile can be used as a **Roon bridge**. The needed software **is not open source** and this is the reason that **it's not installed by default**. If you want to use Archphile as a Roon Bridge you will need to read the **Roon Software License Agreement**:

https://roonlabs.com/termsandconditions.html

and if you agree, you can proceed with the installation.

For the Raspberry Pi you will need the following command:

#### pacman -Sy roonbridge-archphile-arm7

For the Odroid C2 you will need:

#### pacman -Sy roonbridge-archphile-arm8

After the installation, **roonbridge** will not be enabled by default. In order to start it you will need the following command:

#### systemctl start roonbridge

If you want to enable it so that it runs after every boot:

#### systemctl enable roonbridge

If you later change your mind and you want to disable it, you can use the following command:

#### systemctl disable roonbridge

**Note:** If you intend to use Archphile only as a <u>Roon Bridge device</u>, you can disable the MPD related services plus some more:

#### systemctl disable mpd ympd avahi-daemon devmon@root

Please see **Chapter 11.3 (Generic Optimizations)** for further information about the above command.

In addition you may want to disable CPU isolation with the exact same procedure as described in 12.1.1 for Odroid C2 and 12.2.1 for the Raspberry Pi.

Please note that although a package for 1.19 beta is provided, roonbridge was not tested and as a result it is not supported.

#### 9.0 Squeezelite

In order to use squeezelite, edit the configuration file:

#### nano /etc/squeezelite.conf

find this line:

#### SERVER\_IP="-s localhost"

and replace localhost with the IP of your Logitech Media Server.

For example, if your Logitech Media Server uses the IP 192.168.1.166, the modified line should be:

#### SERVER\_IP="-s 192.168.1.166"

Then type the following command:

#### squeezefy

With the command above, Archphile becomes a squeezelite based streamer (MPD, myMPD etc are completely disabled).

If you want to restart squeezelite service, give:

#### systemctl restart squeezelite && archphile-optimize

If you later change your mind and you want to come back to the standard MPD/myMPD configuration, give the following command:

#### mpdfy

#### 10.0 Android Remote Control

In order to control various Archphile services/applications/states, it's highly suggested to create a custom SSH remote control (after setting up a static IP!). This can be done with an app like Raspberry SSH Custom Buttons or Raspi SSH. There you can create buttons for the majority of the systemd services described in previous sections. Below you will find examples of such buttons you can create:

- Start Spotify: add a button with this name and in the field of the command put systemctl start librespot
- **Stop Spotify**: add a button with this name and in the field of the command put **systemctl stop librespot**
- **Start Upnp**: add a button with this name and in the field of the command put **systemctl start upmpdcli**
- Stop Upnp: add a button with this name and in the field of the command put systemctl stop upmpdcli
- Start Shairport-sync: add a button with this name and in the field of the command put systemctl start shairport-sync
- **Stop Shairport-sync**: add a button with this name and in the field of the command put **systemctl stop shairport-sync**

You can do the same for roonbridge.

In addition you can create some MPD related commands:

- Restart MPD: add a button with this name and in the field of the command put systemctl restart mpd (or even better, systemctl restart mpd && archphile-optimize)
- **Update MPD library**: add a button with this name and in the field of the command put **mpc update**
- $Stop\ Music:$  add a button with this name and in the field of the command put  $mpc\ stop$
- Play Music: add a button with this name and in the field of the command put mpc play

Last but not least, you can create buttons for shutdown and reboot:

- **Shutdown**: add a button with this name and in the field of the command put **systemctl poweroff**
- Reboot: add a button with this name and in the field of the command put systemctl
   reboot

The advantage of this SSH remote is that you can control most of the functions of Archphile, without the need of terminal access. In addition you won't need to enable any service you don't need to run every time Archphile boots. For example, you will only use (with the start button) Spotify when you want. When you don't use it, librespot will not be enabled and it will not get any system resource.

