

Installation and Testing of NMM (Mac OS X)

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This document gives an introduction on how to install and test the Open Source version of NMM for Mac OS X.

In this document, we assume that NMM package is called `nm-2.3.0.tar.gz` and will be extracted to directory `/Users/bob/nm-2.3.0`. Please replace these names as appropriate, e.g. with the name of the NMM package that you are actually using.

1. Requirements

1.1. Hardware and Software Requirements

You need a properly configured Mac OS X 10.6 operating system. On Mac OS X, most NMM examples and applications require a graphics board. So far NMM provides only a display component for Mac OS X using X11. Thus, the two packages X11User.pkg and X11SDK.pkg must be installed for video playback. Both packages are included on the CDs that are delivered with your Mac. This version of the display component accepts data in RGB format only. Furthermore, you must run any NMM application for video playback within an xterm to ensure that the X11 server is running. Finally, you need a sound board or chip that can natively playback different sampling rates such as 44.1 kHz. All other hardware, such as cameras, is optional.

1.2. Network Configuration

To allow one running NMM system to access another running NMM system, the port 22801 and the port range 5000-6000 must not be blocked by a firewall.

Please note that some Linux distributions include the line `127.0.0.2 <your-hostname>` into `/etc/hosts`. In this case you must replace the numeric IP address `127.0.0.2` with the real IP address of your system or you have to remove this line.

1.3. libtool

You have to use the libtool package delivered with your Mac.

2. Installation of NMM

2.1. Download NMM

Download NMM from here (../nmmdownload.html).

2.2. Extract

Extract the tar.gz package of release:

- `cd /Users/bob`

- `tar xvfz nmm-2.3.0.tar.gz` (will extract to `/Users/bob/nmm-2.3.0`)

The directory structure is described in Directory Structure (`../../nmmdocs_dirstruct.html`).

2.3. Configure

- Go to the NMM source directory, e.g.:

```
cd /Users/bob/nmm-2.3.0/
```

- If your Mac uses an Intel CPU, you have to enter the following command:

```
./configure --prefix=/Users/bob/nmm-2.3.0-installed \  
  --enable-macosx --disable-nasm \  
  --disable-all --enable-macosx-all
```

- If your Mac uses a PowerPC CPU, you have to enter the following command:

```
./configure --prefix=/Users/bob/nmm-2.3.0-installed \  
  --enable-macosx --disable-nasm --enable-ppc \  
  --disable-all --enable-macosx-all
```

Note that the options `--disable-all` and `--enable-macosx-all` disable all features for building and enable only those which are available on Mac OS X, provided that the required libraries are found. Also note that not all of these features have been fully tested and some of them might not work at all. We currently enable them in the "macosx-all" profile only because we see no reason why they should not work on Mac OS X at all.

As an alternative, you may specify only `--disable-all` and any combination of `--enable-...` switches you like. You can run `./configure --help` for a list of available switches.

You must specify an installation prefix on Mac OS X, because NMM will not work without running `make install` at least once. You can then run NMM from the source tree, but we recommend running NMM from the installation prefix instead.

If `./configure` terminated successfully, you will see a long list of NMM features, which are either enabled or disabled. If a feature is disabled, this is mostly due to unresolved dependencies. However, you should still be able to build and use NMM. All features can also be disabled manually. Please refer to `./configure --help` for a list of all options. In particular, you might want to set the installation directory for NMM by calling `./configure --prefix=<path for installing NMM>`. For example, we assume in the following that NMM is to be installed in `/Users/bob/nmm-2.3.0-installed/` and you want to compile with all features available under Mac OS X.

2.4. External Libraries

No external libraries are required for building the NMM base system on Linux.

2.5. DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH

Set the environment variable `DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH` appropriately. The paths you specify in this variable must include all paths where external libraries needed by NMM are installed. For example, if you installed libraries in `/Users/bob`, you must set the variable as follows:

- `export DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH=/Users/bob/lib:$DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH` (for bash)
- `setenv DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH /Users/bob/lib:$DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH` (for tcsh)

2.6. Configure, Again

Run the configure script for the second time:

- `cd /Users/bob/nmm-2.3.0/`
- If your Mac uses an Intel CPU, use the command

```
./configure --prefix=/Users/bob/nmm-2.3.0-installed \  
  --with-extra-libs=/Users/bob/lib \  
  --with-extra-includes=/Users/bob/include \  
  --disable-nasm --enable-macosx \  
  --disable-all --enable-macosx-all
```
- Additionally, you might want to add some options as printed out by `./configure --help`

2.7. Build

Build NMM by running:

- `make`
- `make parallel -j2` will usually speed up compile time. We also recommend `distcc` if you have more than one host available for compiling (hey, NMM is a 'networked' multimedia architecture.)
- If compilation fails, try `make -k` and see how far you get.

2.8. Install

Install NMM, either in the default directory, or in the directory specified using `./configure --prefix=<path for installing NMM>` by calling:

- `make install`
- If compilation failed in the previous, try `make install -k`

3. Testing NMM

You need to configure and test NMM. Before you can execute any binaries, you have to install nmm like described in last paragraph. All following steps should be performed on a xterm to be able do display video.

3.1. Environment Variables

You might want to permanently set the `DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH` as described above: For example, extend your personal `~/tcshrc` (for `tcsh`) or `~/bashrc` (for `bash`)

If you are using the installed version of NMM (i.e. `make install`), which is recommended, you do not need to set any additional environment variable. If, however, you would like to run NMM from the source directory, you need to set the `NMM_DEV_DIR`:

- `export NMM_DEV_DIR=/Users/bob/nmm-2.3.0` (for `bash`)
- `setenv NMM_DEV_DIR /Users/bob/nmm-2.3.0` (for `tcsh`)

3.2. NMM Registry

Setup the NMM registry:

- Change to directory of NMM registry:
 - `cd /Users/bob/nmm-2.3.0-installed/bin` if you are using the installed version of NMM (recommended).
- Run `./serverregistry -s` and wait until all plug-in information is generated. This step is also performed automatically when you start some NMM application or example for the first time.

3.3. Test NMM

Test NMM using the application called 'clic', which is a very powerful tool.

- Change to the directory of 'clic'.
 - `cd /home/bob/nmm-2.3.0-installed/bin` if you are using the installed version of NMM (recommended)
- Test NMM.
 - `./clic ../share/nmm/gd/crossplatform/testing/test.gd` if you are using the installed version of NMM (recommended)

If everything works fine, you might want to read the documentation on clic and check out the other graph descriptions (GD files) available for your platform.

3.4. Security

All security settings are optional, but recommended.

- Copy `/Users/bob/nmm-2.3.0/resources/nmmrc_sample` to your home directory as `.nmmrc` and edit it:
 - `cp /Users/bob/nmm-2.3.0/resources/nmmrc_sample ~/.nmmrc`
- By setting `allowedreadpaths` you can restrict the paths from which plug-ins are allowed to read data, e.g. your wav files.
- By setting `allowedwritepaths` you can restrict the paths to which plug-ins are allowed to write data.
- By setting a `passwd` you can restrict access between NMM processes (and therefore systems). Only processes using the same password are allowed to interact. For example, if you start a `serverregistry` on host A and another user at host B wants to connect to this `serverregistry`, both of you need to agree on the same password.

If you are behind a firewall and only connected to trusted hosts and users, you do not necessarily need these settings at all.

If you want to access devices, e.g. `/dev/dsp` for audio output, you need to add this to the 'allowed' paths. Remember: the usual restrictions of your operating system still apply, e.g. adding `/dev/` to `allowedreadpaths` and `allowedwritepaths` is not necessarily unsafe.