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In this article, **TipsMake.com** will explain how to start playing retro games on Kodi with the Internet Archive ROM Launcher (IARL). And once it's set up, you'll have plenty of retro games on many platforms at your fingertips. You will have difficulty deciding which game to play first!

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Internet game library of Internet Archive

Over the years, Internet Archive has built a library of retro video games. As you may know, these games were once offered to play on web browsers. However, thanks to a dedicated Kodi add-on, all of them can now be accessed through your home theater!



 Internet Arcade: Out Run
by Sega
Publication date 1986

Some collections have been retained by the Internet Archive. These include (but not all):

1. The MAME Arcade includes games like Outrun and Defender.
2. The Software Library: ZX Spectrum focuses on famous home computers in the UK
3. The Software Library: MS-DOS includes a large collection of old PC games

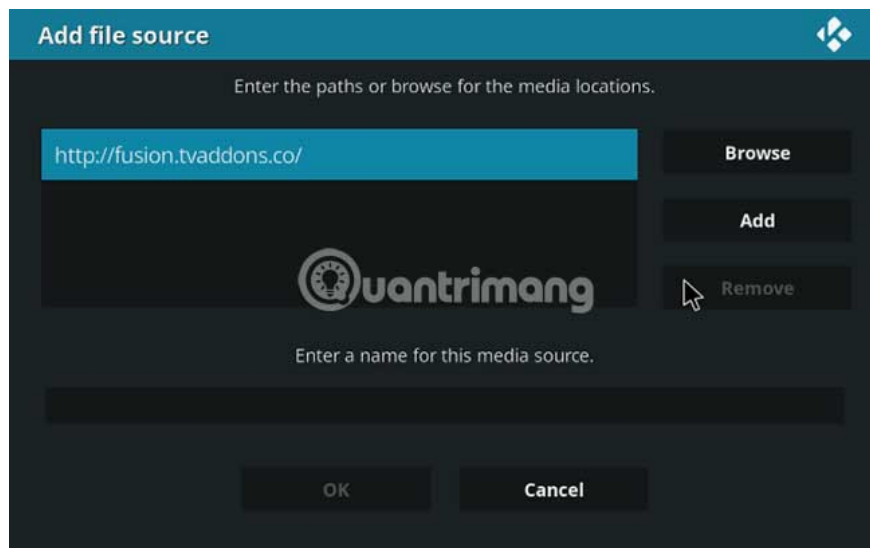
Each of these libraries (and many other options) is accessible via a standard web browser. You can go there right now, choose a game and start playing in seconds. And the most important thing is to install the user interface into the Internet Archive's retro game library and activate the games with the relevant emulator.

If you are concerned about the copyright element of library access, rest assured that this is taken into account. Internet Archive has been granted a DMCA exemption to help store old software. This is important, because without it, you cannot host certain games and software, even by officially recognized archives.

Use Internet Archive ROM Launcher on Kodi

To access these games, you will need to install Internet Archive ROM Launcher and a back end emulator. This means you will only be able to run these games on systems that you have permission to install outside of Kodi, with an appropriate emulator.

A PC-based Kodi box is an ideal choice, and **TipsMake.com** even gives detailed instructions on how to install Kodi on Windows.



Are you ready to get started? To install the Internet Archive ROM Launcher on the Kodi box, go to **Settings & File Manager** and click **Add source**. Click **None** and enter:

`http://fusion.tvaddons.co`

Name the source *fusion*, then click **OK** and return to the main screen. Browse to the **Add-ons** and click the Kodi box icon, then click **Install from ZIP file**. Here, select **fusion & kodi-repos & english & repository.zachmorris-1.0.0.zip** and wait for the **Add-on installed message**.



Now you will return to the **Add-on browser** menu, so click on **Install from repository**, then **Zach Morris Add-ons & Video Add-ons** and select **Internet Archive ROM Launcher**. Here, select **Install**, then wait until the installation is complete.



After a few moments, you will be able to browse your entire ROM collection collection via the **Add-ons & Internet Archive ROM Launcher** main menu.

However, you still cannot play them yet.

Install the emulator to play retro games

The best way to get the emulators you need is to install RetroArch. With this setting, you will find the most stable emulators that suit many system options.

