

# Using a Custom Connector

## Adding the Connector to Conduit

The Conduit Connector template includes a Makefile that can be used to build a binary version of your connector.

`make build` After the command runs you should see a binary file with the name of the connector in the local directory.

To run the Connector, you will need to move it to a directory that Conduit can access. By default, this directory is the `connectors` directory located alongside the Conduit binary. Move your newly created Connector binary into the `connectors` directory and run Conduit using the following command:

`./conduit` Navigate to the Conduit UI (by default located at <http://localhost:8080/ui> while Conduit is running) to see your Connector in the list of available Connectors

## Using the Connector in a Conduit Pipeline

Although you can use the Connector directly within the Conduit UI, the recommended way to use the Connector is define a [pipeline configuration file](#). When using custom Connectors in a pipeline configuration, they are prefixed with phrase 'standalone' unlike built in Connectors which are prefixed with 'builtin'. For example, to use a custom Connector named `file-sync` it would look as follows: `plugin: standalone:file-sync@[replace-with-connector-version]`.

More information about [Referencing Connectors](#).

Below is an example of using a custom Connector in a pipeline configuration file:

`pipelines/use-custom-connector.yml` version :

2.2 pipelines : -

id : use - custom - connector

## run pipeline on startup

status : running description :

Example pipeline reading to use a custom file sync connector.

connectors : -

id : source - sync type : source

## use the custom file-sync plugin as the source

plugin : standalone : file - [\[email protected\]](#) settings :

## use ./data as the directory input to the file-sync connector; the connector will watch for new files in this directory

directory : ./data

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id : destination - sync type : destination

## use the custom file-sync plugin as the destination

plugin : standalone : file - [\[email protected\]](#) settings :

**use `./new_destination` as the directory input to the file-sync connector; the connector will write files from the pipeline to this directory**

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