You don't need to do anything complicated. You do need to create a brand new up to date WINE installation. Any attempt to upgrade an existing WINE set-up seems problematic.

<u>Warning.</u> The process described wipes out everything within existing WINE installations. Before you start you must back up everything you need that is part of an existing WINE installation, not just the CC3+ or FT3 maps.

Technically it may be possible to create multiple WINE set-ups to allow you to retain existing installations as well, but I prefer simple solutions.

So :-

1. At the risk of repeating the obvious; it is vital you back up of your data files. Include maps you have created and any files containing customisation you have configured in FT3/CC3, such as new colouring or export profiles in FT3. I imagine this will also apply to new templates, symbols, bitmaps or macros you have created in CC3. If you have any other software that you run under WINE you must back up relevant files for these up too. Place these back-ups well away from any virtual drives or file store used by WINE. I suggest you use an external device, e.g. a USB stick.

2. Use your software manager to completely remove any existing WINE components.

3. Remove any CC3/FT3 virtual drives previously created and used by WINE

4. WINE software included with the Mint and Ubuntu distributions is out of date. Obtain a current version from the WINE website https://www.winehq.org . Much useful information can be found there. Links to the download instructions for various distributions are at https://www.winehq.org . I went to the Ubuntu page, and just followed the instructions for Mint to download the "stable branch" then install it.

5. Install each Profantasy programs by right-clicking on their installation file and choosing the option to run the WINE program loader. The Profantasy installer should then run as usual. I used default file locations for everything. You are prompted to install Mono and Gecko components. Choose to let WINE do this, rather than using your Linux software installer. WINE seems to pick up the required versions automatically, but I had problems using the versions installed by the Mint installer.

6. You should now be able to copy your saved maps and configuration files into the appropriate location within your new installation. On my Linux system CC3+ defaults to:-/home/xxxx/.wine/drive_c/users/Public/Application Data/Profantasy/CC3Plus or /home/xxxx/.wine/drive_c/users/xxxx/Application Data/Profantasy/CC3Plus depending on what install option you chose.

FT3 defaults to /home/xxxx/.wine/drive_c/Program Files (x86)/ProFantasy/FT3

Note "xxxx" is your user name. The ".wine" directory is hidden. In your file manager select the option to show hidden files to display hidden files and directories.

7. You should now be able to launch CC3+ and FT3 via desktop icons and your menu system and access your maps. I successfully installed CC3+ with its latest patch, FT3 with its latest patch, SS1 and annuals Vol 2 (2008), Vol 3 (2009) and Vol 7(2013).

9. Reinstall any other software you had under WINE.

A couple of issues I have now encountered, which are similar to those mentioned on the WINE site relating to earlier versions of CC3.

Printing. In CC3+ the standard printing dialogue seems to work as expected on my system. However the wizard has problems, it doesn't seem to be handling the landscape/ portrait orientation correctly and CC3+ crashes when you try and finish the wizard. This might be printer specific, although I haven't experienced any other problems with my EPSON Stylus SX600FW when printing or scanning in Linux.

Map fonts. Fonts on some example maps are not all displayed correctly e.g. the CA20 example. General this manifests as the fonts appear too large. I did try installing the MS True Type fonts into Linux, but this did not fix the problem.

Other basic functions seem to be working but I have odd times where something doesn't work, or at least not as I expected, e.g template thumbnails when creating a new map appear as black squares. This seems to clear if do not select "always cache". Generally a few taps of the escape key and a refresh of the map seems to clear things.

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