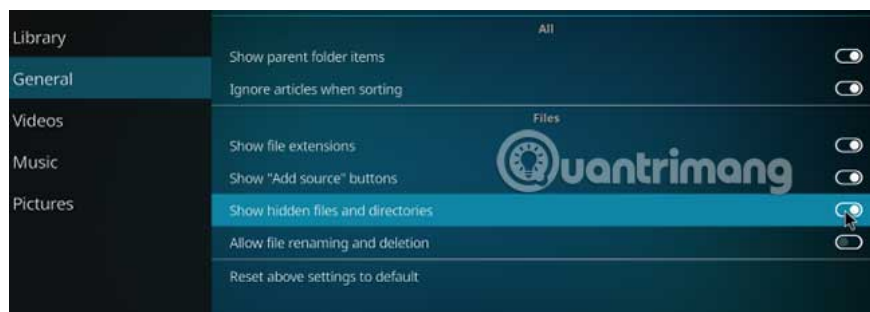
RetroArch is available for Windows (95 and above), Linux, Mac (PowerPC and Intel), Android (see the article about the best game emulator for Android), iOS, BlackBerry, PS3, PSP, PS Vita, Xbox, Xbox 360 and even Nintendo Wii (although you'll have to hack your Wii with **homebrew** first), Wii U, 3DS, GameCube and Raspberry Pi. In essence, you can find an active version for the platform of your choice.

1. Download RetroArch.

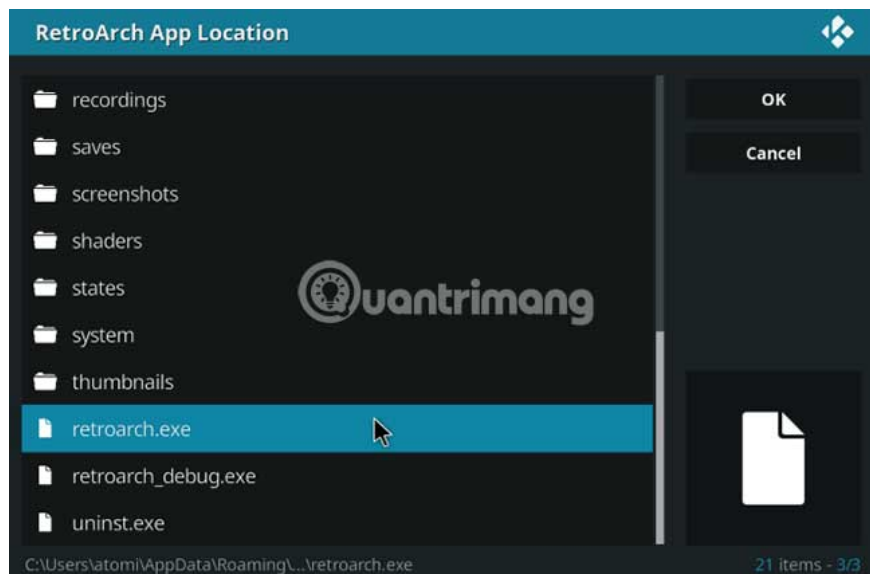


After downloading, install the software as usual. Then launch it and navigate to **Online Updater & Core Updater** , then select the appropriate core emulator for the type of game you want to play. For example, if you want to play classic MAME games, then choose **Arcade (MAME 2000)** .

With RetroArch and the appropriate core emulators installed, you're ready to start playing the game. However, some further configuration may be required.



Windows users will need to spend a few minutes to configure the IARL add-on. To do this, first change how Kodi handles hidden Windows files and folders. Go to **Setting & Media Settings & General** and search for **Show hidden files and directories** . (You may need to change the view from **Basic** to **Advanced** in the lower left corner to see this).



Next, go back to the main screen, then click on **Add-ons** and open the Kodi box icon. Find your way to the IARL add-on and choose **Configure**. In **External Launchers**, select Windows, then browse to **RetroArch App Location**, then **RetroArch System Folder**. The order of access is as follows:

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C:\users[USERNAME]\AppDataRoamingRetroArchretroarch.exe
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and