#### 11.0 Archphile and I2s DACs for the Raspberry Pi

The use of I2s DACs in Archphile is pretty simple and straight-forward. The only step needed is the editing of /boot/config.txt:

#### nano /boot/config.txt

There you will find a list of (disabled) overlays for various I2S DACs. Let's assume you want to enable your **Mamboberry DAC**. You need to find this section:

# Mamboberry DACs
#dtoverlay=hifiberry-dac

enable the overlay:

# Mamboberry DACs dtoverlay=hifiberry-dac

and reboot:

#### systemctl reboot

If you want to read further information about the I2S DAC overlays, visit the following link:

https://github.com/archphile/recipe/blob/master/files/I2S\_Dacs\_Readme.txt

#### 12.0 Archphile Optimizations

#### 12.1 Odroid C2 optimizations

Archphile for Odroid C2 comes with various optimizations enabled by default. Below you will find some useful information about the most important ones.

#### 12.1.1 CPU Cores Isolation

The Odroid C2 Archphile image comes with cores 1,2 and 3 isolated by default.

Core 2 is used only by MPD, cores 3 and 4 are used for USB and ethernet interrupts.
The remaining processes are handled by core 0.

The core isolation is achieved via the editing of /boot/boot.txt file (plus the mkscr command):

nano /boot/boot.txt

There you will find the appropriate configuration already applied with the isolcpus option:

setenv bootargs "console=ttyAML0,115200n8 root=PARTUUID=\${uuid} **isolcpus=1,2,3** rw rootwait earlycon"

The redirection of MPD so that it uses the previously isolated **core 1** is handled via a command in **archphile-optimize** script:

#### nano usr/bin/archphile-optimize

There you will find the following enabled command:

#### taskset -c -a -p 1 \$(pidof mpd)

Please note that **you don't have to do anything from your side**. All the information above is just given for you to be fully aware on what's already configured on your system.

#### 12.1.2 CPU Affinity

By default **USB interrupts** are redirected to **core 4** and **ethernet interrupts** to **core 3**. The script including the appropriate commands is **/usr/locsl/bin/irq-archphile**.

The above script is then called by **archphile-optimize** script which runs at every boot. If you edit it:

#### nano /usr/bin/archphile-optimize

you will find the already enabled section:

# IRQ affinity optimization - Do not apply it if you have a Raspberry Pi!!!
#
/usr/bin/irq-archphile

Again, you don't have to do anything as everything is already applied.

#### 12.1.3 Odroid C2 optimizations and mpd-archphile-sacd

As already mentioned, you have the option to install mpd-archphile-sacd, an MPD fork that supports SACD ISOs. As DTS decoding is very CPU hungry, if you decide to use this MPD fork, you will need to disable CPU isolation and MPD redirection .

At first you will need to edit /boot/boot.txt:

#### nano /boot/boot.txt

Then find the line that includes isolcpus command:

setenv bootargs "console=ttyAML0,115200n8 root=PARTUUID=\${uuid} **isolcpus=1,2,3** rw rootwait earlycon"

and get rid of it:

setenv bootargs "console=ttyAML0,115200n8 root=PARTUUID=\${uuid} rw rootwait earlycon"

In addition, give the following two commands:

cd /boot

./mkscr

Then edit archphile-optimize script:

nano /usr/bin/archphile-optimize

find this command:

taskset -c -a -p 1 \$(pidof mpd)

and disable it:

#taskset -c -a -p 1 \$(pidof mpd)

Finally, reboot:

systemctl reboot

#### 12.2 Raspberry Pi 2/3 optimizations

#### 12.2.1 CPU Cores Isolation

The Raspberry Pi 2/3 Archphile image comes with **cores 0 and 1** are isolated by default.

**Core 0** handles all interrupts (that unfortunately cannot be redirected on RPI) and **core 1** is only used by MPD. Everything else is handled by **cores 2 and 3**.

