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Downloading ROOT

We are developing ROOT according to the principle of:

`Release early and release often`

However, since a very large portion of the user base requires a stable product we generally keep three version of the system available for download. The **dev**, **pro** and **old** versions.

The **dev** version evolves quickly, with monthly releases. Use this to get access to the latest and greatest, but as a side effect there might be some instabilities. However, by trying out the **dev** version you can help us converge much more quickly to a stable version that can then become the new **pro** version. If you are a new user we would advice you to try directly the **dev** version.

The **RC** version is a **R**elease **C**andidate of the next **pro** release. We typically have two RC's (one month and two weeks) prior to a **pro** release. The idea of the RC is to only contain bug fixes and to provide a stable test platform for users to ready their code for the new **pro** release.

The **pro** (production) version is a version we feel comfortable with to exposing to a large audience for serious work. The change rate of this version is much lower than for the **dev** version. In the order of 6 months.

The **old** version is the previous **pro** version that people might need for some time before switching to the new **pro** version. The **old** change rate is the same as for **pro**.

For each of the three version we provide the full source and pre-compiled binaries for most of the [supported platforms](#) ^[1] (although for the **dev** version we can not always keep up with providing all the binaries).

The following versions are available for download:

- **Pro**, version 5.34/09 ^[2] **recommended** (see also the [release notes](#) ^[3] and [development notes](#) ^[4])
- **Old**, version 5.32/04 ^[5] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[6] and [development notes](#) ^[7])
- **Old**, version 5.30/06 ^[8] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[9] and [development notes](#) ^[10])
- **Old**, version 5.28/00h ^[11] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[12] and [development notes](#) ^[13])
- **Old**, version 5.26/00 ^[14] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[15] and [development notes](#) ^[16])
- **Old**, version 5.24/00 ^[17] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[18] and [development notes](#) ^[19])
- **Old**, version 5.22/00 ^[20] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[21] and [development notes](#) ^[22])
- **Old**, version 5.20/00 ^[23] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[24] and [development notes](#) ^[25])
- **Old**, version 5.18/00 ^[26] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[27] and [development notes](#) ^[28])
- **Old**, version 5.16/00 ^[29] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[30] and [development notes](#) ^[31])
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- **Old**, version 5.12/00 ^[35] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[36] and [development notes](#) ^[37])
- **Old**, version 5.10/00 ^[38] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[39] and [development notes](#) ^[40])
- **Old**, version 5.08/00b ^[41] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[42] and [development notes](#) ^[43])
- **Old**, version 4.04/02g ^[44] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[45] and [development notes](#) ^[46])
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- **Old**, version 4.00/08 ^[50] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[51] and [development notes](#) ^[52])
- **Old**, version 3.10/02 ^[53] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[54] and [development notes](#) ^[55])
- **Old**, version 3.05/07 ^[56] (see also the [development notes](#) ^[57])
- **Old**, version 3.04/02 ^[58] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[59])
- **Old**, version 3.03/09 ^[60] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[61])
- **Old**, version 3.02/07 ^[62] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[63])
- **Old**, version 3.01/06 ^[64] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[65])
- **Old**, version 3.00/06 ^[66] (see also the [release notes](#) ^[67])

After downloading and unpacking please read the included [README/README](#) ^[68] file on how to set the necessary environment variables.

Nightly Snapshots

Nightly built snapshots of the [trunk](#) ^[69], the [v5-34-00-patches](#) ^[70] branch and the [v5-32-00-patches](#) ^[71] branch are made available for testing. Please use these to verify that a bug reported as fixed has really been fixed.

Documentation

An up-to-date user's guide is [available](#) ^[72] in Word and PDF format.

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