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C:\users[USERNAME]\AppDataRoamingRetroArchsystem
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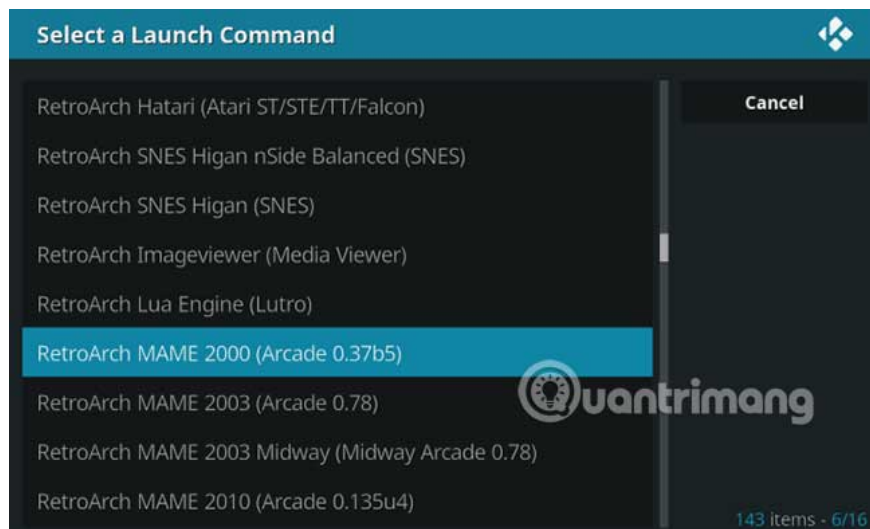


After that, go to the **Setup Wizard**, then select the **Execute Setup Wizard** and wait until the changes are applied. (On the other hand, if you use Android, all these fields will be configured automatically.)

Browse, download and launch retro games in Kodi

Return to Kodi and launch the Internet Archive ROM Launcher to find the games you want to play. As long as the correct emulator is installed, you will be able to play the game. It is well worth the time you spend here and browse the list of corresponding games.

However, before you start playing, go back to the top of the game index (for example, **Internet Archive Best Of - Arcade**) and display the context menu.

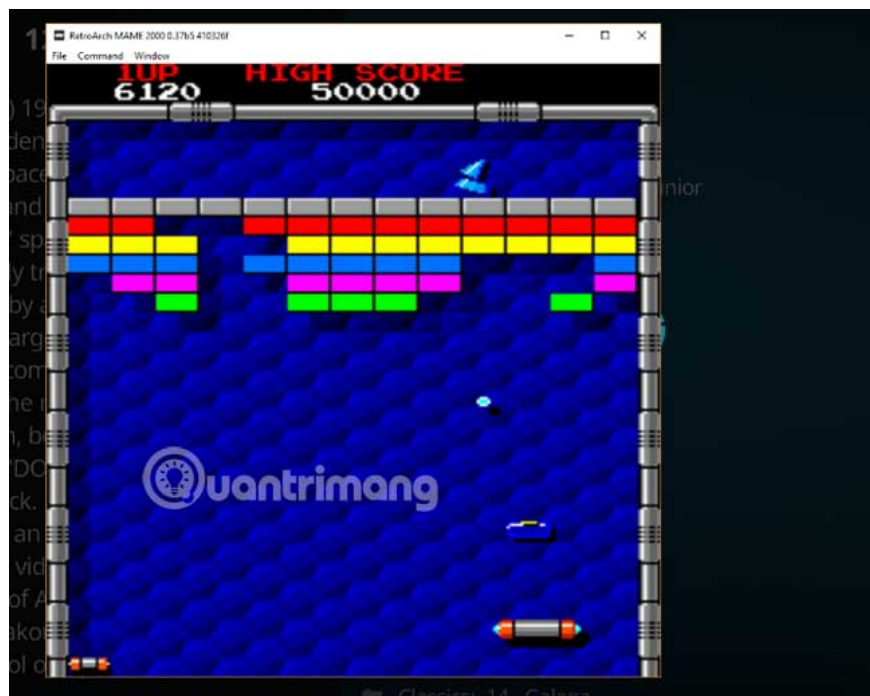


Here, select **Update Ext Launcher Command** and the appropriate emulator. Click **Yes** when prompted to update the command, then wait for the changes to be applied. When you're done, you're ready to play. Just click **Launch** to start playing your favorite retro games!

The game will open in a RetroArch window above Kodi. Stay tuned for instructions, which will tell you not only how to play the game, but also some new shortcuts.

Beware of play-related issues

However, note that playability may vary by device. For example, a regular Kodi remote control is absolutely not suitable for gaming. Keep this in mind and it's worth considering an alternative device, such as a controller or gaming keyboard.



Regarding the ROM itself, the Internet Archive's game library won't go anywhere. You don't need to worry about backing up games, simply because they are always available. More importantly, the default setting is that the games are downloaded and then removed when you download a new game.

And you can't save progress, but this is like playing a game in the browser. The only difference is that you can play retro games in the Kodi media center! So keep things legal and enjoy them. If you are interested in playing retro games, you can refer to some of the best retro games that **TipsMake.com** has suggested.

Wish you find a suitable choice!

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