The core isolation is achieved via the editing of /boot/cmdline.txt file:

#### nano /boot/cmdline.txt

There you will find the appropriate configuration already applied with the **isolcpus** option:

root=/dev/mmcblk0p2 rw rootwait console=ttyAMA0,115200 console=tty1 selinux=0 isolcpus=0,1 plymouth.enable=0 smsc95xx.turbo\_mode=N dwc\_otg.lpm\_enable=0 kgdboc=ttyAMA0,115200 elevator=noop

The redirection of MPD so that it uses the **core 1** is handled via a command in **archphile-optimize** script:

#### nano /usr/bin/archphile-optimize

There you will find the following enabled command:

#### taskset -c -a -p 1 \$(pidof mpd)

Please note that you don't have to do anything from your side. All the information above is given for you to be fully aware on what's configured on your system.

#### 12.2.2 Wireless, Bluetooth and HDMI

Wireless and Bluetooth are disabled by default. If you want to enable them, you will need to edit /boot/config.txt:

#### nano /boot/config.txt

#### 12.2.2.1 Wireless

If you want to enable wireless, you will need to find the following line:

#### dtoverlay=pi3-disable-wifi

If you later change your mind and disable it:

#### #dtoverlay=pi3-disable-wifi

Please note that in order to use a wireless, you will need to set a country code.

This can be done in archphile-optimize script:

#### nano /usr/bin/archphile-optimize

find the line below:

#### #iw reg set GR

change to your country's code (you will have to google for wireless country codes) and enable. For example, for **Norway** the line will be:

#### iw reg set NO

Save and reboot:

#### systemctl reboot

#### 12.2.2.2 Bluetooth

If you want to enable Bluetooth you will need to find the following line:

#### dtoverlay=pi3-disable-bt

and disable it:

#### #dtoverlay=pi3-disable-bt

Finally, reboot:

#### systemctl reboot

**Note:** Please note that bluetooth is not supported in Archphile. If you want to use it, you will have to manually configure stuff, add packages etc..

#### 12.2.2.3 HDMI

HDMI is enabled by default. If you want to disable it, you can edit **archphile-optimize** script:

#### nano /usr/bin/archphile-optimize

find the section below

## # Disable HDMI for RPI #/opt/vc/bin/tvservice -o

and enable it:

# # Disable HDMI for RPI /opt/vc/bin/tvservice -o

Finally, reboot:

#### systemctl reboot

#### 12.2.3 Raspberry Pi 2/3 optimizations and mpd-archphile-sacd

As already mentioned, you have the option to install mpd-archphile-sacd, an MPD fork that supports SACD ISOs. As DTS decoding is very CPU hungry, if you decide to use this MPD fork, you will need to disable CPU isolation and MPD redirection.

Firstly you will need to edit /boot/cmdline.txt:

#### nano /boot/cmdline.txt

disable the line that includes the isoclepus command:

#setenv bootargs "console=ttyAML0,115200n8 root=PARTUUID=\${uuid} **isolcpus=1,2,3** rw rootwait earlycon"

and enable the line under "Default Configuration" title:

root=/dev/mmcblk0p2 rw rootwait console=ttyAMA0,115200 console=tty1 selinux=0
plymouth.enable=0 smsc95xx.turbo\_mode=N dwc\_otg.lpm\_enable=0 kgdboc=ttyAMA0,115200
elevator=noop

Then, edit archphile-optimize script:

#### nano /usr/bin/archphile-optimize

find the following command:

taskset -c -a -p 1 \$(pidof mpd)

and disable it:

#taskset -c -a -p 1 \$(pidof mpd)

Finally, reboot:

systemctl reboot

#### 12.3 Raspberry Pi 4 optimizations

Archphile for the Raspberry Pi 4 comes with various optimizations enabled by default. Below you will find some useful information about the most important ones.

#### 12.3.1 CPU Cores Isolation

The Raspberry Pi 4 Archphile image comes with cores 1,2 and 3 isolated by default.

