

MAME

MAME, the Multiple Arcade Machine Emulator, is a multi-purpose emulation framework which facilitates the emulation of vintage hardware and software. Originally targeting vintage arcade machines, MAME has since absorbed the sister-project **MESS** (Multi Emulator Super System) to support a wide variety of vintage computers, video game consoles and calculators as well.



It was first released in 1997. In Italy!

MAME focuses on accuracy, even if it's at the cost of performance. If on low-end hardware, consider using older (more innaccurate) versions of MAME, or specialized emulators for such games instead.

MAME games scrapes metadata for the "arcade" group(s) and loads the mame set from the currently selected theme, if available.



MAME doesn't use an individual "core" for each system like RetroArch does, instead the ROM itself usually contains the necessary information to accurately emulate it, thus making it specific to the version of MAME it was made for. It is highly recommended to read the [generic arcade guide](#) first to get familiar with arcade machine emulation.

Quick reference

- **Accepted ROM formats:** .zip, .7z
- **Folder:** /userdata/roms/mame

Emulators	Sample path	Artwork path
libretro: imame4all	Fix Me!	Fix Me!
libretro: mame078plus	/userdata/bios/mame2003plus/samples	/userdata/bios/mame2003plus/artwork
libretro: mame0139	/userdata/bios/mame2010/samples	/userdata/bios/mame2010/artwork
libretro: mame		

I open the MAME menu too often!

Aforementioned issue, you might have the MAME key set to an in-game key as well. Either set it to another key or remap the MAME menu key.

Further troubleshooting

Most questions are answered in the [generic arcade guide](#).

For further troubleshooting, refer to the [generic support pages](#).

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