

How to mod your xbox to play non xbox live games from the hddrive

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Intro

Please keep in mind that I am not saying this is the best way or the right way. I am simply saying that this is the way I did it and now have a working xbox with a 140gig hard drive.

I decided to mod my xbox one day and realized that it was very difficult to find all the info that you need yes xbox-scene.com has just about everything you need but it does not come all together in 1 doc. So I will attempt to write a complete doc. This will be very untechnical if that's a word. I am a pretty technical guy and I still had problems figuring out what people were talking about. Here are a couple terms you will want to know

MOD – MODCHIP - MOD is simply short for modify. MODCHIP is a chip that allows you to modify your xbox

DASHBOARD - The original dashboard that comes with your xbox is the green and black screen you see when you boot with no cd in your drive. There are replacement dashboards that you will have to use after you MOD your box. We will use EVOX

BIOS - Basic Input Output System, In short the BIOS is the Operating System for your hardware. It's keeps all the settings and tells your xbox how to use everything in it. The BIOS resides on a BIOS chip much as the operating system sits on the hard drive.

FLASH - This is the act of replacing the BIOS on the BIOS chip with another BIOS

FTP - File Transfer Protocol. This is a simple way to transfer files across a network. EVOX has an ftp server built in. You will need an FTP client to connect to it.

What you need

Xbox

MOD-CHIP

DVD Burner

DVDRW (I use -R but from what I have read +R works just as well)

3 Torex screw drivers. (not sure on the size but my screw driver kit it was the 3 smallest)

Soldering iron – 15watt if you are not good at soldering ☺

140 gig IDE hard drive

network cable connected to your pc

READ how to use the EVOX.ini file. The home site used to exist. Not sure where it went but look around there is lots of reading on it.

Here we go. (I know there are many ways to do everything. This is the way I did it and I have a 100% working xbox with a 140gig drive)

- Purchase your MODCHIP There are many mod chips. But like I said in the beginning I am writing this with how I did it. I purchase my chip from <http://the-console-corner.com> I am running the xecuter2 lite chip. Purchase the one that fits you. The lite is simply the chip and wiring. The lite plus is the lite but solderless. The pro allows you to flash your chip from your computer. We will talk about this later.
- Open your xbox. You will need your torex drivers and this link. <http://teamxecuter.com/modules.php?name=Tutorials&page=1> Thanks Team Xecuter.
- Install the mod chip according to the instructions here. http://the-console-corner.com/lite_2_3_installation.htm
- Before we move on too far I like to test as we go a long that way if there are issues its easy to trouble shoot.
 - Plug in your original hard drive and dvd drive and turn on the xbox. Under the giant X you should see an xecuter2 before it gets to the dashboard. If you see this your chip is installed properly.
 - If you do not see this but your xbox boots could be 2 issues
 - D0 connection is not making contact
 - Jumper on mod chip is set to disabled
 - If your xbox flashes red and orange at you check your solder points one of them is not right or not making contact.
- Remove the old hard drive from the case.
- Set your new hard drive to cable select. If you do not know what this means look on your hard drive you should see 1 jumper on a string of pins. Look around your hard drive somewhere it should say ma (master) sl (slave) cs (cable select).
- Install hard drive just like the old on was there.
- If you try and boot now you will get an error 13 hard drive problem. (this is fine)
- Put case back together.
- Download Slayers evox installer. There are many places to find this. Try your favorite file trading software. Or search a place like ircspy.com or filemirrors.com.
- Burn the ISO image to a DVDRW (if you like to waste \$\$\$ use a DVDR). I hear you can use cdrw but I have yet to see an xbox that works on. Of you do not have software that will burn a dvd iso. Look for STOMP by veritas. That works VERY NICE.
- Insert the DVD with slayers on it.
- At this point we need to know if your bios was pre flashed with an xecuter2 bios or not. You should see it on the main screen of slayers. If it says unknown don't worry. We will assume for now it is flashed. If not skip to the flash bios.
- Slayers is very easy to use. Select the option to backup current.
- Then select option to install new hard drive.
 - You will have to select what evox to install don't remember the exact syntax of it but it's one of the 1st 2 options on the install new hard drive option.
- Slayers should run for about 3-4 min. After its complete pull out the DVD and reboot. You should come right up to the EVOX dash board.
- Pat yourself on the back.

- Now the fun part.

Flashing your xecuter 2 chip **only flash if you need to!!** (this is the worst part. If you are using the xecuter2 lite and this screws up.. b-bye. If you use the pro you can reflash it with the old one by pc)

- Find the latest bios. If your not sure what it is (4797.67 as of 12/19/2003) check out teamxecuter.com and look at there message board. Someone will talk about it. And again download from any of the places mentioned above.
- The easiest way I found to flash your bios is to copy it to the c:\bios directory of your hard drive and modify the EVOX.ini file to include the flash bios menu option. You add a line like this to your ini file Item "Flash BIOS",ID_Flash_Bios
- If you cant figure that out there is a cheat. Download xbox iso tool from xbox-scene.com and extract the slayers iso to a directory.
 - Rename one of the old bios's under system\all\bios to what ever copy the new bios in there and rename it to the file you just renamed.
 - Burn dvd of modified slayer iso
 - Boot up from the slayer dvd
 - Go into flash bios
 - Select the bios name you used to rename your bios and flash

Ok now your box has a new hard drive / mod chip / and new dash board. What do you do now?

You can upgrade evox. (evolution x if you haven't figured it out by now) The current version as of 12/19/2003 is 1.8.3921 Again use the links above to find them.

To upgrade evox simply unzip the file to your pc. ftp to it and overwrite the c:\evoxdashboard.xbe (if you overwrite the .ini file all your menus / settings will disappear.

How do I backup my games??

Since we installed with slayers Evox. There are 2 ways.

- HDDLOADER this program will copy to the hard drive
 - Insert the game into the xbox.
 - Select manage games
 - Follow instructions on screen and it will copy the game to the hard drive
- DVD backup (this one is a little more technical but I will try and simplify it.
 - Insert the game into xbox once you are at the evox dashboard
 - From your pc ftp to your xbox
 - Enter into drive d
 - ftp ALL files into a directory on your pc hard drive
 - use xbox iso tool to create an ISO of the game
 - use stomp to burn ISO to DVDR
 - play away.

Currently I am working on drives larger than 140 gig. I will re-publish this once that works for me.

If I have missed anything please let me know billgod69@hotmail.com