Core 2 is used only by MPD, cores 3 and 4 are used for USB and ethernet interrupts.
The remaining processes are handled by core 0.

The core isolation is achieved via the editing of /boot/cmdline.txt file (plus the mkscr command):

#### nano /boot/cmdline.txt

There you will find the appropriate configuration already applied with the isolcpus option:

root=/dev/mmcblk0p2 rw rootwait console=ttyAMA0,115200 console=tty1 selinux=0
isolcpus=1,2.3 plymouth.enable=0 smsc95xx.turbo\_mode=N dwc\_otg.lpm\_enable=0
kgdboc=ttyAMA0,115200 elevator=noop

The redirection of MPD so that it uses the previously isolated **core 1** is handled via a command in **archphile-optimize** script:

#### nano usr/bin/archphile-optimize

There you will find the following enabled command:

#### taskset -c -a -p 1 \$(pidof mpd)

Please note that **you don't have to do anything from your side**. All the information above is just given for you to be fully aware on what's already configured on your system.

#### 12.3.2 CPU Affinity

By default **USB interrupts** are redirected to **core 4** and **ethernet interrupts** to **core 3**. The script including the appropriate commands is **/usr/locsl/bin/irq-archphile**.

The above script is then called by **archphile-optimize** script which runs at every boot. If you edit it:

#### nano /usr/bin/archphile-optimize

you will find the already enabled section:

# IRQ affinity optimization - Do not apply it if you have a Raspberry Pi!!!
#
/usr/bin/irq-archphile

Again, you don't have to do anything as everything is already applied.

#### 12.3.3 Raspberry Pi 4 optimizations and mpd-archphile-sacd

As already mentioned, you have the option to install mpd-archphile-sacd, an MPD fork that supports SACD ISOs. As DTS decoding is very CPU hungry, if you decide to use this MPD fork, you will need to disable CPU isolation and MPD redirection .

At first you will need to edit /boot/cmdline.txt:

#### nano /boot/cmdline.txt

Then find the line that includes isolcpus command:

root=/dev/mmcblk0p2 rw rootwait console=ttyAMA0,115200 console=tty1 selinux=0
isolcpus=1,2.3 plymouth.enable=0 smsc95xx.turbo\_mode=N dwc\_otg.lpm\_enable=0
kgdboc=ttyAMA0,115200 elevator=noop

and disable it:

#root=/dev/mmcblk0p2 rw rootwait console=ttyAMA0,115200 console=tty1 selinux=0
isolcpus=1,2.3 plymouth.enable=0 smsc95xx.turbo\_mode=N dwc\_otg.lpm\_enable=0
kgdboc=ttyAMA0,115200 elevator=noop

Then, enable the "Default Configuration line":

root=/dev/mmcblk0p2 rw rootwait console=ttyAMA0,115200 console=tty1 selinux=0 plymouth.enable=0 smsc95xx.turbo\_mode=N dwc\_otg.lpm\_enable=0 kgdboc=ttyAMA0,115200 elevator=noop

Edit archphile-optimize script:

nano /usr/bin/archphile-optimize

find this command:

taskset -c -a -p 1 \$(pidof mpd)

and disable it:

#taskset -c -a -p 1 \$(pidof mpd)

Finally, reboot:

systemctl reboot

**Note:** For Bluetooth/wifi/hdmi settings and optimizations, please refer to section 12.2.2

#### **12.4 Generic Optimizations**

If you never use myMPD and you prefer another MPD client, you can disable it with:

#### systemctl disable mympd

If you later change your mind and you want to enable it:

#### systemctl enable mympd

If you are sure that you don't need **avahi** for bonjour network discovery, you can disable it with:

#### systemctl disable avahi-daemon

If you later change your mind and you want to enable it:

#### systemctl enable avahi-daemon

If you don't have any USB disk/stick attached on your Archphile board and you don't plan to use one, you can disable the USB auto-mounter (udevil):

#### systemctl disable devmon@root

If you later change your mind and you want to enable it:

#### systemctl enable devmon@root

#### 13.0 Real Life Examples

In this section I will analyze some of the most frequent user configurations in order to show you how easy it is to get started with Archphile.

**Note:** In order to start using Archphile you need to be able to extract **7z archives** and use a program like **W32diskimager** to copy the image to your sd card.

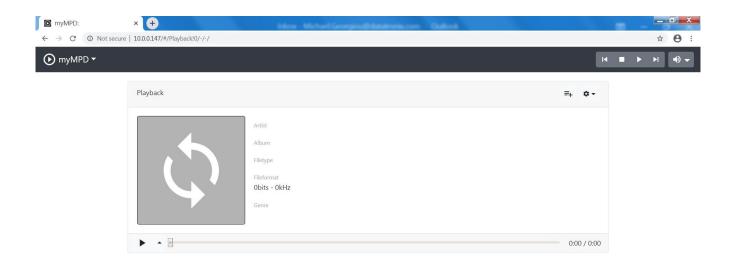
#### 13.1 Simple use with a USB disk or stick

Let's assume that you have a USB disk or stick with your music files and that this device is plugged in your Archphile board.

The first thing that you have to do is find the IP address of the Archphile device. As I already mentioned in the introduction of this manual, in order to do this, the simplest way is to use Fing application for Android or IOS.

Now that you found the IP, you are ready to use your board!

Just open a web browser and type the IP you just found. What you will immediately see is the default Archphile MPD client, named myMPD:



If your OS supports **bonjour/avahi**, instead of using the IP, you can access the board just using the following address:

#### archphile.local

The next thing that you have to do is **start updating the MPD database**, so that MPD is able to scan and later use your files. In order to do this, just go to "**myMPD**" menu on top left, press "**Update**" and then "**Update Database**". After a while, your files will start appearing on the "**Browse**" section of myMPD ("Filesystem" tab – usb disk folder).

Please note that depending on the size of the music library it might take from seconds to hours for the library scanning to complete.

When this procedure is over you can start browsing your library through myMPD and add the files you want to listen to myMPD queue.

Although you can keep using Archphile like it is now, setting a static IP is almost necessary. This way you will ensure that you will always know how to access your transport and in addition you will be able to use an SSH android remote.

So the remaining steps to complete Archphile setup are:

- Follow the instructions of **Chapter 2.0 (Network Configuration)** in order to set a static IP Follow the instructions of **Chapter 9.0 (Android Remote Control)** in order set up an SSH remote
- As a last **optional** step you can install an MPD client (MPD Remote, M.A.L.P, MAFA etc..) on your smartphone to use in addition to YMPD.

**NOTE:** Archphile doesn't use X windows and **you don't need to plug any HDMI cable** on the Archphile board. You just need to access your board from any other available device in the local network.

#### 13.2 Simple use with a NAS

This scenario is almost identical to the one above. The only extra step you have to do is to follow the instructions from **Chapter 3.0 (NAS Configuration) and configure your NAS.** 

After you reboot, you will need go to "myMPD" menu on top left, press "Update" and then "Update Database". After a while, your files will start appearing on the "Browse" section of myMPD ("Filesystem" tab — nas-samba folder).

#### 13.3 Adding your own web radios

Let's assume that you found the stream URL of an amazing web radio, named **Radio Paradise:** 

#### http://stream-tx3.radioparadise.com/aac-320

In order to test if it's functional or listen to it once, you can add it on YMPD, using the **Add Stream** button.

Now, in order to save this web radio under webradio directory so that you don't have to add the URL every time you will need to do the following:

Create a .pls file with the following content:

```
[playlist]
numberofentries=1
File1=http://stream-tx3.radioparadise.com/aac-320
Title1=Radio Paradise
Length1=-1
Version=2
```

Save it as Radio Paradise.pls (or any other name you want).

Using an application that supports SFTP file transfer like Filezilla or WinSCP:

https://filezilla-project.org

https://winscp.net

copy Radio Paradise.pls in the following location:

#### /var/lib/mpd/music/webradio

Finally, update MPD database from the myMPD menu and after a while, your new web radio will appear in webradio directory.

**Note 1:** The procedure above is needed only if you want to place your .pls file along with Archphile web radios. If you don't care about it, just place the .pls anywhere within your library (ex in a folder named MyWebRadios on your USB disk)and update the MPD database.

**Note 2:** If you are interested in adding some **Greek web radios**, I have created a complete list of **Athens based FM radio stations**.

For more information, please visit the following link:

https://thepenguin.eu/2018-05-28-pls-files-for-athens-greece-fm-radio-stations

#### 14.0 Frequently Asked Questions

#### - Is really Archphile a new Linux distribution?

No, Archphile is not a new distribution. It's just ArchlinuxARM (<a href="https://archlinuxarm.org">https://archlinuxarm.org</a>) with lots pre-installed packages (from both ArchlinuxARM and Archphile), plus many additional tweaks and configuration.

Please note, that although being an ArchlinuxARM distribution, Archphile is not a rolling release distro. Updating the system with pacman will 99,99% break most of the additional pre-installed Archphile packages.

# - Is Archphile dead? I have read two announcements of yours stating this project is dead and yet you keep uploading new images!

Ok, busted! I am not proud of my instability, but let me tell you a secret.. I have stopped taking myself seriously and I suggest that you don't take yours either.

#### - I want to buy Archphile. How much does it cost?

Archphile is a completely free/open source software. You don't have to pay anything in order to download and use it. However if you 're satisfied with this project, you can help it be kept alive by donating, using the **donation links** on various locations of my website (<a href="https://archphile.org">https://archphile.org</a>).

#### - Why do you keep asking for my donation? Do you want to buy new speakers?

Come on dude! Apart from the domain/hosting etc., I need money to keep buying hardware. For example, even though I am not a Raspberry Pi user, I bought the RPI 3 B+ (along with SD cards, power supply etc..) and I spent almost 70 euro. Please think twice before you answer: is it so bad that I keep asking for your donations?

#### - I want to see your code/packages/scripts right now!

All right! All you have to do is visit my GitHub page:

https://github.com/archphile

#### - What are the benefits of using Archphile?

Archphile is mainly targeted to Raspberry Pi and Odroid C2 owners who want to use their devices as music transports and don't have the knowledge or the time to spend in order to configure a Linux distribution for this purpose.

- I am using Volumio/Runeaudio/Moodeaudio/GentooPlayer/PiCorePlayer. Why should I change and use Archphile?

I don't care what you are currently using. As long as you 're satisfied with your current distribution, stick on it and keep listening to your music.

- Come on! Give me a reason to prefer Archphile over the other distributions!

OK. The philosophy behind Archphile is to **keep it simple**. You will <u>configure the</u> system once and forget it.

Archphile doesn't use any resource hungry web servers, interpreters like PHP or databases like MySQL and it's configured so that it will use the less possible resources.

This, doesn't mean that Archphile sounds better, but that it's usually more stable and faster comparing to a "bloated" alternative.

- Yes, but configuring Archphile is so difficult! myMPD does not have any system configuration settings.

Yes configuring Archphile via "terminal file editing" might seem difficult for newbies and this is the reason I wrote this manual.

Regarding myMPD, No, it does not have any OS configuration setting (apart from the optional reboot/shutdown buttons I added), because <u>it's just an MPD client</u>.

- Do you really use Archphile as a transport for your hi-fi or do you just play around with it?

The reason I developing Archphile is because I am a user of this software. I use an Odroid C2 with a DIY 9018k2m DAC. My flacs are served via a diy NAS (Odroid HC2/Openmediavault) using SAMBA.

- You describe Archphile as an "audiophile" distribution. What do you mean with this term? Is it that good?

I used to describe it using this term. <u>I don't anymore</u>, in order to avoid any confusions.

- I see that you focus very much on DSD capabilities, offering an extra custom MPD fork package. Why are you interested in this format so much? Is it so good?

To be honest, I don't like this format and I don't listen to DSD files. IMHO, everything that has to do with DSD is just a hype.

I believe that a redbook file (16/44.1) should be enough for a superb sound result. The reason I play around with DSD, creating custom packages etc., is because I 'm a geek and I like playing around with stuff like that.

By the way, I don't focus on DSD anymore. I still provide a lot of information on this manual plus mpd-archpile-sacd package on my repo, but I don't do any test with DSD files anymore.

- Roon support in Archphile is bad. The X feature is not functional and the overall performance is poor. Please can you help me?

No I can't. I contacted Roon Labs a long time ago, asking them to expand the trial period for me in order to be able to see how Archphile performs with Roon. They never replied to my email.

- How about Spotify and Tidal?

Archphile supports both of them. However, I can only pay for one service and I have currently chosen Spotify, which I fully support. Tidal support is partial, meaning that I will do everything for it to be functional but I won't be able to test it.

- Does Archphile support MQA?

Seriously, stop using Archphile now!

- I want the X or Y feature to be included. Please can you do this?
- Is there any forum for Archphile?

There used to be one, but not anymore. There are various forum threads (ex. In Diyaudio), but I currently don't participate in any of them. However you can discuss and exchange knowledge with other Archphile users there.

- I have a question and I need to contact you. How can I contact you?

If you have any problems with Archphile, you can open an issue on github:

https://github.com/archphile/support/issues

For any other reason, you can send an email to info@archphile.org.

## **Appendix**

#### A. Bit Perfect Playback

Bit Perfect playback is a phrase used to describe a setup that plays back music asis, keeping the bit depth and sampling rate untouched, avoiding any format conversion or any software volume modification.

In order to verify what is actually being sent to the DAC, you should use the following command:

#### cat /proc/asound/card\*/pcm\*p/sub\*/hw\_params

In Archphile, this command has a very easy to remember "shortcut" with the exact same output:

#### perfcheck

Below you will find some output examples of this command:

- playing a "Redbook" 16/44.1 flac:

```
access: RW_INTERLEAVED
format: S16_LE
subformat: STD
channels: 2
rate: 44100 (44100/1)
period_size: 5513
buffer_size: 22050
```

- playing a 24/96 flac:

```
access: RW_INTERLEAVED
format: S24_LE
subformat: STD
channels: 2
rate: 96000 (96000/1)
period_size: 12000
buffer_size: 48000
```

- playing a DSD64 dsf using DoP Mode:

```
access: RW_INTERLEAVED
format: S24_LE
subformat: STD
channels: 2
rate: 176400 (176400/1)
period_size: 22050
buffer_size: 882000
```

#### - playing a DSD64 dsf using Native DSD Mode:

```
access: RW_INTERLEAVED
format: DSD_U32_BE
subformat: STD
channels: 2
rate: 88200 (88200/1)
period_size: 11025
buffer_size: 44100
```

**Note:** There are cases where no resampling takes place, but you keep seeing 24 or 32 bit in the format section even if the file is 16 bit.

This is usually not a problem. Many DACs only support 24 or 32 bit, so MPD sends a

the actual bit depth plus some "zeros" to the DAC in order to reach the supported bit depth of the DAC. This procedure is still Bit-Perfect and it's called "padding".

The easiest way to identify the capabilities of a DAC is to use the following command (when MPD doesn't play any file):

#### alsacap

For example, the result for my current DAC is the following:

```
*** Scanning for playback devices ***
Card 0, ID `D20', name `DIYINHK USB Audio 2.0'
  Device 0, ID `USB Audio', name `USB Audio', 1 subdevices (1 available)
  2 channels, sampling rate 44100..384000 Hz
  Sample formats: S16_LE, S32_LE, SPECIAL, DSD_U32_BE
    Subdevice 0, name `subdevice #0'
```

Here we can see that the DAC supports from **44.1Khz to 384Khz**. With regards to bit depths, it supports **16 bit and 32 bit**. So when MPD plays a 24 bit flac, 32 bit are sent to my DAC.

Last but not least, DSD\_U32\_BE means that this DAC supports Native DSD in Linux.

#### B. DoP vs Native DSD vs DSD to PCM conversion and MPD

DSD files can be played by MPD using three different software/hardware methods:

#### - DoP

Using DoP, the DSD stream is packed into a PCM data stream and transmitted to the DAC. The latter reassembles the original DSD data stream completely unchanged.

In order to use the DoP protocol:

- 1. the DAC chip of your DAC device must support DSD
- 2. the USB receiver of your DAC must support DoP
- 3. DoP has to be enabled in /etc/mpd.conf (see Chapter 4.5 MPD and DSD)

Using the command mentioned in Appendix Chapter A:

#### cat /proc/asound/card\*/pcm\*p/sub\*/hw\_params

the result for DSD64 is:

```
access: RW_INTERLEAVED
format: S24_LE
subformat: STD
channels: 2
rate: 176400 (176400/1)
period_size: 22050
buffer_size: 882000
```

We can see that the DSD stream is packed in a PCM 24/176.4 data stream.

**Note:** As we already mentioned, not all DACs support 16/24/32 bit, so it's normal if you see a stream of 32/176.4 (this is what I see with both my DACs). These 32 bits is 24 bit plus "zeros" in order to reach the supported bit depth.

#### - Native DSD

Using Native DSD, the DSD stream is transmitted to the USB receiver unmodified.

In order to use Native DSD:

- 1. the DAC chip of your DAC must support DSD
- 2. the USB receiver of your DAC must support Native DSD
- 3. the DAC/USB receiver must be supported in Linux Kernel
- 4. DoP has to be disabled in /etc/mpd.conf (see Chapter 4.5 MPD and DSD)

Using the same command:

#### cat /proc/asound/card\*/pcm\*p/sub\*/hw\_params

the result for DSD64 is:

access: RW\_INTERLEAVED format: DSD\_U32\_BE subformat: STD channels: 2

rate: 88200 (88200/1) period\_size: 11025 buffer\_size: 44100

It's clear from the format DSD\_U32\_BE that this stream is using Native DSD.

Many DAC owners expect their DAC to use Native DSD under Linux because they read it on their DAC's hardware specs. Unfortunately a specific entry for each DAC/USB receiver is needed in a Linux Kernel file and this makes things very complicated.

#### - DSD to PCM conversion

Using DSD to PCM conversion before the stream leaves the transport is the fail-safe option.

In order to use DSD to PCM conversion:

- The DAC does not support DSD

or

- The DAC does not support Native DSD
- DoP option must be disabled in /etc/mpd.conf

Note: DoP can be disabled in two different ways:

1. the DoP line is inactive or absent:

#### #dop "yes"

2. the DoP line is active and contains a no instead of a yes:

#### dop "no"

The result of 1 and 2 is the same.

If you are interested in this topic, please make sure you read my blog post below:

http://thepenguin.eu/2017-12-22-mpd-and-dsd-files

#### C. Updating the firmware of the Raspberry Pi 4

In order to update the eeprom firmware of your Raspberry Pi 4, all you need is to give the following command:

#### rpi-eeprom-update -a

If there is a newer firmware, it will be downloaded and you will get a message to reboot your device. In order to do this, give:

systemctl reboot

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This manual can be downloaded from Archphile website. The URL will always be: <a href="https://archphile.org/manual/archphile-manual.pdf">https://archphile.org/manual/archphile-manual.pdf</a>

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https://github.com/archphile/manual/blob/master/archphile-manual.odt

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